

February 2016 Home and School Newsflash

Wilder Penfield Home and School

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first newsflash of 2016! Our Home and School hosted a wonderful Born To Read event (Jan 31) for the promotion of literacy in children. We funded the transportation costs for the Mont Avila Tubing event, to make the activity more affordable for our students. We are planning a memorable Staff/Daycare/Teacher Appreciation week from Feb.22-26, 2016.

We invite you to our Home and School monthly meeting on Feb.23rd. In March, meet Brian Rock, President of the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations (QFHSA), who is touring the local Home and School chapters. Brian will provide an update on Bill 86, Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) and QFHSA activities.

Also in March, our Home & School will host an interesting parent workshop entitled: "An in-depth look at the Making of a Bully" (March 21), with guest lecturer Ms. Debbie Oestreich. Come join our awesome Zumba Party on March 17 and burn off some steam. In April, watch out for our jolly Comedy night (April 15) and Spring Wilder Wear Campaign.

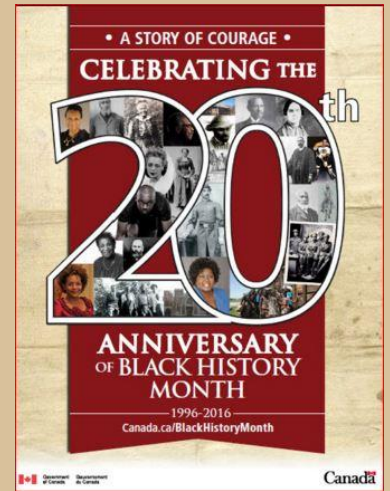
Thank you for your continued support. We greatly appreciate all your hard work to enhance the life of our beloved students.

Your Friendly Home & School EXEC team wishes you a loving Valentine's Day with your friends and family.

Staff/Daycare/Teacher Appreciation week

We invite you to contribute your volunteer time to set-up breakfast and lunch buffets, decorate our school, bake treats, cook (stew,soup,sandwiches) and donate items for our Staff/Teacher Appreciation week from Feb.22-26, 2016. In order to make the week a smashing success, we are asking you to please sign up to supply us with some of the food items we would like to serve each day. You may sign up for as many items as you can provide. No contribution is too small-everything helps in thanking the wonderful Teachers and Staff we have at Wilder Penfield Elementary School. Please click the SignupGenius link below:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/9040548ADA728AB9-teacherstaff1>



Upcoming Events

February 23

Home & School Meeting, 7pm

February 19

Fundscrip card order cutoff

February 26

Pizza lunch

Feb 22-26

Staff/Teacher/Daycare appreciation week

Join our Zumba Party!

March 17, 7-8pm

Admission: \$5 in advance

\$7 at the door

Parents and kids will have a blast during the awesome workout!

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.

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If you only have one smile in you, give it to the people you love.

Fundraisers/ Events Update

Fundscrip Gift Cards:

Order your gift cards for March break activities (movies, gas, restaurants, ...) through Fundscrip & help support our students. Cards can be shipped directly to your home or held for pick-up. Go to link <https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group>

and use code **3RL6TE**

Mabel's Labels: Label everything you own! Please support our school. Click:

<http://mabelslabels.com/support-a-fundraiser>

and select **Wilder Penfield Elementary School**.

Quebec Federation of Home & School Association's Canada Helps:

For those parents who wish to donate to Wilder Penfield's Home and School Association without buying goods/ services you can get a charitable tax receipt. Our Home and School will receive a cheque, less a 3.5% processing fee, and the money will be used to fund activities for our beloved students. You may donate money online as a charitable tax donation through QFHSA-Canada Helps:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/dn/11706>



In the Community

Born to Read:

January 31st proved to be a very special day for our Wilder Penfield Home & School Association as we hosted our first ever Born to Read event in the school's library.

Twelve lovely families with children ranging in age from 2 weeks to 19 months came out for an afternoon filled with nursery rhymes, silly songs, funny stories and snacks. The event was held to celebrate early literacy and to encourage parents to take the time to engage with their children - there was not a cell phone in sight during the event:) The successful event ended with each child going home with their own bag of books so graciously donated by the QFHSA. We have received very positive feedback from our guests and are hopeful to make the event even bigger and better next year.

An In-depth look at the Making of a Bully:

Our team is thrilled to host this parent workshop on March 21, 2016, with guest lecturer Debbie Oestreich. The event will be from 6:30-8:30 pm, with light refreshments. For free tickets, please email wilderpenfieldhomeandschool@yahoo.ca

Comedy Night: If you are interested to be part of this committee and start planning for our fun-filled Comedy Night, please submit your name to wilderpenfieldhomeandschool@yahoo.ca.

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