

Willowdale Middle School



May Long Weekend



Willowdale MS will be closed on Monday, May 19th for the Victoria Day holiday.

We wish all our students and families a relaxing, safe, and restful long weekend. Enjoy the forecasted sunshine on Monday!

We look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

Willowdale Students Tackle the GAUSS MATH Contest

On Wednesday, May 14th, 57 students from Grades 6 to 8 put their mathematical prowess to the test in the annual global GAUSS Math Contest, developed by the University of Waterloo's Mathematics Department. This challenging competition stretches students' thinking and truly puts their math skills to the test. Ms. Prugo extends a hearty congratulations to all the Willowdale participants! We look forward to seeing our Grade 6 and 7 students participate again next year, aiming for even greater success. A special shout-out goes to Anthony Z., who achieved the top score in Grade 8, and an extra special congratulations to Jaewoo K. for earning the top score in Grade 7 and the overall top score in Willowdale with an outstanding 144 points! Congratulations to all our students who participated, and a special thank you to Ms. Prugo for overseeing the contest!



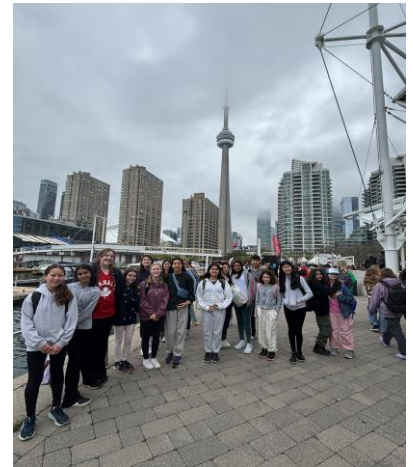
Forest of Reading Festival

📖 On Wednesday, May 14th, 20 students from our school had the exciting opportunity to attend the Forest of Reading Celebration at Harbourfront Centre! 🦋

Students enjoyed meeting and listening to incredible Canadian authors, including Deborah Ellis, Wali Shah, and Eric Walters. A highlight of the day was the announcement of the 2025 Red Maple Award winner:

🏆 *40 Days in Hicksville* by Christina Kilbourne!

Want to read the award-winning book or explore other nominees? Visit the library to check out this year's Red Maple books – there's something for everyone!



📖 Browse the Red Maple list here: <https://forestofreading.com/programs/red-maple/>

Happy reading! 📖 ✨

Thank you to Ms. Wyman and Ms. Chantzis for attending the celebration with the group.



Grade 6 EQAO

The EQAO dates for our Grade 6 students to write the EQAO tests are June 2-11, 2025. The tests measure student performance in reading, writing and mathematics based on the expectations set out in The Ontario Curriculum.



TDSB EQAO Guide for Parents- Click [HERE!](#)

Trustee Pei's Newsletter

Please see the link to Trustee Weidong Pei's newsletter:

<https://t.e2ma.net/webview/wwwrvj/662ec237394fb3b55a639b2b20e346f9>

Annual Willowdale Art Show



On May 22, Junior Council is once again hosting an Art Show celebrating heritage from around the world. Each class will be invited to vote for their favourite pieces. Submit any paintings, drawings, sculptures, pastel art for consideration to Ms. Clarino by May 21st. This is open to all students at Willowdale. We look forward to seeing the beautiful art!

Gr.8 Montreal Trip

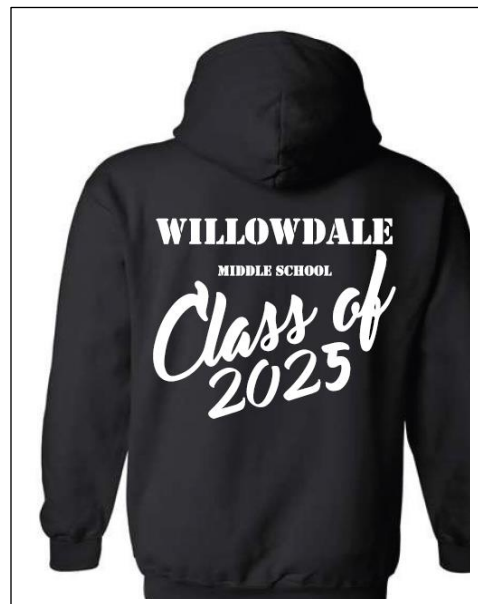


The Grade 8 graduation trip to Montreal will be taking place on May 28 to May 30, 2025.

Please see attached on our website all the information needed: Parent Letter and itinerary.

Grade 8 Graduation Hoodies - On Sale Now!

Our annual Grade 8 graduation hoodies are now on sale. Hoodies will be in black, with our Willowdale logo and writing in white and royal blue.



Adult sizes (Small, Medium, Large & Extra Large) are available.

The cost of the hoodies is \$40.00. Please order your hoodie and pay on [School Cash Online](#).

The deadline to order is May 22, 2025.

Hoodies will be distributed to students in early June.

Northview Heights Secondary School Visit

Today, Grade 8 students who will be attending Northview Heights Secondary School for the 2025-2026 school year, visited Northview for a tour. Students had an opportunity to:

- * Explore the facilities through a student-led tour
- * Learn about engaging student activities
- * Experience the part of the day in the life of a Northview student



We hope this experience was a positive one, and helped to answer any questions students had about high school.

Reach Ahead Program

The Grade 8 to 9 Reach Ahead credit course is available only in person. If your child is interested in applying, please see the link for more information: [Conedsecondarycreditprogram](#)

Please see under the **Continuing Education Summer School 2025** heading.

Pizza Day Dates

Our new block and final days of pizza will be on the following days:

- May 27
- June 11
- June 17 (N.B.- date changed)



If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to sc.willowdalemiddleschool@tdsb.on.ca. Thank you to our parents for their ongoing support, and a special thank you to our School Council volunteers for their hard work and commitment!

Upcoming Tournaments



Our Wildcats will be participating in the following tournaments:

- May 21- The Grade 8 Co-ed Flag Rugby tournament at Don Mills MS
- May 21- Gr. 7/8 Slo-Pitch tournament at Bayview Village Park
- May 26- Gr. 6 All-gender Slo-Pitch - Location TBD
- May 29- Gr. 6 All-gender Ultimate Frisbee at Don Mills MS



We wish our Wildcats the best of luck!



Churchill Public School's Annual Fun Fair



Churchill Public School will be hosting their annual Fun Fair on Saturday, May 24, 2025, from 11:00AM to 3:00PM.

Rain or Shine!

Please see the flyer attached on our website for more information.

All are welcome to attend!

Student Drop-Off

We are asking parents for their co-operation when dropping off students in the early morning for music practice. Please do not drive into the north side parking area, nor the back of the school (school yard) when dropping off your child for music practice. This becomes a safety issue with students coming to school and for staff driving in the lot to park. Please drop off your child in the loop, or on the East side of the parking lot. We thank you for your co-operation in helping to ensure our students' and staff's safety

Jewish Heritage Month

When the Province of Ontario passed the *Jewish Heritage Month Act* in 2012, it recognized the important contributions that Jewish Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political, and cultural fabric.

Since its inception in 2015, the [TDSB's Jewish Heritage Committee](#) (JHC) aims to do just that. The Committee aims to celebrate Jewish heritage and culture in impactful, innovative, and inspirational ways for students - with the fight against antisemitism and all forms of hate providing the core goal of this work.

The JHC is pleased to present two educational programs for May 2025 that have been vetted and approved by TDSB staff.

Being Jewish in Ontario

This brand-new collection for middle and high school educators contains a 10-minute short film and lesson plans with supporting materials in English and French. It explores what it means to be Jewish today through the voices of youth and their family members.

Students learn how Jewish immigrants throughout Ontario built a sense of community, belonging, and opportunity during the early 20th century, despite facing societal exclusion. Through stories of individual and collective action, this history not only educates youth about a specific heritage, but also highlights a universal connection to the generational efforts that foster positive, lasting legacies for vibrant community life and contributions to all Canadians today.

Please visit the [Being Jewish in Ontario](#) website to access the film and learning resources. Being Jewish in Ontario is a partnership between [Facing History and Ourselves](#) and the [Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre](#).

The Children's Republic

This play is written by Canadian playwright Hannah Moscovitch and produced by the Harold Green Theatre Company and Koffler Arts. It casts local Toronto actors, including high school students, and relays the heartfelt and inspirational tale of [Dr. Janusz Korczak's](#) selfless journey to bring safety to Polish-Jewish orphans within the Warsaw Ghetto. His struggle to advocate for children's rights and shelter his orphans from the horrors of the Holocaust ended with his death in 1942. The Children's Republic is a powerful and true story of beauty, heroism, and legacy in a world devoid of freedom and even the necessities of life.

[Please see the play's flyer for locations, dates, and times.](#) The JHC is offering complimentary tickets for TDSB secondary school students. Seating is very limited, so please register as soon as possible. For more information, please contact Shari Schwartz-Maltz at shari.schwartz-maltz@tdsb.on.ca.

Asian Heritage Month

Asian Heritage Month has been proudly recognized by the TDSB every May since 2007. The Province of Ontario celebrates it with the Asian Heritage Act in 2005, and it has been officially designated across Canada since May 2002.

This year's Asian Heritage Month theme, *Asian Canadians Up and Rising*, celebrates the strength, resilience, and achievements of Asian Canadian communities. It recognizes individuals and groups who have contributed to shaping Canada's past and present, while also highlighting emerging voices and future leaders.

For students and staff in the TDSB community, this theme serves as an opportunity to explore stories of perseverance and embrace the unique identities that contribute to both the school community and to the diverse Asian diaspora in Canada. By learning about and celebrating these diverse perspectives, schools can promote inclusivity, equity, and a deeper appreciation for Asian Canadians.

The TDSB is the largest and one of the most diverse school boards in Canada. Nearly one-quarter of students were born outside of Canada, and collectively, we speak more than 120 languages. According to the 2023 Student Census, 46% of TDSB students self-identified as Asian.

Lunch Box Program



We are excited to offer "The Lunch Box" program for the 2024/2025 school year! A reminder that Parents/Guardians may purchase their child's lunch through this program by ordering on-line. **Orders must be in by Sunday at noon for the upcoming week.** You can choose to participate for all five days (Monday to Friday), or you may choose any day/days of your choice. Please [click here](#) for information on how to order!

Monday	Mr. Greek
Tuesday	Hero Burger
Wednesday	Osmow's
Thursday	The Basil Box
Friday	Boston Pizza

Elementary Summer School 2025



The Elementary Literacy and Numeracy Summer School Program offers the opportunity for students to continue learning in the summer.

Programs are offered in-person at various locations to students in Kindergarten to Grade 8, from **July 2 to July 25, 2025**. A remote program is available for students in Grades 6 to 8.

Registration Information:

- Program Dates and Hours - Monday, July 2 to Friday, July 25, 2025, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Registration is online. To fill out an application, please click on the school registration form link: [Elementary-Summer-School](#)

Afternoon Jays Camp RBI Summer Edition

[RBI Summer Edition](#) is a free afternoon baseball-for-development program for Grades 3 to 8 hosted at 13 schools. Throughout July, students registered for half-day morning summer school can opt to join the RBI Summer Edition program for the afternoon. Please note that spaces are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

In the afternoon, students will engage in a wide range of recreational activities including cooperative games, arts and crafts, team-building, and inclusive baseball training. Throughout July, the program runs from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, with the opportunity to extend to 5:30 pm for aftercare. After TDSB summer school ends, students can register for a full-day program from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm during the first two weeks of August. **Please note** – students enrolled in the afternoon program must bring their lunch.

Note: Jays Camp RBI Summer Edition is a distinct and separate program from the TDSB's Elementary Summer School program. The registration link for Jays Camp is provided at the end of each participating elementary summer school's form. We encourage everyone to review the specific details, procedures, and policies for both programs in the registration requirements before enrollment.

Please note that limited spaces are available for all programs.

Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
Tues., May 20	Gr. 8 Student assembly regarding Montreal trip
Wed., May 21	Gr. 7/8 Slo-Pitch Tournament at Bayview Village Park
	Gr. 8 Flag Rugby Tournament at Don Mills MS
Thur., May 22	Junior Council Art Exhibit in Cafeteria
Mon., May 26	Grade 6 All-gender Slo-Pitch - Location TBD
Tues., May 27	Pizza Day
Wed., May 28 - Fri., May 30	Grade 8 Graduation Trip to Montreal
Thur., May 29	Grade 6 All-gender Ultimate Frisbee at Don Mills MS
Mon., June 2 to Wed. June 11	Gr. 6 EQAO Writing
Wed., June 4	Conference Finals for Track & Field at Esther Shiner
Fri., June 6	P.A. Day (No School)
Mon., June 9	Music Festival at Wonderland
Tues., June 10	Track & Field City Finals at Birchmount
Wed., June 11	Pizza Day
	Gr. 6 Trip to Aga Khan Museum (6A, 6B, 6C)
Thurs., June 12	Gr. 6 Trip to Aga Khan Museum (6D, 6F-Kerney, 6F-Silis, 6I)
	CODA Concert at 6:30PM in Gymnasium
Mon & Tues., June 16 & 17	Gr. 7 Dental Clinic
Tues., June 17	Pizza Day
Fri., June 19	Staff vs Students Slo-Pitch Game
Mon., June 23	Gr. 6 & 7 Trip to Cineplex (How to Train a Dragon 2)
Tues., June 24	Gr. 8 Graduation Ceremony and Celebration
Wed., June 25	Report Cards sent home
Fri., June 27	Last Day of School

If your child is going to be away or late, please call the

Safe Arrival Program (School Messenger) at

1-833-250-2290

If you are signing your child out during the school day, you are required to come into the office.

We acknowledge that Willowdale MS is hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognise the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples.