

# THE WEEKLY

Monday, September 11, 2023



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

“How is it going?” I heard this question a lot last week. I asked it a lot as well! People tend to ask this question when someone is doing something new. I consider it a check in. Last week my answer was usually, “Quite well! I feel like things are going well.” I usually heard that answer from students, teachers, and parents also. But not always. Not everything went well last week. We had tears, cuts and scrapes, even a wasp sting. Teachers had activities that didn’t go as planned, with students struggling, or sometimes things were too easy. No matter what the “not well” was, the best part was that there were people to support and help. I said to one student, “You can have a do- over and start again a million times in one day if you want.” That is one of the incredible things about being a Christ follower. Jesus redeems every part of us - every mistake, every disastrous lesson, every cut and scrape, every feeling of loneliness or insecurity, every hurt. Because of his healing blood on the cross, we can live as redeemed people - a million (or more) times a day. And for that I am continuously thankful!

**JOB OPPORUNITIES:** WCS is looking for 3 teachers. Mr. Mounthey is working for September, so we need a Grade 4 teacher for October-June. Also, both Mrs. Wen AND Mrs. Lee are expecting! They will be working until Christmas, so 2 kindergarten teachers are needed for January for a 1-year maternity leave (minimum). If you know anyone who is a teacher, please direct them to our website (About Us: Employment Opportunities) or contact Mrs. Miles ([dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org)).

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Mon/Sep/11 - Fri/Sep/15 ~ Used Clothing Sale ~ \$2 per Item ~ Front Foyer			
Wed/Sep/20	3:45 pm	1st Tae Kwon Do Lesson	Contact Master Thomas
Wed/Sep/20	7:00 pm	New Parents Meeting (Via Zoom)	Email and Link to follow
Fri/Sep/22	Morning	TERRY FOX RUN (Dress Down Day)	See Below & Attachment
Mon/Sep/25	—	Professional Development Day for Staff	<b>NO SCHOOL!</b>
Thu/Sep/28	Off Site	Soccer Tournament (Gr. 6-8)	More Information from Teachers
Fri/Sep/29	—	Truth & Reconciliation Day	Orange T-Shirt (Dress Down)
Fri/Sep/29	—	Chocolate Sale Begins (Fundraiser!)	Watch for upcoming details!
Mon/Oct/2	—	Ultimate Frisbee Tryout (Boys & Girls Gr. 6-8)	Contact: Mrs. Miles

**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**

- Pray for our new teachers ~ Mr. Mountney (Gr. 4) and Ms. Wiseman (French & Student Support Services) as they adjust to our school.
- Pray for Mrs. Wells as she oversees our Student Support Services department for the first time.
- Pray for Mrs. Miles as she leads the school as Principal.
- Pray for Ms. Lim as her chemotherapy treatments start today, September 11. She is on a three-week treatment plan. Pray that her body tolerates the treatments, that the medication does what it is supposed to, and the tumor shrinks quickly.

## **Did you know that our school hosts a [Weekly Parents Prayer Meeting \(via Zoom\)](#)?**

It will begin on [Tue/Sep/19 @8:00 pm](#) and will be held every Tuesday evening at that same time.

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)*

## **THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

**AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP:** Things went amazing last week! Thank you for being so quick with picking up your children. Just a reminder that the reserved spots are only for the names on the red sign. Parents pay for these spots at the yearly fundraising dinner, so please respect the signs.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE PICK-UP:** After-school care students are to be picked up from the gym doors (by the playscape) at the back of the school. Parents must sign their children out. A reminder that billing starts at 3:30, even if you were late in picking up your children. Billing is rounded to the quarter hour. Please ask Zoe if you need help.

**PHONES AND STUDENTS:** Students must have cell phones stowed away in their bag while at school. They may not respond to messages or phone parents without asking for permission from the teacher. Any phone calls to parents will be made from a school line (unless teacher permission is given to use personal cells) and be started with a staff member on the phone first.

**USED CLOTHING:** Table will be available to shop for one more week! We are still accepting used clothing as well.

**MILK & POPCORN SALE** is starting this week!

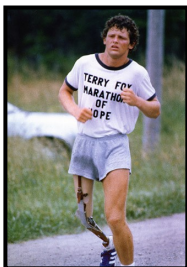
Milk (chocolate/white) will be available to purchase at the beginning of lunch. Popcorn will be available to purchase in classrooms through the homeroom teacher.

Students can pay an exact change of \$1.25 per milk or popcorn on the spot or pre-purchase 10 tickets for \$12. E-transfer is not accepted.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY (Fundraising Hours) ~ PASTA LUNCHESES**

We are looking for parents to help make Pasta Lunches. You must have a VSS filed in the office. Pasta Lunch dates are on the Order Form that was brought home. The time at the school will likely be 10:30am - 1:30pm. Contact Person ~ Ms. Chow ([cchow@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:cchow@willowdalechristianschool.org))

## **FOR YOUR CALENDAR**



### **TERRY FOX RUN (Dress Down Day)**

We will be doing a 2.5km walk on **Friday September 22**. Please see the parent letter attached to this email for information about how your child can help raise money for cancer research over the next couple of weeks. The fundraising page will be open until Friday September 29. The 22nd will be a **NON UNIFORM DAY** so that students can wear clothing that will be comfortable to take a long walk in. Students will be given a Freezie after participating. If you prefer your child to **NOT** receive this treat, please let their teacher know ASAP.



### **CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER SALE Begins Fri/Sep/29 - Fri/Oct/13**

Please be reminded that the money is to assist with the Student Fund which pays for class trips that our students enjoy throughout the year. Forms due Mon/Sept/18.

Prizes allotted to two students who sell the most individually, and prize draws for cases sold along with prizes for the student community for reaching fundraising targets!

Please see the attachment for more detailed information.