

Making a difference for children!

École John Wilson Elementary



Enrichir la vie des enfants!

A GREAT Year Has Begun!

On behalf of École John Wilson Elementary School Staff and Parent Council, I would like to welcome all students and families back to the 2011-2012 school year! Our first two days started with great success. We are looking forward to an exciting year filled with many exceptional learning opportunities. Creating positive school memories for each student is very important to us. We have planned multiple events and activities inside and outside of the classrooms to create great experiences for all.

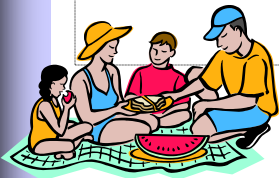
Students feeling a strong sense of belonging to their school is a number one priority for us. École John Wilson Elementary School staff work hard to create a warm, welcoming, safe and caring school for students and families. To maintain this environment for all, it is important to have all questions and concerns communicated to the school as soon as they come up. Please call us at the school at any time when you have questions or concerns. Your child's teacher is your partner in creating a successful school experience for your child. Your visits and phone calls with them are a critical link in our partnership. With this partnership in place, we can best support your child in their next successful year at École John Wilson Elementary School.

We look forward to a fantastic 2011-2012 school year!

Respectfully,

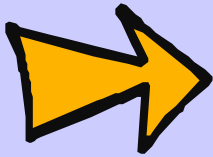
Jackie Taylor - Principal

Donald Teplyske - Vice Principal



Meet the Staff - Family Barbecue Picnic Thursday, September 8th 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Please join us this Thursday for our Meet the Staff Barbecue/Picnic. Hot dogs and bottles of water will be served on the east side of our building starting at 6:00. With our summer weather shining upon us, we invite families to make a picnic of the evening and bring a picnic blanket (maybe more picnic treats) and find a spot at the front of our school. We will be blocking off the bus loop area to allow staff and families an area to picnic and mingle. We look forward to seeing you this Thursday!



Special points of interest:

- Newsletters will come home on the first Wednesday of every month
- École John Wilson Elementary welcomes new teachers Mrs. Kim Gette, Mrs. Jill Amundson, Mrs. Jacquie Linton, Mrs. Jocelyn O' Neill and Miss Amanda MacArthur. We would also like to welcome back Mrs. Ruth Handford who will continue to bless our students as their Art teacher.



GRADE	SCHOOL FEES	SWIM FEES	TOTAL
Kindergarten	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grade 1 to 4	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$90.00

School Fee Payment

We want to thank parents who have already been in to pay school fees. Wow! This sure makes it easier on our office staff to have these inputted into the system early in September. Thank you!

We ask that all school fees be paid by September 30th. Please see Dawn Davies at our school office to pay these fees in full or to discuss other arrangements like setting up a payment plan.

We appreciate your attention to this as school fees are a major part of the classroom budgets that each teacher uses to support student materials and resources used in the classroom.



We need your help.

PLEASE

We ask that all after-school arrangements be made prior to your child's arrival at school.

With the overwhelming number of phone calls we receive during the day concerning after-school pick ups and adjustments to children's after-school routine, it is very difficult for school staff to interrupt the class and also to ensure every child receives every message. We ask your cooperation in avoiding the daily 3:00 call concerning these arrangements. We understand that 'things happen', and we're always glad to help out on those occasions. We appreciate your efforts to make these arrangements before school starts. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

Greetings From Parent Council

École John Wilson Parent Council would like to welcome everyone back for the 2011/2012 school year!

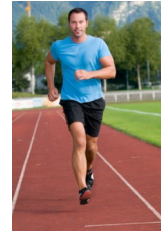
Parent Council will meet the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm, with free babysitting available. We are always busy making decisions, all in the interest of our students and their school and we welcome all ideas and suggestions. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30 pm. It is at this time of the school year when the nomination process is begun to elect our Parent Council members. We hope you are able to join us!

Parent Council Chair,
Kari Fox

Friday, September 16th

Terry Fox Run

Details to follow



**Help ensure the safety of
our students, your children.
Utilize our Call Safe line
every time your child will be
absent or late to school.
Please Call 227-3294 and leave a message.**

NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS DROPPING OFF STUDENTS!

Please Note!

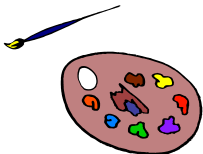


The Bowden Shuttle Bus usually arrives between 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. each day to drop off students at our school.

No personal vehicle parking or dropping off of students can occur in the

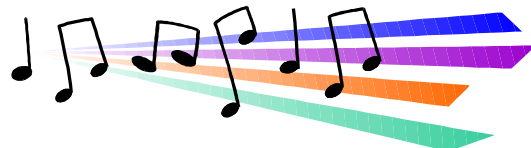
**‘Buses Only’ area
immediately in front of our school.**

**This is a
No Stopping and No Drop off Zone.**



Art Celebration Assembly September 29th

École John Wilson Elementary School will be finishing our Art Celebration Week with an **10:40 a.m. Celebration Assembly on Thursday, September 29th** to highlight activities and projects students have participated in through the week. A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Handford and Mrs. Amundson for their organization of this week...and to classroom teachers for a week of Art Celebration activities in classrooms.



Check out our new website ÉJWES website!

www.johnwilsonschool.ca

Our website is a work in progress for us and will evolve in this school year. Currently we are training further on how to use the website to its fullest. The website will become a daily source of school and classroom information for parents to access. All important school documents are posted here for your access.

We also ask all families with an email address to please visit our website and **subscribe to our monthly newsletter**. With this subscription you will automatically receive a PDF version of the newsletter when we post it.

Focusing on Values at École John Wilson Elementary School

At École John Wilson Elementary School we believe that a consistent emphasis on core values helps our students grow into strong, helpful citizens of our community. We are currently programming around five core values that guide all of who we are within our school community and beyond.



Our BIG 5

1. Be Respectful
2. Be Responsible
3. Be Truthful and Trustworthy
4. Be Cooperative
5. Be Caring

ÉJWES Student Agendas - A powerful tool of communication

At École John Wilson Elementary School, all students are equipped with a powerful tool, their student agendas. Teaching students the use of an agenda, to organize and communicate, is a valuable lifelong skill. We are committed to using this tool with students and parents in order to provide a strong, daily form of communication between school and home.

The daily role and journey of the student agenda...

- Each day teachers will provide students with a message to record in their agendas. This message may be homework related, information/notices related or just a simple message written to let parents know that the agenda was recorded in by their child.
- Students will then pack up agendas with homework/notices and place these in their backpacks at the end of each day...ready to take home.
- Students and parents will then review the agenda each evening, with parents signing the agenda to indicate they have completed their check. Parents should also use the agenda to send any notes/information through to their child's teacher.
- Students will then pack their agendas back into their backpacks to return to school for the next school day.
- Teachers will check agendas with students each morning and will sticker/sign/etc to show that the Teacher Check is now complete.
- And the journey of the Student Agenda begins again for a new school day.

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1st day of school	2	3
4	5 NO SCHOOL Labour Day Week 1	6	7	8 Welcome Back BBQ 6:00-7:00	9	10
11	12 Week 2	13	14	15	16 Terry Fox Run	17
18	19 Week 1	20 Parent Council 6:30pm	21	22	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25	26 Week 2	27	28	29 Celebration Assembly 10:40	30	

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Week 1	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day Week 2	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 School Pictures Am only Week 1	18 Parent Council 6:30pm School Pictures Am only	19 Parent/Teacher Interviews School Pictures Am only	20 Parent/Teacher Interviews School Pictures Am only	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Halloween Dress Up Celebration	28 NO SCHOOL	29
30	31 NO SCHOOL Halloween Week 1					



Student Safety at ÉJWES Working Together For Our Students



Arriving to School

Our school day begins at 8:30 a.m. Our entrance doors open at this time, giving students ten minutes of organizational time before the 8:40 a.m. bell rings. Classes begin at 8:40.

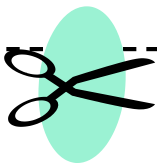
Supervision of our school grounds begins at 8:20 a.m. with the bell to go into the school ringing at 8:30 a.m. When students arrive to school they need to make their way to their class line in the designated location. Students should not be at the school on their own earlier than the time when supervision is provided. Arriving to school as close to 8:30 a.m. is best.

School Entrances and Exits

It is important for a school to designate entrances and exits for both students and parents in order to properly monitor these areas for student safety. All students are required to use their designated entrance/exit at all times, or if arriving late to school they are to come into the front office entrance and check in with Mrs. Hobbs. Parents, or any visiting adult, must always use the front office door when arriving or exiting in order to check in or out at the office. It is very important that we monitor all adults who are in our school building.

For these safety reasons, the doors on the east side of the school, that lead to the staff parking lot, are not to be used at any time by students or visiting adults. These doors are to remain locked and closed during all hours of our school day. These doors are designated staff entrance/exit doors only.

Thank you so much for your understanding in helping to keep our students safe.



HEY KIDS!

Please have your parents read this newsletter. When they are finished, fill out this coupon, return it to your teacher, and you will be entered into a draw for cool prizes. We'll make the draw at our September assembly, and would like all coupons returned by Sept. 26th.

Student name: _____ Class: _____

Parent signature: _____