

Willowdale Middle School



Gr.8 Trip to Montreal

Our Grade 8 trip to Montreal took place on May 28 to 30 and it was a huge success! Students and staff had an amazing time, filled with fun activities and most importantly, memories that will last a lifetime!



A special thank you to all our supervising staff on the trip: Mr. Isaacman, Mr. Batkay, Mr. Talbi, Ms. Douglas, Ms. Miller, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Adamski, Mr. Jones and Ms. Stoikos.



Cirque de Soleil



Science Centre



Learning about Maple Syrup at the Sugar Shack



Lots of fun at the dance!



The Bagel Shop



Graffiti Workshop

WMS Pride Flag Raising



On Thursday, June 5, Willowdale MS held a pride flag raising celebration. Thank you to our amazing student speakers for emceeding the event and sharing important information about the meaning and significance of the flag with our students and staff.



Grade 8 Math Exam



On Thursday morning, four Grade 8 classes and approximately 120 students combined to write their final math exams together in the cafeteria. The students wrote different tests as per the expectations that their classes focused on. The Grade 8's reviewed very thoroughly for the entire week, ever since returning from the Montreal trip. It was a beneficial experience for our students as this will help to prepare them for midterms and final exams that they will be expected to write in high school. Great job, Grade 8's!

Yearbook Purchase and Distribution

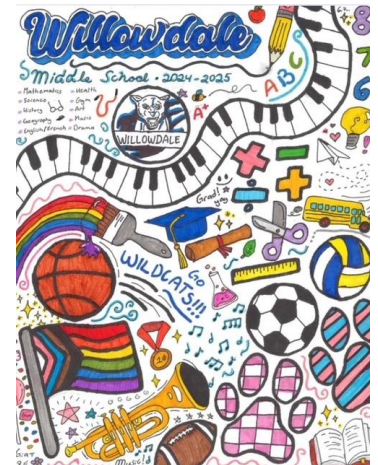
Our annual yearbook is looking amazing, filled with awesome student achievements, activities and a great memory of our school year.

Yearbook Distribution Date: June 26th & 27th, 2025 (If you are unable to pick it up on these days, you can pick up your yearbook in September).

Cost: \$20.00

Where to Purchase: [SchoolCash Online](#)

Order Deadline: June 20, 2025



Annual Spring Music Celebration



This coming Thursday, June 12th, the Willowdale Music Council will be hosting our annual CODA spring concert. The concert will begin promptly at 6:30PM in our gymnasium. We look forward to seeing our parents/guardians and friends at the concert to hear our talented musicians play and sing!

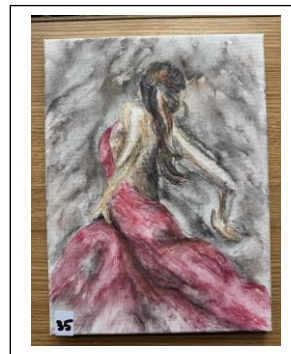
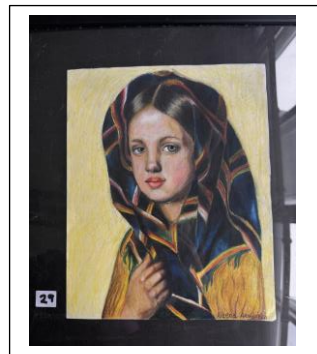
Annual Willowdale Art Show

What an incredible display of talent! On May 22nd, 2025, the Junior Council's Annual Art Show and Competition was a resounding success, beautifully celebrating the rich tapestry of cultures and heritage in our communities. We were thrilled to see a phenomenal 110 entries from Willowdale this year!

A huge round of applause to our winners, chosen by the enthusiastic votes of our students and staff:

- 1st Place: Leo H. (Grade 8)
- 2nd Place: Aleena A. (Grade 8)
- Tied for 3rd Place: Serena K. (Grade 6) and Avery S. (Grade 8)

It was a truly inspiring day as students immersed themselves in a diverse collection of cultural artworks. The pride in their own heritage, and the appreciation of others', shone brightly throughout this wonderful celebration. Great job, Willowdale!



Thank you to Ms. Clarino and Ms. Miller for organizing and overseeing the art show! Here are some samples of the beautiful art exhibited:





Upcoming Trips

Here is a list of upcoming trips for the remainder of this year:

Wednesday, June 11	6A (Romeiro) 6B (Clarino) 6C (Stevenson)	Aga Khan Museum <i>(Hard copies of the permission form were sent home)</i>	\$15 Pay on School Cash Online
Wednesday, June 11	7/8F (Douglas)	The Village- Black Creek EMA Online	Free
Thursday, June 12	6D (Wyman) 6F (Kerney) 6/7F (Silis) 6,7,8I (Miller)	Aga Khan Museum <i>(Hard copies of the permission form were sent home)</i>	\$15 Pay on School Cash Online
Monday, June 23	All Grade 6 & 7 classes <i>Movie - "How to Train Your Dragon"</i>	Cineplex at Empress Walk EMA Online	\$8 Pay on School Cash Online <i>-Food will be available for purchasing using Tap only</i>

Gr.6 Boys Slo-Pitch



Congratulations to the Grade 6 Boys Slo-Pitch team on an amazing season. On Monday, May 26, the team travelled to Rolph Road Elementary School and took part in 5 amazing games. The team won 3 games, lost 1 and tied 1. The most memorable game of the day was a tie with Northlea MS. Down by 9 runs in the last inning, Willowdale came storming back and tied the game. We met Northlea again in the conference final losing 5-2. Many of our players are new to the game and they did an amazing job with limited practice time because of all the rain. A big thank you to Mr. Soriano for his dedication and work with the team. Great job Wildcats!

Grade 6 All-Gender Ultimate Frisbee

Congratulations to the Grade 6 All-Gender Ultimate Frisbee team on their amazing performance at Don Valley Middle School on Thursday, May 29. Despite playing in windy and rainy conditions, the team did a fine job of representing themselves and our school by showing plenty of grit, determination, and sportsmanship. Regardless of the win-loss record, the team pushed themselves, supported each other, and played with a genuine passion for the game.

A special thank you to Mr. Soriano for coaching the team!
Great job, Willowdale!



Grade 7 & 8 Ultimate Frisbee Teams

Willowdale's Ultimate Frisbee Teams Shine at Conference Finals! On June 2nd, under warm and sunny skies, Willowdale's Grade 7 and 8 Ultimate Frisbee teams competed at the Conference Finals hosted by Dublin Heights Elementary and Middle School. The energy was high, the competition fierce, and our teams gave it their all on the field.

Our **Grade 7 team** ended the tournament on a high note with a well-earned victory against Don Mills Middle School. That win not only capped off a great day of play, but also earned them the **Spirit Banner**—a recognition of teamwork, sportsmanship, and positive attitude. After a season of learning and growing, they finally came together as a team to be reckoned with. We're incredibly proud of their progress and are excited to see them continue to develop their skills next year.



The **Grade 8 team** displayed strong fundamentals and an abundance of heart throughout the tournament. They took an early lead in their final game and held onto it with grit and determination. In a dramatic finish, the match came down to a tie-breaking point. Unfortunately, a deflected pass landed in the hands of the opposing team in our endzone, ending our championship hopes in the final moments. Still, their resilience and commitment left a lasting impression. Coaches Ms. Prugo and Mr. Persic are confident that these athletes will continue to grow and succeed as they carry their passion for the game into high school. A special thank you to our coaches, Ms. Prugo and Mr. Persic for their commitment and dedication in

preparing our athletes!

A **huge thank you** goes out to all the parent volunteers who generously gave their time to drive our athletes to competitions throughout the season. Your support made this experience possible, and your dedication has not gone unnoticed.

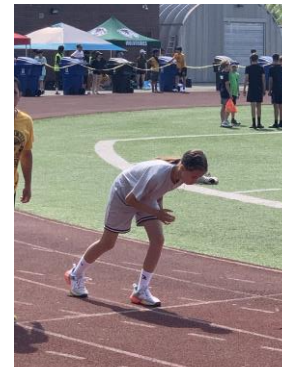
Congratulations to all our Ultimate players on a fantastic season!

Track & Field

Congratulations to the Willowdale Track and Field team on their amazing performance at Esther Shiner Stadium in the North Conference finals. Our school had 27 athletes qualify for the North Conference finals from our previous meet. Congratulations to all our members who battled fierce competition and the blazing hot sun. A special mention goes out to Kadijah, Leo, Clara, Aryana, Elisa, Nikki, and Maya for qualifying to the City Finals on Tuesday, June 10 at Birchmount Stadium. We wish them the best of luck next week!

A special thank you to all our coaches, Mr. Soriano, Mr. Adamski, Mr. Talbi and Ms. Douglas!

Great job, Willowdale!



Staff vs. Students Volleyball Match

On Thursday, June 5, Willowdale held a Staff vs. Students volleyball competition during lunch time. Both staff and students played hard and showed off their skills. In the end, our students defeated the staff in both games! The staff look forward to redeeming themselves in our upcoming Staff vs. Students basketball and slo-pitch games in the coming weeks! 😊



Grade 8 Graduation Information

CLASS OF 2025

You are cordially invited to
WILLOWDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL'S
Grade 8 Graduation

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

3:30PM - Graduates to arrive to Earl Haig Secondary School

4:00PM - Ceremony begins at Earl Haig Secondary School's Auditorium (100 Princess Avenue, North York)

6:30 t 2 Guests per Graduate **Hotel**
 (Parents are asked to drop off their child at 3 Park Home Avenue, North York)

Between 9:30 to 10:00PM – Parents to pick up their child

We are very excited to celebrate our Grade 8 graduating class of 2025!



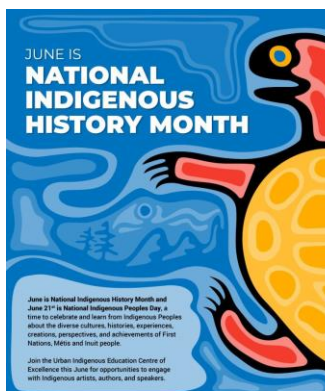
The graduation ceremony and celebration will be taking place on **Tuesday, June 24th, at 4:00PM**, at Earl Haig Secondary School (**Auditorium**). Tickets (2 guests per graduate) will be sent home closer to the grad day.

After the completion of our ceremony, we will host a **Graduation Reception for our staff and students**, at Novotel Hotel North York (3 Park Home Avenue). These tickets are \$60 which includes the dinner and dance.

Time: 6:30 - 10:00PM (Parents must pick up child between 9:30PM - 10:00PM from Novotel)

Cost: \$60.00 and this is now available to purchase on [School Cash Online](#). This will cover the cost of the dinner and dance. **Deadline to order is June 17.**

National Indigenous History Month



June is National Indigenous History Month and June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. It is a time to celebrate and learn from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples' diverse cultures, histories, contemporary contexts, perspectives, and achievements.

Join the Urban Indigenous Education Centre (UIEC) throughout the month of June for opportunities for staff and students to engage with Indigenous artists, authors, and speakers through various virtual workshops and panel discussions.

All month long, the UIEC is hosting several events and celebrations with Carolynne Crawley on decolonizing our relationships with the land, Alyssa and Conlin Delbaere-Sawchuk on honouring Métis history, as well as Elder Blu Waters hosting a session on Two-Spirit histories and contemporary realities.

On Friday, June 21, the TDSB recognizes National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day of significance for many Indigenous Peoples in the country we call Canada today. It marks the day when the Sun is closest to the Earth. It is the longest day of the year and the shortest night. Many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples celebrate the Summer Solstice. It is a time that reminds us to remain grounded, humble and appreciative. It is usually celebrated by coming together with family and community for a feast.

Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month



The Toronto District School Board proudly recognizes Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month each June, a tradition since 2011. This celebration aligns with the Province of Ontario's [Celebration of Portuguese Heritage Act](#), passed in 2001.

As part of this year's celebration, all students, staff, and members of the TDSB community are invited to attend the annual **Portuguese Parade on Saturday, June 7, 2025**. Join this vibrant and colourful event that brings the Portuguese-speaking community together in celebration of Luís de Camões! If you are interested in participating in the parade, please visit [Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month](#) for additional information.

This year's TDSB theme is *A Festa of Food*. *Festa* means celebration in Portuguese—and no celebration is complete without food!

Throughout June, we will explore the Portuguese-speaking world through its rich and diverse culinary traditions. A special event featuring musical performances, guest speakers, and, of course, delicious food will be held at the Gallery of Portuguese Pioneers.

Follow the Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month Committee on Twitter: [@TDSB_PSH](#)

Italian Heritage Month

The Toronto District School Board proudly recognizes Italian Heritage Month each June, a tradition since 2012. This celebration aligns with the [Italian Heritage Month Act](#), passed in 2010, which designates June as a time to honour Italian heritage across Ontario.

This year's TDSB theme is *La Dolce Vita: Celebrating the Sweet Life of Italian Culture*.

Embracing life to its fullest means enjoying a simple meal made with a few modest ingredients, enriched with love and shared with family and friends—often with music in the background and a focus on living in the moment. Italian culture values art, fashion, elegance, and a balanced lifestyle. These elements all contribute to this year's theme: *La Dolce Vita*.

An in-person celebration will take place at Newtonbrook Secondary School, featuring performances, presentations, and guest speakers. A video of the event will be shared soon for all to enjoy!

June is also [Seniors Month](#), and students from across the TDSB will mark the occasion by creating postcards featuring Italy's national flower. Each postcard will include a drawing or a heartfelt message and will be delivered to residents of Villa Colombo Home for the Aged throughout the month.

For highlights and more information, follow the Italian Heritage Month Committee below:

- X (formerly Twitter): [@ItalianHer1](#)
- Instagram: [@ItalianHeritageTDSB](#)



Pizza Day Dates

Dates for Pizza Lunches:

- June 11
- June 17



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!

Black Girl Boss Academy

**Save the Date for Black E.S.T.E.E.M's Black Girl Boss Academy:
Black Girls Take Flight! Summer Academy (Aviation Focus)**

This immersive, aviation-themed experience will empower girls aged 11-14 to explore the world of flight through hands-on learning, STEM-based activities, and real-world industry insight. It's more than a program—it's a launchpad for leadership, confidence, and bold dreams in the skies and beyond.

Event Details:

- Dates:** August 18-22, 2025 (August 23 is a trip backup day)
- Time:** 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM daily
- Location:** University of Toronto Scarborough Campus
- Who:** Black girls, ages 11-14

Why attend?

- Discover the science and wonder behind aviation
- Meet inspiring Black women in aviation and STEM
- Develop leadership, confidence, and teamwork skills
- Engage in hands-on STEM activities and flight simulations
- Build a sisterhood of support and encouragement
- Learn how big dreams can take flight—with you at the controls!

Registration opens soon—but for now, mark your calendars and get ready for takeoff. More details and the registration link will follow soon.

Have questions in the meantime? Reach out at info@blackesteem.org.

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

Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
Mon., June 2 to Wed. June 11	Gr. 6 EQAO Writing
Mon., June 9	Music Festival at Wonderland
Tues., June 10	Track & Field City Finals at Birchmount
Wed., June 11	Pizza Day
	Ms. Douglas' (7/8F) class trip to The Village at Black Creek
	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
Monday, June 13	Students vs. Staff Basketball Game at Lunch
Tues., June 17	Pizza Day
Tuesday, June 17	Deadline to Purchase Gr. 8 Grad Reception Tickets (\$60)
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.