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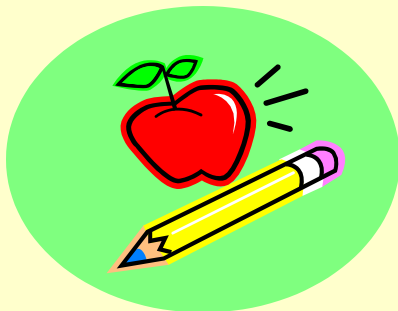
Newsletter
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Wilmington E.S. Newsletter

Principal's Message

It has been an extremely busy winter at Wilmington. Staff has been collaborating and taking part in Professional Learning on creating Learning Goals and our Kindergarten staff took part in additional professional learning on inquiry based learning. You will see evidence of the teacher learning that took place in the work posted in the halls as well as in your child's classroom.

Early reading has been a focus this year. We purchased Levelled Literacy Intervention Kits that our Grade 1 teachers as well as Ms. Arora and Mrs. Collict were trained to deliver.



Principal's Report-continued

They have worked with individual students to improve their reading levels. In addition, we have been able to purchase a number of home reading books where we saw gaps. We are excited that some of the books have arrived, but we are still waiting on other books to arrive at our school.

Since our budget looked healthy at this point in the school year, we purchased 10 iPads and 10 Chrome books with our school budget to be used in classrooms. They have just arrived!

Wilmington PART

A Program Area Review had been initiated to look at possible solutions to accommodation and programming issues involving the following area schools: Charles H. Best MS, Dublin Heights E & MS, Pleasant PS, Willowdale MS, and Wilmington ES.

As you may be aware, some schools were experiencing over-enrolment while others were experiencing under-enrolment. As well, the current pathways for some programs such as French and Gifted were leading to schools outside our community.

A Program Area Review Team (PART) with parent and TDSB representatives considered different options. As part of this process, parents/guardians and community members had an opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions at a public meeting.

The TDSB approved the suggestion to move our Grade 4 students to C.H. Best for September 2018. All of the decisions that were made were communicated to our parents in a letter dated February 16th, 2018. For further info go to www.tdsb.on.ca/AccommodationReviews. Click on "Charles H. Best MS, Dublin Heights E & MS, Pleasant PS, Willowdale MS, and Wilmington ES" under the "Program Area Reviews" section.

In preparation for the change, our students in grades 3 and 4 have been regularly visiting C.H. Best for a variety of activities!

Student Writing

THE TRIP TO TSO

It was February 8 and our class was leaving to go to Toronto Symphony Orchestra at Roy Thomson Hall. To get there we traveled by bus. My partner was Begumnaz and we had so much fun together. We played all sorts of games, one of which was "Tarzan Jungle man". When we got to Roy Thomson Hall, our class first made a line, so the teacher can count if we're all here. Next, we went inside the Symphony Orchestra. We also saw a Rolex! It was so beautiful/royal inside and it smelled good too. :) We had front row and the stage looked huge. My three favourite songs were "Sleep", I actually took a nap while listening to it, and when 4 men played with the garbage cans. That was nice too. My last favourite song was "Star Wars" because it made me feel like running in my spot (active). When the show was done, our class went to take a drink & go to the washroom. In the bus I was so tired, so I took a nap all the way to school. When we got there my friends woke me up. We were walking to the portable and some people including me were very hungry, so we had some snacks & talked about our favourite part of the trip. When the bell rang for the end of the day, me & Begumnaz went to Turkish class and had a birthday party for me & a girl from C.H. Best named Zeren. It was a bonus for me having a party after a trip! It was like the day never ended, but eventually did. We had lots of fun together listening to music and playing.

By Berra K



Student Writing-continued

Ms. Friedman's Class Field trip to the C.H. Best Friday, February 9, 2018

Hello my name is Peter and I'm going to tell you about my class walk to C.H. Best. We went to C.H. Best at 10 am and it took about 5 to 10 minutes. First we went inside C.H. Best. We played Bingo! While we were playing Bingo I found 4 numbers and it was fun. The winners were Angel and Adoiyah. After, we went to the Egg Relay Race in the Lunch room and we all sat on the stage and after that Mrs we got numbered. The number ones were doing the race, the number two's stayed on the stage and the number three's were doing hula hoops. After the first people that raced were done, it was our turn. I was racing Ahmet and Mrs. Friedman. When the race was done Ahmet was first, I was second and Mrs. Friedman was last but she did her best. The third thing that we did was Floor Hockey, and it was great! My team was yellow. The other team's colour was blue and in the middle of the game Bonhomme came. When we were done, we had a tie. My team had 1 point and the other team had 1 point. After, we went to a room and inside we drank hot chocolate. Next we did a class picture with Bonhomme and also took solo pictures with Bonhomme. If you didn't want to have pictures with Bonhomme you could colour a mural. The last thing that we did was watch 2 parts of the same video but in different rooms. The video was about the winter carnival. This trip was fun and great. I think everyone should go there for the winter carnival.

By Peter



Upcoming Dates

March 20th, 21st-Yoga sessions

March 20th-School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting (6:30-7:45pm)

March 30th-April 2nd-Good Friday, Easter Monday-School closed

April 3rd-Dance-a-thon kick-off assembly

April 5th-Big Kids Entertainment-"Jack and the Giant" Grade 1-4

April 11th -Pink Shirt Day-TDSB

April 10th-12th - X-Movement Fusion

workshops for all students

April 20th -Dufflebag Theatre for JK/SK

April 20th-Wear Green for Earth Day