

Willowdale Middle School



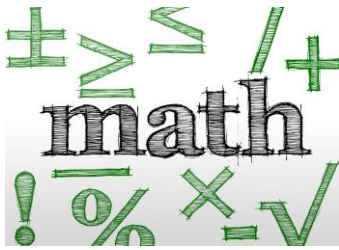
Happy Thanksgiving!

We wish all of those who celebrate Thanksgiving a wonderful day with family and friends. We wish all members of our community a fantastic long weekend.

Willowdale Middle School will be closed on Monday, October 14, 2024 for Thanksgiving. Willowdale MS will reopen on Tuesday, October 15, 2024.



Math Club



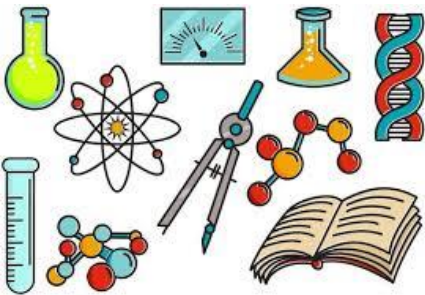
Our Willowdale Math Club has begun! Students who are interested in being challenged in mathematics or simply need help with homework are invited to join us each week on Day 5 of the cycle, from 11:30-12:30, in Room 102. If there are any questions, please contact, Ms.Prugo.

Chess Club

Chess Club is hosted in the science room, on Day 5 of our cycle, at 11:30AM. Bring your lunch! If you have any questions, please contact, Mme Silis or Ms. Yama.



Science Club



The club will take place in the science lab after school on Thursdays! If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Adamski or Mr. Persic.

Cooking Club

Our Willowdale MS cooking club will be starting soon. Details to follow!

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Hamdule.



Eco Club

We're excited to announce that the Eco Club will kick off next week! Students that are part of the council will meet weekly on Day 5 from 11:30 to 12:00. Our mission is to make Willowdale Middle School greener and discover fun, interactive ways to protect our planet. Together, we can create a cleaner, safer space for everyone! We hope parents will support us with our goals! We can't wait to see your eco-friendly enthusiasm! If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Hamdule.



Grade 7/8 Art Club



Our first art club meeting will be on Tuesday, October 15th, from 11:30-12:30 with Mr. Batkay, in Room 213. Ongoing, art club will be on day 1. More details to follow.

Junior Council

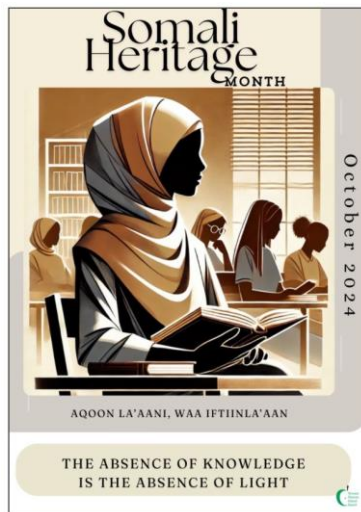
Junior Council is hosted by Ms. Clarino every Day 4 on our cycle at lunch in Room 205. Please bring your lunch, and we look forward to seeing you there!



Individual Education Plans

Individual Education Plans (IEP's) for those students who have one, will be going home next week on **Tuesday, October 15th, 2024**. An Individual Education Plan is a written plan that describes special education programs and/or services for a student. It is based on a student's profile of strengths and areas for growth. Please look over your child's Individual Education Plan, sign it and return the original copy back to your child's classroom teacher by **Monday, October 21st, 2024**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or the main office.

Somali Heritage Month - October



"The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) proudly recognizes Somali Heritage Month during the month of October. The TDSB has been marking Somali Heritage Month since June 2016.

This year, the theme of Somali Heritage Month is *Aqoon la'aani, waa iftiinla'aan - The absence of knowledge is the absence of light*. The saying highlights the fundamental value of knowledge and education. By choosing this saying, we hope to underscore the importance of learning and intellectual growth, aligning with our educational mission of fostering a knowledgeable and enlightened student body.

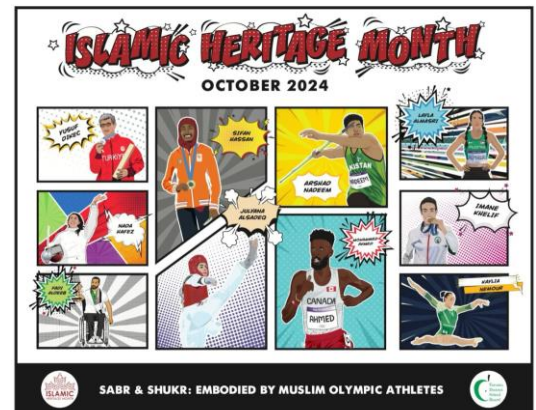
Click [HERE](#) for more information!

Islamic Heritage Month - October

"TDSB has proudly recognized Islamic Heritage Month (IHM) during the month of October since 2016. This year, the theme is Sabr and Shukr.

Islamic Heritage Month has been recognized across Canada in different ways since October 2007. In November 2016, the Province of Ontario established October as Islamic History Month through the *Islamic Heritage Month Act*, and further stated that "proclaiming a month to be Islamic Heritage Month in Ontario will provide all Ontarians, both today and in future generations, with an opportunity to reflect, celebrate, and learn about the rich and longstanding Islamic history in the Province and the diverse roles and contributions of Muslim people in communities across Ontario."

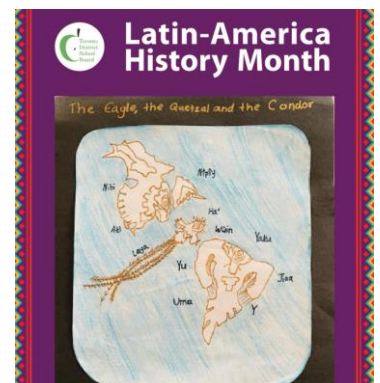
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Latin-America History Month - October

"Latin-America History Month is proudly recognized by the Toronto District School Board. Originally observed in April since 2016, a motion was carried at the January 31, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting to move the recognition to October. This change aligns with the Government of Canada's designation of the month as well.

Click [HERE](#) for more information!



Grade 8 Skills Ontario Presentation

This past week, Willowdale MS hosted “Skills Ontario”, to facilitate a presentation for our Grade 8 students. The goal of the presentation is for students to learn about opportunities in the Skilled Trades and Technologies fields.

Our program facilitator encouraged students to make informed decisions about their future. They delivered a presentation titled “What’s Out There in the Skilled Trades and Technologies?” in hopes of educating students on the hundreds of career opportunities available in the construction, motive power, service, industrial and technology sectors.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION!](#)



Secondary School Open Houses - Grade 8's

To our Grade 8 families, we want to make you aware of the upcoming Grade 9 Open Houses and Information Nights. These dates are fast approaching. Please find more information by clicking on this link: [Secondary School Open Houses](#)

TDSB Secondary Central Student Interest Programs - Grade 8's

TDSB students have access to programs that offer unique opportunities and focus on a variety of interests. Check out the elementary Central Student Interest Programs [here](#).

WMS Picture Re-Take Day



SMILE! 😊

Our school picture re-day will take place on, **November 8, 2024**. Please note this is only for students who missed picture day.

2024/2025 WMS Spirit Wear ON SALE NOW!



Our Willowdale MS Spirit Wear hoodies were at big hit at Curriculum Night and we have loved seeing so many students wearing them around school this past week. We still have a few hoodies for sale. Hoodies will cost \$45 for the screenprint version and \$60 for the embroidered version. Please see Ms. Ziebell or contact her at Lauren.ziebell@tdsb.on.ca if you are interested to buy one. You can also purchase one on School CashOnline!

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE NOW!](#)

International Languages Elementary Program and African Heritage Program

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BOTH PROGRAMS [CLICK HERE!](#)



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When: Classes start from September to June, one day a week for two and a half hours. Classes are held after school or on Saturdays.

Cost: \$20 material fee (one time).

Current* languages include:
 Albanian, American Sign Language, Amharic, Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bengali, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Cantonese, Creole, Dari, Edo, Farsi/Persian, German, Greek, Greek Cypriot, Gujarati, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Karen, Korean, Macedonian, Mandarin Simplified, Mandarin Traditional, Marathi, Mongolian, Nepalese, Pashto, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Sanskrit, Serbian, Sinhala, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Tibetan, Tigrinya, Turkish, Twi, Ukrainian, Urdu and Vietnamese.

*Current as time of printing. Please note that additional languages may be offered. Please contact 416-338-4100 for more information.

Information and Registration:
www.ileahprograms.ca
 Phone: 416-338-4100
 Email: ile_ah@tdsb.on.ca





AFRICAN HERITAGE PROGRAM

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The African Heritage program can be offered in TDSB schools around the city in which an International Languages Elementary program is currently running.

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Mental Health Resources



Student mental health and well-being is always our priority. We are here to help with anything you need to support your mental health and well-being and to help you navigate the tools and resources you may need. Please see the link for additional information and resources: [Resource 1](#) and [Resource 2](#)

WMS Wildcats Sports Teams Update

Grade 8 Girls Borden Ball

The Grade 8 Borden ball team played in Conference Finals this past week. Despite a great effort and amazing team work, after a very close game against Avondale, Willowdale MS lost 9-8. This ended the Wildcats season.

Congratulations on a great season, and thank you to Mr. Batkay for teaching many of the girls a brand new game!

Grade 6 Boys Soccer

Willowdale hosted the north region Grade 6 boys soccer tournament this past week.

In the Wildcat's first game, the team beat a very good St Andrew's team 2-1, in a thrilling come from behind win, with 2 late goals by Ethan.

Later in the day, Willowdale played John Wanless Junior Public School and despite giving it their all, Willowdale lost 4-2, ending the Wildcats season.

Thank you to Mr. Soriano for all your time and dedication to the team!

WMS Wildcats Sports Calendar - **NEW!**

Please click the link [HERE](#), to take you to our NEW weekly sports calendar! We will update this calendar each week to reflect known practices, games and tournaments for our sports teams. If you have any specific questions, please reach out to the coach of the specific team you are inquiring about.



Pizza Lunches

We are excited to announce our first three PIZZA DAY LUNCHES for the 2024/2025 school year hosted by our Parent-Council.

Please go to [School Cash Online](#) to purchase pizza for your child.

\$10.00 per pizza day (Total \$30.00), for 2 slices of pizza (pepperoni or cheese), a juice box and bag of chips. You must buy for all 3 pizza days.

Pizza must be ordered in advance. Students who do not order in advance will not be able to buy pizza on that day.

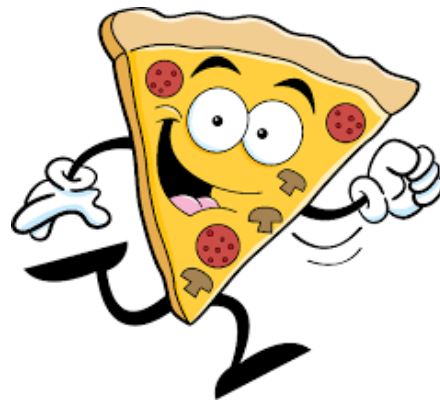
If you are available, and interested in volunteering to help out with our pizza lunches, please email: djarczyn@sympatico.ca.

Pizza Days:

Wednesday, Oct. 23rd

Tuesday, Nov. 19th

Thursday, Dec. 19th



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!

The restaurants are as follows:

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

Upcoming Parent Council Meetings

Our next Parent Council meetings will be taking place on **Wednesday, October 23, 2024**, beginning at 6:30PM in our school library. We hope to see you there!



Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
Monday, October 14, 2024	Thanksgiving Holiday - WMS is Closed
Tuesday, October 15, 2024	IEPs go home for students with IEPs only
Thursday, October 17, 2024	ESL Grade 8 Trip - Central Library AM
Wednesday, October 23, 2024	Pizza Day
Wednesday, November 6, 2024	8C Field Trip - Walk T.O. Kensington Market
Friday, November 8, 2024	Photo Retake Day
Wednesday, November 13, 2024	Progress Reports Go Home
Thursday, November 14, 2024	Parent-Teacher Interviews 4:00PM - 7:00PM
Friday, November 15, 2024	Parent-Teacher Interviews 9:00AM - 12:00PM
Monday, November 25, 2024	Grade 7 Immunization Clinic

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, or to send a written note, or email to willowdale@tdsb.on.ca

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.