

# THE WEEKLY

Monday, November 20, 2023



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

Saturday was the Christmas Bazaar! It was a wonderful day of community with lots of visiting, shopping, fun activities, and eating yummy food. This event has been going on for more years than I have been here (23) and has become a wonderful tradition. I saw past members of the school, families that are new this year (many of them volunteering) as well as families who are friends to current families (I even had a few inquiries about enrollment). I am always inspired by all the people who attend, supporting WCS. There were so many of our new families volunteering for the first time. They were working alongside some families who are in their last year at WCS as well as some parents whose children have already graduated but are still coming back to serve. There are so many thanks that need to be given (and I know I will forget some people). First, I would like to thank Cissy Wong and Helen Kokolakis who took on the overall organizing of the event. Carol Griffeon acted as a consultant after running this even for over 15 years. Cissy and Helen had a large committee who have been working hard for months, meeting every Thursday night on Zoom to keep the planning going. Thank you to everyone who was in charge of a specific area (kitchen, vendor tables, cheese and flowers/Dutch room, kids' room, rummage room, and big kids' room.) Then there are the volunteers on the day! This day cannot happen with so many people working together. Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU! We do not have a grand total of how much money was raised (I have 2 ladies in my office counting money right now). It will be announced in the weekly when it has been figured out.

Upcoming Christmas Celebration (note: not on original calendar): I would like to invite everyone to our Christmas celebration on **Thursday, December 14 @ 7:00pm and Friday, December 15, 11:00am**. The students will be presenting some singing and band playing, all directed by Mr. Winterle, our music teacher. For both performances Grades 6-8 need to wear a white top and black or blue bottoms. JK-Grade 5 students need to wear "Sunday best" (no jeans).

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
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 (Gym)	2 Volunteer Hrs/parent
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
Fri/Dec/01	3:30 pm	Lunch Order Forms - DEADLINE	Payments must be received on time.
Thu/Dec/14 @7:00pm OR Fri/15 @11:00am ~ WCS Christmas Celebration (Gym)			
Fri/Dec/22	—	Red & Green Day & Skating	Dress down Day

**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 ~ Mrs. Miles will be leading Praise & Prayer
- Staff of the Week ~ Mrs. Wells (Student Support)
- Families of the Week ~ *Goulding (5/1); Groce-Balogun (8); Guevara-Biolley (1); Ha (1)*.

## **THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

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

Please be on time and stay within the allotted time.

**VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT:** This Thursday our boys team will be playing at TDChristian in Woodbridge and the girls team in Brampton at John Knox Christian School. **OUR BOYS TEAM NEEDS ANOTHER DRIVER!** It does not need to be a player's parent. If you are available for drop off (driving from 8:30-9:30am) and pickup (between 2-3pm), please let Mrs. Miles know ASAP! 3 Volunteer hours will be given. Drivers must have a valid VSS in the office.

**HOT LUNCHES:** Order forms and descriptions of the new lunches went home on Friday. Please note that the **PAS-TA and PIZZA lunches raise much needed funds for the Grade 6,7,8 overnight trips**. The other lunches raise money for the building expansion E2F campaign. Also, the subs from Subway are 6 inch. Please make sure to fill out the forms carefully. Payments can be made through e-transfer (please include Child's name, grade and LUNCH ORDER in memo line), cheque or cash.

## **FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

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

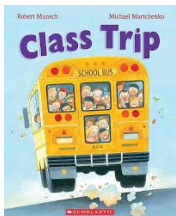
Students are invited to dress up as a book character for the day. Students are welcome to bring a copy of the book with their character in it, if possible. Just a friendly reminder that the day is for BOOK characters (no scary costumes) and if a student chooses not to wear a costume, they are expected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

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

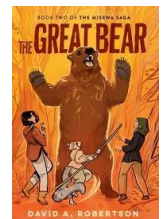
Mark your calendars! We're excited to announce that the fun and excitement of an in-school Scholastic Book Fair is soon approaching! Come discover new and bestselling titles coming right to our school.

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>



**Class Trip Robert Munsch. Picture book, Gr. K-3**  
Hijinks and silliness abound during class trip to the museum!



**The Great Bear. David A. Robertson. Gr. 3-6**  
The second book in the Narnia-inspired Indigenous fantas series!

**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 the office informing us of 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 at 11:00am**. Students from JK-Grade 8 will be participating!

