THE WEEKLY



Monday, February 6, 2023

A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

I was just thinking about all the things that are happening in February and what an unusual month it is. It only has 28 days, the weather is completely unpredictable (compare last Friday when it 'felt' like -32° and today that is supposed to hit a high of 6° and rain!), we are starting to feel the effects of slightly longer days, and we get to celebrate Valentine's Day. I'm so thankful that we have lots of things going on here at school to make this month more enjoyable for students and staff. Here's a few highlights:

- HEAT WAVE DAY is THIS Friday! We will turn up the heat in the gym, students can wear their summer clothes, and we will enjoy lots of fun, "summer" activities and games, and of course Freezies!
- OPTIONS will take place during the afternoons of February 14, 21, 28 for students in Grades 3-8. Parents and students already know which Option their child is enrolled in for the 3 weeks. The school will be buzzing with exciting activities and learning as students engage in filmmaking, calligraphy, baking, science, challenging board games, crafts, and more!
- OVERNIGHT TRIP for GRADE 6 coming up! This class will head to Fair Glen (Fair Haven Ministries) near Beaverton to enjoying the outdoors, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, learning to build a fire in the snow, orienteering, and of course, delicious food, games, and laughter.
- ♦ PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES are happening on Tue/Feb/28 and Wed/Mar/01. Later this week Mrs. Venneri will send an email to all parents with the required information to sign up.
- GRADE 3 CLASS TRIP to the Science Center on Thu/Feb/16.
- ♦ GRADE 7 & 8 CLASS TRIP to Ripley's Aquarium on Mon/Feb/27.

We have so much to be excited about and thankful for this month!

The Office Administrator job posting is on our website.
Resumes will be accepted until Fri/Feb/17.
If you (or someone you know) is interested in applying, send cover letter & resume to Mrs. Sallows.

This calendar lists upcoming HIGHLIGHTS only. Refer to 2022/23 School Calendar for ALL events.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
TUESDAY	All Day	Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament	Boys @ TDCH & Girls @ Burlington
TUESDAY	3:40 pm	Robotics - Session #8	Last class!
WEDNESDAY	Lunch	Pasta Day	For students that have pre-ordered.
FRIDAY	Lunch	Heat Wave Day	Get out those shorts & sunglasses!
FRIDAY	Lunch	E2F Lunch (Ham & Cheese Sandwich)	For students that have pre-ordered.

Mrs. Cathy Sallows (Principal) - <u>csallows@willowdalechristianschool.org</u>

Mrs. Miriam Venneri (Office Administrator) - <u>office@willowdalechristianschool.org</u>

PRAYER @ WCS

- Staff of the Week ~ Ms. Kim
- Families of the Week ~ Lin (Grace), Lin (Theodore), Lloyd, Lo
- Wednesday Worship ~ Mrs. Wen will teach the Fruit of the Spirit ~ Peace (I won't be afraid because I trust God.)

Parents Prayer Meeting (via Zoom) ~ Tuesdays @ 8:00 pm

Contact Person ~ Surance Tunggal (WCS Parent) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com.

If you have items to include in our PRAYER section, please send an email to office@willowdalechristianschool.org

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Fri/Apr/28 @ 6:00 pm ~ WCS ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

Please join us at the Bayview Golf & Country Club (25 Fairway Heights Drive, Thornhill) for a great evening. Book a babysitter now, if needed. To reserve your seat/s, use this link: https://forms.gle/WGd4p7SGDkaBKaB4A

GROCERY GIFT CARDS – Year Long Fundraiser

Fundraising is very important to help defray the tuition costs for all WCS families. A practical way for you to support the school in this initiative is to purchase Grocery Gift Cards from the office. These cards can be used at Valu-Mart, Loblaw, No Frills, etc. For each dollar that we sell, we receive 5% back. Annually we hope to raise \$8,000 - \$10,000. Gift Cards are always available from Mrs. Venneri. Simply email her with your order. Once your cheque or e-transfer (payment@willowdalechristianschool.org) has been received by the office, your Gift Cards will be sent home via "kidmail". Please note that we only carry \$100 denominations.

REMINDER! PARENTS ENTERING THE SCHOOL BUILDING

Kindly follow the below procedures at ALL times. These protocols are set in place for the safety of your child. NOTE: The ONLY exception to this is when parents attend Wednesday Worship. (You need to sign in on those days as well!)

- 1 Ring the buzzer and go **DIRECTLY** to the office. (Do not enter any classrooms, washrooms, etc. beforehand.)
- 2 Check in with Mrs. Venneri. If you are staying in the building, be sure to sign in.
- 3 If you are dropping off an item for your child, leave it in the office. Mrs. Venneri will be sure that your child gets it.
- 4 When exiting the building, please use the **FRONT** door. Do **NOT** go down the hallway to the parking lot.



THIS FRIDAY is HEAT WAVE DAY!

We're going to have some FUN in the SUN!