

Willowdale Middle School



P.A. Day - Friday, November 14, 2025



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Staff will be conducting Parent-Teacher Interviews in the morning.

We wish our students a happy long weekend!

Remembrance Day 2025

Willowdale Middle School will be holding a school-wide, student-led ceremony for Remembrance Day on Tuesday, November 11th. Together, we will reflect, and remember the many contributions of our distinguished Canadian soldiers, who made sacrifices to protect rights, and freedoms, from both World Wars, and to more recent missions around the world. By remembering the efforts of all the diverse Canadians who have served our country, we recognize what these courageous people worked to preserve.



Progress Reports & Parent-Teacher Interviews

On **Wednesday, November 12, 2025**, Willowdale students and parents will receive their Progress Report via e-mail. Hard copies of the Progress Report will be available on request.

Parent-Teacher interviews will take place in-person on **Thursday, November 13, 2025** between 4PM - 7PM, and on **Friday, November 14, 2025** between 9AM - 12PM.

Teachers will be sending out information soon on how to schedule an interview and select a time.

If you wish to discuss your child's progress with one of their rotary teachers, you are encouraged to reach out to them.

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Connecting with Willowdale Teaching Staff

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❖ Sean Lee	Phys. Ed.	Sean.lee@tdsb.on.ca

❖ Please note that Mr. Lee will only be available on Friday morning for interviews.

Grade 6 Overnight Trip to The Etobicoke Outdoor Education Centre

A big thank-you to all the parents and guardians who joined us for our information night! We've included the presentation slides from the evening below for your reference.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Parents are encouraged to fill out the EMA forms and [School Cash Online](#) payment (\$150).

Dates and Classes:

Trip 1: **Dec. 1-3** 6C Wyman, 6E Beaubien, 6I Miller

Trip 2: **Dec. 8-10** 6F Douglas, 6F Cooper, 6D Kerney

Trip 3: **Dec. 10-12** 6A Romeiro, 6B Clarino

We would really like each student to attend. Please reach out to your child's teacher for support.

For more information please look at the following links: [EOEC Website](#).

Secondary School Open Houses - Grade 8's



To our Grade 8 families, please note that there are several upcoming Grade 9 Open Houses and Information Nights at our local high schools. These dates are fast approaching. Please find more information by clicking on this link: [Secondary School Open Houses](#)

WMS Grade 8-9 Information Slides

[CLICK HERE](#)

Upcoming Key Dates

Specialized Programs - Application OPENS	November 24 th , 2025
Specialized Programs - Application CLOSES	December 12 th , 2025 @ noon

TDSB Elementary and Secondary Specialty Programs

The TDSB offers a variety of Specialized Programs focused on the Arts, Math, Science & Technology, Leadership and more! Specialized Programs (formerly Central Student Interest Programs) are available at both the [elementary](#) and [secondary](#) level and are located within several schools across the system.

Based on direction from the Supervisor appointed at the TDSB by the Minister of Education, the decision has been made to change the application and admission process for Specialized Programs. Applications will be open during the week of November 24, 2025 and will remain open for three weeks.

Elementary

Applicants will be admitted based on an evaluated portfolio or audition video submitted with their application.

Secondary

Applicants must meet a report card benchmark (based on their 2024-25 report cards) to be eligible to apply. Applicants will be seated based on their overall applicant score; a combination of select report card marks connected to their program of choice and an evaluated demonstration of knowledge and skills.

Please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/specializedprograms to learn more about program entry points, eligibility requirements, minimum report card benchmark, the required demonstrations of knowledge and skill, and the application and admission process.

All TDSB schools with Specialized Programs also host open houses in November, and we encourage you to take this opportunity to visit, learn more and ask questions about specific schools and programs.

If you have any questions about applying to a Specialized Program, please contact the Central Program Admissions Office at CentralPrograms@tdsb.on.ca.

NEW DATE - WMS Picture Re-Take Day



Edge Imaging Photography apologizes for the postponement of our photo retake day this week. Our school picture re-take day will now take place on **November 18, 2025**.

Please note this is only for students who missed our first picture day.

November is Hindu Heritage Month at the TDSB

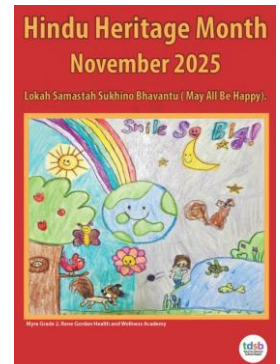
“The TDSB is proud to recognize Hindu Heritage Month during November each year since 2018. Hindu Heritage Month has also been formally recognized in Ontario since 2016 through the [Hindu Heritage Month Act](#).

Hindu dharma is one of the oldest living religions, flourishing for over 10,000 years. November is an opportunity to celebrate its rich traditions, teachings, and values, and to recognize its global contributions to compassion, tolerance, and inclusion.

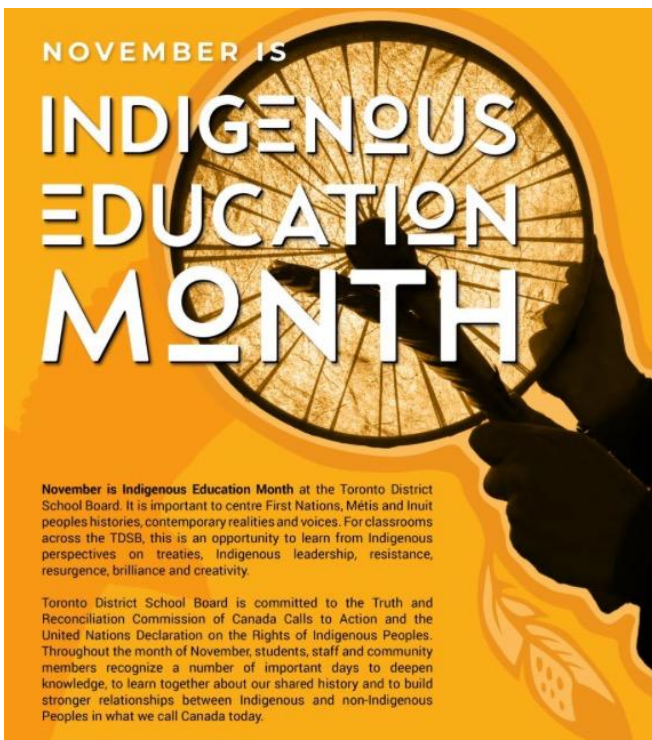
This year’s theme is *Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu - May All Be Happy*. This popular Hindu prayer for universal peace is deeply meaningful:

- *Lokah* means “universe”
- *Samastah* refers to all living beings and creation
- *Sukhino* means “joy” or “happiness”
- *Bhavantu* means “so be it, by the grace of the divine”

Throughout November, students across the TDSB will engage in educational opportunities to learn more about Hindu traditions. Follow Hindu Heritage Month Committee on X for daily messages throughout the month: [@tdsb_HHM](#)”



November is Indigenous Education Month



“November is Indigenous Education Month at the Toronto District School Board. Throughout the month, students, staff, and community members honour a number of important days to deepen knowledge, to learn from our shared histories, and to strengthen relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples.

It is important that we remember to centre First Nations, Métis, and Inuit perspectives, voices, histories, and contemporary realities across the TDSB every day. This month places emphasis on creating opportunities to learn from Indigenous perspectives on treaties, leadership, achievements, resurgence, futurities, and creativity.

The TDSB is committed to the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action (TRC) and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.”

Upcoming Sports Season Offered at WMS

WMS is proud to announce that the following late fall sports that will be offered to our students. Please ensure that your child listens to announcements, checks the Willowdale Update, and uses the sports calendar above. Tryout forms are already available and tryouts have begun.



Late Fall Sports:

Grade 6 Boys Volleyball

Grade 7/8 Boys Volleyball

Grade 6 Girls Basketball

Grade 7/8 Girls Basketball

Grade 6-8 Ice Hockey

WMS Sports Teams Practice Schedule

We've created a "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!](#)



Cross Country City Finalists

Congratulations to our incredible cross-country finalists – **Haana J., Evan F., Iyla V., and Tiffany L.** – who proudly represented Willowdale in three events this fall. Two of our athletes placed in the **top 50 across the entire city** for their age group! What an outstanding accomplishment for this talented group. We are very proud of you!

Go Wildcats! 🐾



Grade 6 Trip to The Village at Black Creek: Re-Scheduled Dates

Our Grade 6 students will be visiting The Village at Black Creek this November to experience life in early Ontario through interactive and hands-on activities. This engaging trip supports their learning in Social Studies and History, giving students a glimpse into what life was like in the 19th century.

Wednesday, November 12th, 2025

- Romeiro (6A)
- Clarino (6B)
- Wyman (6C)
- Kerney (6D)

Thursday, November 20th, 2025

- Beaubien (6E)
- Cooper (6F)
- Douglas (6/7F)
- Miller (6/7/8I)

Mental Health Support for Students

Mental Health and Well-Being is essential to student success. The TDSB is committed to improving the mental health and well-being of students. This includes their physical, psychological and emotional well-being. Please explore the attached mental health supports that may be of benefit to you or someone you know.

[Mental Health Resources](#)



Lunch Box Program



The Lunch Box program continues to be a success! 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

Going Outside and the Weather



Fall has arrived - the weather is changing, and winter is approaching. Daily, each student has a 35 minute lunch break that will be outside. As well, some gym classes will be outside weather permitting.

With all this in mind we encourage families to ensure their child is properly dressed for the weather. A light rain and below zero temperatures will not cause us to remain inside during these times.

Upcoming Parent Council Meetings

Our next Parent Council meeting will be taking place on **Thursday, November 20, 2025**, beginning at 6:30PM in our school library. We hope to see you there!



Please see the agenda for the upcoming November 20 meeting: [Click Here](#)

Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
Monday, November 10, 2025	Grade 7 Trip to Little Canada Museum (7F, 7M, 7C, 7D)
Wednesday, November 12, 2025	Gr. 6 Make-Up Trip to Black Creek (6A, 6B, 6C, 6D)
	Progress Reports are sent home electronically
Thursday, November 13, 2025	Parent-Teacher Interviews (4:00 to 7:00PM)
Friday, November 14, 2025	P.A. Day (No school)
	Parent-Teacher Interviews (9:00AM to 12:00PM)
Monday, November 17, 2025	Grade 7 Trip to Little Canada Museum (7A, 7B, 6/7F, 6/7/8I)
Tuesday, November 18, 2025	Photo Re-take Day (for students who were absent the 1 st day)
	Pizza Day Lunch
	Gr. 7 Muskoka Trip Parent/Guardian Info Night (Virtual) at 6:30PM
Thursday, November 20, 2025	Gr. 6 Make-Up Trip to Black Creek (6E, 6F, 6/7F, 6I)
	School Council Meeting at 6:30PM in the Library
Monday, November 24, 2025	Specialized Program Application Process Opens
December 1 to 3, 2025	Gr. 6 (6C, 6E, 6I) to Etobicoke Outdoor Education Centre
Thursday, December 4, 2025	Pizza Day Lunch
	Winter Carnival Night & Scholastic Book Fair (Details TBA)
December 8 to 10, 2025	Gr. 6 (6/7F, 6F, 6D) to Etobicoke Outdoor Education Centre
December 10 to 12, 2025	Gr. 6 (6A, 6B) to Etobicoke Outdoor Education Centre
Tuesday, December 16, 2025	Pizza Day Lunch
Friday, December 19, 2025	Last Day of School
December 22 to January 2, 2025	Winter Break (No School)
Monday, January 5, 2026	School Resumes

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.