

# THE WEEKLY

Monday, April 28, 2025



## *Thoughts from our Principal ...*

In my office there is a big, blue bin of Duplo. Students have created colourful vehicles, designed wild jungles, and assembled structures as they pull out block after block after block.

We have a structure that we walk into every day, but it is not made of Duplo. We proudly call it Willowdale Christian School. Building a school together takes planning, takes people and takes passion. If you have ever stopped and looked at the front entrance, there is a cornerstone that says, "1959" when the school first opened. 1959 is 65 years ago from the day we started our school year this past September 3, 2024. There was planning that people did over 65 years ago when they had the vision for a Christian school, laying clay brick after clay brick to construct walls and classrooms and later a gym. WCS was started with a passion that God put on the hearts and in the minds of founding members of this school.

However, building a school is more than bricks. This week, we are ramping up to the apex of all the organizing of so many dedicated teams that started in the fall and now in the final stretch. We are celebrating our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this Saturday, May 3! This WCS community is "built" of people who put together a program of events, decorations and refreshments, auction item lists, childcare opportunities, singing, communication and audio visual presentations. We have people who create our invitation list, prepare delicious food, set up and take down equipment...these are just some of the ways that we are all using our gifts to craft a memorable event.

More than all this, the Maker, the chief Architect, the Creator of all good things is our Lord God.

*Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. Psalm 127:1*

May God be praised in the celebrations as we give Him thanks for building the walls and community of WCS. And may He find us faithful and humble to honour the past, build for the future, and move forward together, only by His goodness and grace.

Come by, celebrate and build with us! Use whatever gift God gives you...including Duplo. 😊

**This calendar lists upcoming HIGHLIGHTS only. Refer to 2024/25 School Calendar for ALL events.**

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Mon/Apr/28	LUNCH	E2F LUNCH – Sushi Roll	For those that have ordered.
Wed/Apr/30	LUNCH	PASTA LUNCH	For those that have ordered.
Fri/May/02	—	P.D. DAY	No School!
Sat/May/03	2-5PM	WCS 65th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	See you all at school!
Mon/May/05	LUNCH	E2F LUNCH—Chicken Fingers	For those that have ordered.
Fri/May/09	LUNCH	PIZZA LUNCH	For those that have ordered.
Wed/May/14	7PM	SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING	All are welcome!

Mrs. Patty Schuurman (Principal) - [pschuurman@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:pschuurman@willowdalechristianschool.org)

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# **PRAYER @ WCS**

**Weekly Parents Prayer Zoom Meeting: Tuesdays @ 8:00 pm**

- WEDNESDAY Worship ~ Mrs. Schuurman will lead worship titled, Building Together
- Staff of the Week: Mrs. Rosalie Tsang (Kindergarten-A Teacher)
- Families of the Week: *Tang (Gr.4)*, *Tannous (Gr.5/3/2)*, *Tomori (Gr.8)*, *Traicus (Gr.3/1)*, *Tran (Gr.7/3)*
- Contact Person ~ Claudia & Cissy (WCS Parents) [wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com](mailto:wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com).
- *Please feel free to email your prayer requests throughout the year.*

## **THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

### **BADMINTON:**

Congratulations to the Badminton team on their tournament last week at Toronto District Christian High School. WCS came in third place overall! We also have second place medals awarded for boys doubles team to Noah A. and Caleb, and for singles to Andrew. Way to go, Mr. Eyre and the team! Everyone played so well!

### **PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY:**

Ms. Zoe Stuart, Mr. Eli Stuart, Mr. Jude Stuart and Ms. Emma Stuart were all wonderful principals this past Friday, April 25! Under their leadership, we had the privilege of enjoying an AMAZING Day with donuts, a delicious hamburger for lunch and a comical play in the afternoon. We also had an extended lunch recess thanks to our volunteers who helped give our teachers a break that day. As students and staff we want to say a HUGE THANKS to the Stuart family (including and especially their parents, grandparents, aunt and uncle) for planning an incredibly fun day for all!

### **PD DAY THIS FRIDAY, MAY 2:**

A reminder that this Friday, May 2 is a P.D. Day, which was not on the original calendar.

### **WCS SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 14**

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our Spring Membership Meeting on Wednesday, May 14 starting at 7PM. We are thankful for the Board and their leadership. It is important to meet together as the WCS community. See you then!

## **WCS 65th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: FORWARD TOGETHER**

Our 65th Anniversary celebration is this coming Saturday, May 3rd at 2-5pm.

The *Forward Together* organizing committee is looking for volunteers to help with the event.

**Volunteers Sign up here:** <https://signup.com/go/qWJGsBk>

If you're able to contribute items to the silent auction, please complete the donation form and drop off your items at the school office:

**Donation Form:** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfP8KADa3fPo\\_UM8U\\_vEqaO4TuMwsEGtgLbrj94cPjte8Hr1A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfP8KADa3fPo_UM8U_vEqaO4TuMwsEGtgLbrj94cPjte8Hr1A/viewform)

If you missed the initial RSVP—no worries! You can still RSVP here:

**RSVP Form:** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYOF3-YIUTvborCcD5qfdOVfOB1FG9ED\\_Vfe-m\\_r7Jauoq7Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYOF3-YIUTvborCcD5qfdOVfOB1FG9ED_Vfe-m_r7Jauoq7Q/viewform)

If you have any questions, please contact Betty at [lala.betty@gmail.com](mailto:lala.betty@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

Sincerely, 65th Anniversary celebration committee.

