

Willowdale Middle School



Gr. 5 Visits to Willowdale MS

We were very happy to welcome the incoming Grade 5 students from our feeder schools for a tour at Willowdale MS. Our feeder schools visited WMS on **Thursday, May 21**. Cameron PS and Churchill PS joined us in the morning, and Yorkview PS, Pleasant PS and Rockford PS joined us in the afternoon. We thank all our parents who joined us virtually for our Parent Information Night on **Wednesday, May 20**.

WELCOME
Grade 5's

We look forward to welcoming our new incoming students in September!

Annual Willowdale Art Show

On **Friday, May 22**, Junior Council hosted another amazing annual Art Show. This year the theme was water. Students in Grades 6 to 8 submitted breathtaking works of art! Students were able to vote for their two favourite pieces. Thank you to staff and students who supported the show. We are so proud of all our students, and thankful for sharing their talents with us. Thank you to Ms. Beaubien and Ms. Miller for organizing and overseeing the art show! Our top three winning pieces were:

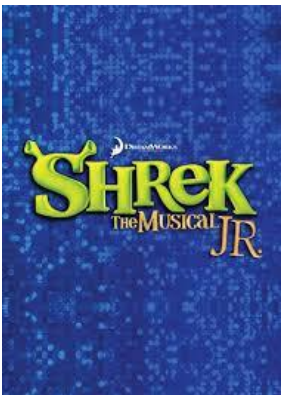
- 1) "King Bob" by Leyli B. (6C)
- 2) "The Eternal Beacon of Light" by Nuray A. (6E)
- 3) "Stillness of a Pond" by Kayley L. (8A)

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all participants.





Shrek Jr. Musical



Our students delivered an outstanding performance of *Shrek Jr.* on **Tuesday, May 26**, showcasing incredible talent, creativity, and dedication both on and off the stage. From the vibrant costumes and lively choreography to the powerful singing and comedic performances, the production brought energy and excitement to our school community. Months of hard work by our students, staff, and volunteers culminated in a memorable show that highlighted the importance of teamwork, confidence, and the arts in education.

We are incredibly proud of everyone involved in making *Shrek Jr.* such a tremendous success! A special thank you to our teachers, Ms. Klunowski, Ms. Miller, Ms. Chantzis, Ms. Ziebell, Ms. Dolce, Ms. Teplitz and Ms. Douglas, and our volunteer, Ms. Onizuka, who committed so much time and effort in helping our students get ready!



Track & Field Day at Willowdale

Our Willowdale MS Track and Field Day will take place on **Monday, June 1st** in our back field.

Students will be outdoors for the entire day, so please come prepared for the weather. Students should bring the following:

- A reusable water bottle (labelled with your name)
- Sunscreen
- A hat and appropriate outdoor clothing and running shoes
- Snacks/lunch as needed



We are looking forward to a fun and active day!

TDSB Celebrates 2SLGBTQ+ Pride



June is Pride Month at the TDSB. It's an opportunity to celebrate diversity and raise awareness among all staff and students about the rich culture and history of our 2SLGBTQ+ community. TDSB school communities are encouraged to hold intentional sessions with their students about issues related to 2SLGBTQ+ communities as well as the impact of homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia on TDSB students, staff, and community members.

Willowdale MS will be raising the pride flag in the early morning of **Monday, June 1st**. Before we begin our Track & Field event, students and staff will gather in the school yard to recognize the raising of the flag and to hear reflections from our students about the meaning and significance of the flag.

CODA Annual Spring Music Concert - June 3rd

Join us for our Spring CODA Concert on **Wednesday, June 3rd** at 6:30 p.m. in our gymnasium!

Our talented band and choir students have been working hard preparing an exciting evening of music, and we look forward to sharing their performances with the Willowdale community. Families and friends are invited to come out and support our student musicians as they showcase all their hard work and dedication. We hope to see you there!



P.A. Day - Friday June 5, 2026

A reminder that next week, **Friday, June 5th** is a P.A. Day, therefore, there will be no school for students. Elementary teachers will focus on assessment and reporting duties. This provides an opportunity to evaluate progress to date, finalize report cards, and plan upcoming lessons based on current student needs.

WMS Students Rise to the Gauss Math Contest Challenge



On May 20th, 46 dedicated students challenged themselves to participate in the 25-question, one-hour-long Gauss Math Contest, a global event developed by the University of Waterloo's Mathematics Department. This prestigious and rigorous competition is designed to stretch students' critical thinking and put their problem-solving skills to the test. Ms. Wyman extends a hearty congratulations to all our Willowdale participants for their focus and grit throughout the challenge. A special round of applause goes to Christy S., who achieved the top Grade 8 score of 135, and Yavin C., who earned the top Grade 7 score of 116. Congratulations to all our students who participated!

2025/26 Willowdale Yearbook: Purchase & Distribution

Our annual yearbook is looking amazing! It is packed with student achievements, highlights of our favourite school activities, and great memories from throughout the year.

We would like to extend a huge congratulations to Alissah K. for creating this year's winning cover! Willowdale is home to many talented artists, and it was a difficult choice from the 14 incredible submissions.

How to Order Your Yearbook:

- **Cost:** \$15.00
- **Where to Purchase:** Please visit [School Cash Online](#) to secure your copy
- **Order Deadline:** June 10, 2026

Distribution Details: Yearbooks will be distributed on June 22nd and 23rd. If you are unable to pick up your yearbook during these days, they will be available for collection in the main office in September.



YMCA Hosts “Let’s Talk About Youth” Workshop



On Tuesday May 19, our Grade 8 ELL students participated in an exciting workshop titled "Let's Talk About Youth", presented by the YMCA. This special event was organized by our school's settlement worker, Ms. Svetlana Kravchenko along with our ELL teacher, Mrs. Chantzis.

The presentation was specifically designed to help prepare students for the big transition to high school. Through interactive activities, the YMCA team focused on:

- **Building Confidence:** Navigating new environments and finding their voice.
- **Peer Connection:** Practising English and teamwork in a fun, supportive space.
- **Community Resources:** Learning about local youth programs, recreation, and leadership opportunities.

Our students brought fantastic energy and thoughtful questions to the session. A big thank you to Ms. Svetlana Kravchenko for organizing this event, and to the YMCA for helping our Grade 8's take this confident step toward high school!

Gr. 6 Slo-Pitch Team



Congratulations to the Grade 6 Slo-Pitch team for their amazing showing at the North Conference Slo-Pitch Tournament at Hendon Park this past Monday. Our team competed well in three hard-fought games. Our athletes had an amazing time and showed lots of perseverance and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

For many of our athletes, it was their first time playing softball/baseball, which is something we are very happy about. Everyone is encouraged to continue playing baseball, and we are looking forward to having everyone come out again next season.

Thank you to our dedicated coaches, Mr. Lee and Mr. Soriano!

Great job, Wildcats!

Gr. 7/8 Slo-Pitch Team

On Wednesday, our grade 7/8 slo-pitch team played in their first tournament. They played four games against Glenview Senior Public School and Bayview Middle School. Their early morning practices paid off, and they have advanced to the North Conference Finals at Goulding Park on June 4th. Congratulations to the team and good luck next week!!

Thank you to our coaches, Ms. Teplitz and Ms. Dolce!



Grade 8 Reach Ahead Credit - Summer 2026

The Toronto District School Board Continuing Education department is pleased to offer the *Reach Ahead Program* for incoming Grade 9 students. This July, students have the opportunity to take *Technology and the Skilled Trades (TAS101)* in-person and earn a credit toward their OSSD before beginning high school.

This program supports a smooth transition to secondary school by helping students build confidence and become familiar with high school expectations.

Registration opens on April 28. For more information, please visit the [Reach Ahead website](#).

Program locations include:

- Central Technical School
- Stephen Leacock Collegiate Institute
- Western Technical-Commercial School
- David and Mary Thomson Collegiate Institute
- West Humber Collegiate Institute
- Westview Centennial Secondary School



WMS Sports Teams Practice Schedule

Please see our “Sports Practice Calendar” to help keep students, parents, and guardians up-to-date with upcoming practices. Please check the calendar regularly for schedules, updates, and any changes. [CLICK HERE!](#)



Upcoming Parent Council Meetings

Our next Parent Council meetings will be taking place on **June 1, 2026** beginning at 6:00PM in our school library.

[Click here](#) to view the minutes from our previous meeting on April 21, 2026.



Grade 6 EQAO



Grade 6 students have commenced writing the Ministry mandated EQAO tests. The last day of testing is June 9, 2026. Students will not be writing this test on June 1st, as this is now Ontario Day. 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!](#)**

Rugby Workshops at WMS - Updated Date



NEW DATE: Willowdale is excited to host a special rugby clinic for our students! On June 17 and 18, TIRF Rugby will be visiting our school to lead introductory rugby workshops.

Lunch Box Program

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!

The restaurants are as follows:

Monday	Mr. Souvlaki
Tuesday	Umami Sushi
Wednesday	bar Burrito
Thursday	Mr. Sub
Friday	Swiss Chalet



Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
Monday, June 1	WMS Track & Field Day
	Raising of the Pride Flag
	School Council Meeting at 6:00PM in Library
Present to June 9 (except June 1)	Gr. 6 EQAO Writing
Tuesday, June 2	Track & Field Conference Finals at Esther Shiner
Wednesday, June 3	CODA Music Concert at 6:30PM
	8B Trip to Gibson House
Thursday, June 4	8C Trip to Gibson House
Friday, June 5	P.A. Day (No school for students)
Monday, June 8	Gr. 8 Assembly for the Ottawa Trip (1:40PM)
Tuesday, June 9	Pizza Day Lunch
	City Championship for Track & Field at Birchmount
June 10 to 12	Gr. 8 Trip to Ottawa

June 11	6C, 6D, 6F, 6/7F Trip to Aga Khan
June 12	6A, 6B, 6E, 6I Trip to Aga Khan
Wednesday, June 17 & 18	Rugby Workshops
Thursday, June 18	Pizza Day Lunch
Friday, June 19	Gr. 7 Trip to the Movies (Toy Story 5)
Monday, June 22	Gr. 8 Graduation Ceremony and Celebration
Wednesday, June 24	Activity Afternoon
	Report Cards are sent home electronically
Thursday, June 25	Last Day of School for Students
Friday, June 26	P.A. Day (No School for students)

If your child is going to be away or late, please call the **Safe Arrival Program** (School Messenger) at

1-833-250-2290

or use the APP



SchoolMessenger
Education

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

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.