

# THE WEEKLY

Monday, November 13, 2023



## *A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...*

On Friday our teachers had a P.A. Day (profession activity) to work on progress reports for their students. Last year we switched from three full report cards to a November progress report and full report cards in February and June. Our new report cards (from a few years ago) are a lot more work but tell parents a lot more information about their child's learning. This new format worked well last year. The November progress report is intended to give parents a small glimpse into their child's work habits, achievements, and suggestions for growth. If your child has an area blackened out it may mean that your child has not completed enough of the work for that subject or that your child is struggling with English, thus they are not capable of doing the work yet. Please read the comments that the teacher has written. The comment area takes the most time and tells parents the most. Some teachers use this as a place to write a bit about what their students have been learning. Some teachers highlight students' work habits. All teachers will include areas where your child is doing well and areas and ideas for growth. If your child is in Grade 4 or higher (or lower grades, at your discretion), I highly recommend that you read the report with your child and use it as a jumping board for discussion. Ask your child what they think of their report? Do they think it is accurate? If not, why? These reports are being followed up with Parent/Teacher Conferences next week. Again, Grades 4 and up are welcome to include the students. This is completely up to parents and students. The teachers are looking forward to talking with you about your child's progress. Hopefully this is not the first time you will be talking to your child's teacher! Just a reminder that the sign up for interviews closes this Friday (see announcement further down). This Saturday marks one of the highlights of the school year- our annual Christmas Bazaar! The school will be a buzz with a children's craft room, a rummage sale, a Dutch and candy room (along with cheese, flowers, chocolate letters and frozen food pick up), and a gym full of vendors, yummy food and visiting. This event welcomes members of our community past as well as members of our surrounding community. The organizing committee has been working very hard (thank you to everyone)! There are still some volunteer spots open, so please sign up! (see link in attachment with weekly)

**This calendar lists upcoming HIGHLIGHTS only. Refer to 2023/24 School Calendar for ALL events.**

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Wed/Nov/15	11:30am	Prologue Performing Arts Theatre Show	For ALL Students to enjoy!
Fri/Nov/17	—	Mid-Term Progress Reports	Going home with students at end of day
Sat/Nov/18 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR (9am-2pm) ~ See you there!			
Wed/Nov/22	3:50-5:30 & 6-9pm	Parent-Teacher Conference	<a href="https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/c77az">https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/c77az</a>
Thu/Nov/23	All Day	Volleyball Tournament (Gr. 7-8 Boys/Girls)	Off Site
Fri/Nov/24	—	Book Character Day	Teachers will provide details
Wed/Nov/29	7:00pm	Fall Membership Meeting	In-Person—Gym
Wed/Nov/29—Thu/Nov/30 ~ Scholastic Book Fair (Gym)			
Fri/Dec/01	10:15-12:30pm	Grandparents & Special Friends Day	See Attached for Invitations

**Mrs. Donna Miles (Principal) - [dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org)**

**Mrs. Elisa Santiago (Office Administrator) - [office@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:office@willowdalechristianschool.org)**

# **PRAYER @ WCS**

Join our **Weekly Parents Prayer Meeting** (via Zoom) every Tuesdays @8:00pm!

Contact Person ~ Suan Fong (WCS Parent) [wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com](mailto:wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com).

If you have items to include in our PRAYER section, please send an email to: [office@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:office@willowdalechristianschool.org)

- Wednesday Worship ~ Mr. Thiessen will lead the 3rd session on the Beatitudes: Asking for Help
- Staff of the Week ~ Mrs. Wen (Kindergarten-A)
- Families of the Week ~ *Fleming (8); Fowler (4); Gergelj (JK-B); Gim (8)*.

## **THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

**ULTIMATE FRISBEE TEAM RESULTS:** Congratulations to our Ultimate Frisbee Team, who placed 4<sup>th</sup> (out of 8) in their tournament last week (losing by only 1 point in the final game!). They worked hard as a team, growing in skill and teamwork as they progressed. A BIG thank you to Mrs. Monica Kay & Mr. Howard Cheung for coaching the team.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY:** Thank you to all that had contributed to the poppy donation. WCS raised a total of \$316.75 to the Royal Canadian Legion. May we continue to keep those that commit their lives to our country in our prayers.

**DUFFLEBAG THEATRE:** This week our students will be enjoying the first of two presentations by the Prologue to the Performing Arts. This Wednesday we welcome a group called Dufflebag Theatre. They are a comedy/theatre group that will be presenting a performance of Beauty and the Beast. We have enjoyed many of their performances in the past. They are funny, interactive, engaging, and enjoyable!

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 (3:50-5:30pm & 6:00-9:00pm)**

Here is the link to schedule your time slot: <https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/c77az> EVENT code: **c77az**

The link will be available until Friday, November 17, 3:30pm

## **FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**WCS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ~ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

A reminder for Christmas Bazaar please make your favorite entree's for November 18. Donation for the rummage room are now being accepted. Please bring donations and place them on the gym stage. Also sign up for kitchen help is needed, so if you haven't signed up, help is needed in the kitchen.

We appreciate everyone's help! [Christmas Bazaar 2023 - Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#)

**BOOK CHARACTER DAY ~ FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

Students are invited to dress up as a book character for the day. Students are welcome to bring a copy of the book with their character in it, if possible. Just a friendly reminder that the day is for BOOK characters (no scary costumes) and if a student chooses not to wear a costume, they are expected to wear school dress code.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR ~ Save the date! NOVEMBER 29 AND NOVEMBER 30**

Mark your calendars! We're excited to announce that the fun and excitement of an in-school Scholastic Book Fair is coming back! Come discover new and bestselling titles coming right to our school.

Bonus: All purchases earn Scholastic Dollars that can be redeemed for books and educational resources for our school's classrooms and library. Happy reading!

Please assist by signing up for a time slot at: <https://signup.com/go/fELKMmh>



**GRANDPARENTS' & SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY ~ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 (10:15-12:30pm)**

This week your child will bring home a very special invitation that can be given to their grandparents or a special friend. A softcopy of a different invitation is attached.

This annual celebration is one that everyone looks forward to - both young and old alike! Here is a brief overview of the morning - Please note that this is a special day specifically for GRANDPARENTS. If you have any further questions about this, kindly contact the office. Thanks.

**ALL PARENTS NEEDED** - to provide food for the breakfast. Please see attached Sign-Up form. Kindly complete and return to the office at your earliest convenience. If you do not have a printer at home, simply email Mrs. Santiago and let her know what baked goods you will be providing.

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:** Please add these special dates to your calendars! Mr. Winterle is working hard with the students to prepare a Christmas presentation of singing and band playing. There will be 2 performances: **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 at 7:00pm and FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 (during the school day, time TBD)**. Students from JK-Grade 8 will be participating!

