

Willowdale Middle School



Grade 6 Trip to Ripley's Aquarium



This past week, Classes 6C and 6F enjoyed an exciting trip to Ripley's Aquarium of Canada! Students explored a variety of marine habitats and saw fascinating sea creatures including sharks, stingrays, jellyfish, and sea turtles.

A highlight of the day was walking through the underwater tunnel and watching sea life swim overhead. Students showed great curiosity, enthusiasm, and behaviour throughout the visit, making it a fun and memorable learning experience for everyone!



Northview Heights Secondary School Visit

On May 15th, Grade 8 students who will attend Northview Heights Secondary School for the 2026-2027 school year, will be walking to Northview in the morning for a tour of the school.

During our time at Northview Heights S.S, students will have 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
- * Ask any questions that they may have



Parents have completed the walking excursion form at the start of the year; therefore, an EMA (permission form) will not be distributed. If you do not want your child to attend this trip, please notify your child's teacher as soon as possible, or contact Ms. Stoikos (Principal) or Ms. Ishac (Vice-Principal).

WMS Snack Sale Fundraiser: May 14th



We're excited to share that our popular Friday Snack Sale is back on Thursday, May 14th! All students will have the opportunity to visit the sale during lunchtime. Please note: this will be a CASH ONLY event.

Students can choose from a variety of treats, including chips, candy, chocolate, and soda.

All proceeds will support subsidizing school trips, helping ensure these experiences are accessible to all students.

CODA Annual Spring Music Concert - June 3rd

Join us for our Spring CODA Concert on Tuesday, 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!

Drama Club - Props and Costumes DONATIONS!

We are looking for some donations for props for a drama production of Shrek Jr.

We are looking for the following:

- Tambourine
- 2 Metal buckets with handles
- Cavalier hat
- 2 Feather boas
- Toy flute or recorder
- Fake chains
- Comically big spatula and rolling pin
- Hobby horse (like a horse head on a stick)
- Suspenders
- Black swimming flippers

If you have any of these items that we could borrow please bring them to Ms. Miller in room G4 ASAP.

Annual Willowdale Art Show



On May 22, Junior Council is once again hosting an Art Show. This year we are diving deep into the theme of water. Whether it is crashing waves of the ocean, a single raindrop or the stillness of a lake, we want to see your interpretation.

Each class will be invited to vote for their favourite pieces.

Submit your art by May 13th for consideration to Ms. Beaubien in Room 202 or Ms. Miller in G4. This is open to all students at Willowdale. We look forward to seeing the beautiful art!

Gauss Math Contest of WMS

Willowdale will be hosting the Gauss Mathematics Contest on May 20th. This exciting opportunity, organized by the University of Waterloo, invites students to challenge themselves with engaging and thought-provoking mathematical problems.



The contest encourages students to apply their problem-solving skills, think critically, and explore mathematics in a fun and meaningful way. We look forward to seeing our students take on this challenge and showcase their mathematical thinking.

Best of luck to all participants!

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.

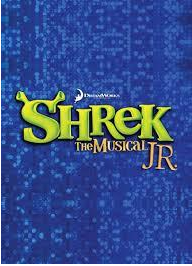
Registration opens on April 28. For more information, please visit the [Reach Ahead website](#).

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

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Shrek Jr. Musical - NEW DATE



Willowdale's Drama Club is excited to present the musical they have been working on all year! Families and caregivers are warmly invited to join us on the evening of May 26 for a special performance of *Shrek Jr.*

We look forward to sharing our students' hard work and talent with you—more details and updates to come soon!

WMS Track and Field Day - Updated Date



Willowdale Middle School Track and Field Day has been postponed to June 1st due to the field conditions. This highly anticipated event provides students with the opportunity to showcase their athletic abilities, demonstrate sportsmanship, and enjoy a day of friendly competition with their peers.

We look forward to a great day of energy, enthusiasm, and school spirit!

Thank you to all of our students who came out and tried out for the Track and Field team this past week!

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.



Thank you to our Parent Council



A special thank you also to our School Council for organizing a Staff Appreciation Breakfast for our committed and amazing staff members at Willowdale MS. The parents put together a delicious breakfast for us on Thursday, May 8th.

Thank you to all the parents in our community who contributed baked goods, food items and/or donations to make this a beautiful event for us. We truly appreciated our parents' generosity and thoughtfulness!



Grade 6 EQAO



The EQAO dates for our Grade 6 students to write the EQAO tests are June 2-9, 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!](#)

Yearbook Cover Contest

Are you interested in participating in our annual WMS yearbook cover contest? If you are, please ensure you meet the following parameters:

DUE: Tuesday, May 12th

Criteria for Yearbook Cover Contest:

- 1) Clearly states the year (2025-2026)
- 2) Clearly states the school name Willowdale MS or initials WMS
- 3) Positive message about this year at WMS that infuses unique aspects of 2025/2026
- 4) Reflects the diversity of activities and students at Willowdale
- 5) Preference will be given to hand-drawn images and creative designs
- 6) Designs must be by 8.5x11 and in portrait layout.

Please submit or email Ms. Wyman at Naomi.wyman@tdsb.on.ca.

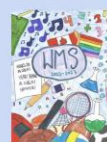
YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

FINAL DATE: **Tuesday May 12. Voting May 14th**

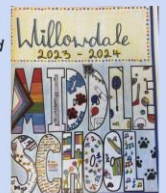


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- 7) It is recommended to leave a border around the edges



Please submit or email: Ms. Wyman:
naomi.wyman@tdsb.on.ca



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, May 11	Track & Field Area Qualifier at Esther Shiner
Wednesday, May 13	Forest of Reading Conference
Thursday, May 14	Pizza Day Lunch
	Junior Achievement for Gr. 8's (AM)
Friday, May 15	Gr. 8 Visit to Northview S.S.
Monday, May 18	Victoria Day (No School)
Tuesday, May 19	ESL students visit the YMCA (AM)
May 20 & 21	TPH Gr. 7 Dental Screening Clinic
Wednesday, May 21	Gr. 5 Parent-Information Night (Virtual) at 6:00PM
Thursday, May 21	Gr. 5 Students visit WMS
Friday, May 22	JR Council Art Gallery at WMS
Monday, May 25	Pizza Day Lunch
Tuesday, May 26	7F & 7M Trip to Ripley's Aquarium

	Drama Club Performance (Shrek Jr.)
Wednesday, May 27	Gr. 6 Choir at Wonderland
Thursday, May 28	Therapy Dogs for Gr. 8's
Friday, May 29	8C Trip to the ROM
Monday, June 1	School Council Meeting at 6:00PM in Library
Monday, June 1	WMS Track & Field Day
June 2 to 9	Gr. 6 EQAO Writing
Tuesday, June 2	Track & Field Conference Finals at Esther Shiner
Wednesday, June 3	CODA Music Concert at 6:30PM
Friday, June 5	P.A. Day (No school for students)
Tuesday, June 9	Pizza Day Lunch
	City Championship for Track & Field at Birchmount
June 10 to 12	Gr. 8 Trip to Ottawa
June 11 & 12	Gr. 6 Trips to Aga Khan
Wednesday, June 17-18	Rugby Workshops
Thursday, June 18	Pizza Day Lunch
Monday, June 22	Gr. 8 Graduation Ceremony and Celebration
Wednesday, June 24	Pizza Day Lunch
	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



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If you are signing your child out during the school day, you are required to

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.

come into the office to sign your child out.