

April 2016 Home and School Newsflash

Wilder Penfield Home and School

Message from Principal Wallach:

I feel so fortunate and honored to have the opportunity to be part of this very special community at Wilder Penfield School. The teachers and the staff are incredible and there is such a wonderful sense of concern and care for each and every child here. They work so well together as a team and the success for each child is demonstrated in everything they do.

I have also had the opportunity to meet many of the parent volunteers, who are so important in helping to create a positive school environment. I want to thank them very much for all their time, dedication and hard work, helping to make Wilder Penfield a very special place for the children.

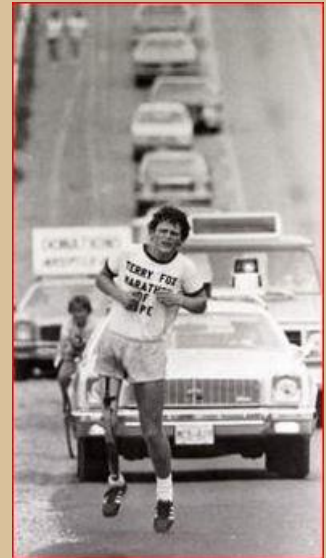
Your Home and School works very hard and is committed to supporting projects and providing tools to ensure your children have the very best learning experience possible. All their dedication and time provides so many fun and educational activities here at Wilder, so thank you for that!

I look forward to my next three weeks here and hope that I have the opportunity to meet many of you along the way!

Sincerely,

Cindy Collard Wallach

Principal replacing Mr. Massarelli



Upcoming Events

April 24

Mabel's Labels Earth Day Promo

May 3

Terry Fox run

May 17

Home & School Annual General Meeting, 6:30 pm

May 25

Celebration: Year-end Carnival

Save the Date:

We invite all our valued members to attend our Home and School's Annual General Meeting on May 17, 2016. Please note the earlier start time at 6:30pm.

Dear Parents,

Your Home and School recently purchased the innovative Spark Brain Bike. We funded the school play: "Quand Tu Vois Rouge," which was presented to all grades on April 1. The Movie Night Fundraiser helped our Grad Committee meet their goals for our Grade 6 ambassadors. Our Family Zumba party helped fund the evening parent workshop entitled: "An in-depth look at the Making of a Bully" as well as makeup, costumes and supplies for upcoming classroom musical productions.

We hosted a marvelous Comedy night event with fabulous silent auction items & raffle tables on April 15. Thanks to all volunteers and donors for their generosity. Students tested their fitness in a fun way at our annual Run-A-Thon event on April 20/21, during our healthy fundraising event. Students were rewarded with certificates & participant ribbons. Our children enjoyed free chocolate milk which was generously donated by Les Producteurs de lait d'Outaouais-Laurentides (PLOL)/ Les Producteurs de lait du Québec.

You are invited to our **Annual General meeting on May 17, 2016** at 6:30pm in the library. We will present our annual performance results, upgrade our constitution & bylaws and vote for our FY2016/2017 EXEC team. If you are interested to be part of a dedicated, talented EXECUTIVE team, please send your name to Ms. Heather Martin, our Election Committee chairman, and we will send you a nomination form.

We invite you to our Year-End Carnival on May 25th (rain date May 26). This event will be even more awesome than last year...

Thank you again for your continued support of our beloved students.

Happy Earth Day.

Your friendly neighbourhood Home & School EXEC team



In the Community

YEAR-END CARNIVAL IS ON MAY 25!

We invite you to volunteer your time for our last big event: the Year-End Carnival on May 25, 2016.

Please contact:

wilderpenfieldhomeandschool@yahoo.ca

if you would like to join the planning committee. Be the change you wish to see in the world.

Workshop on Cyber-Bullying/Sexting

Principal Wallach attended a recent workshop on these important topics, presented by Jennifer Freeman. Please contact us for copies of the following resources from the Canadian Centre for Child Protection: "What's the Deal?" And "School and Family approaches to Intervention and Prevention".

For More info: www.protectchildren.ca, needhelpnow.ca, brotalk.ca, kidshelpphone.ca

Canada-Wide Science Festival on May 18-20

Visit www.Sciencetech.ca to attend the national championship of science fairs at McGill University.



Be the change you wish to see in the world. – Mahatma Gandhi

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Fundraisers/Events Update:

Wilder Wear: Our spring campaign has been postponed. School spirit apparel will be available again in the Fall 2016.

Fundscrip Gift Cards: Order your gift cards for Mother's Day through Fundscrip & help support our students. Cards can be shipped directly to your home or held for pick-up. Click the link and use code **3RL6TE** <https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group>

Mabel's Labels: Please support our school & order your Earth Day Mabel's Labels personalized stickers at 50% off until April 24. Four designs are available at 50% off: Earth, Butterfly, Maple Leaf and Sun. Click the link & select **Wilder Penfield Elementary School:**

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

Run-A-Thon & QFHSA Canada Helps: For those parents who wish to receive a tax receipt for their Run-A-Thon donation you may donate money through QFHSA-Canada Helps, select Wilder Penfield and type:"Run-A-Thon" & your student's name in the message box:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/quebec-federation-of-home-and-school-associations/>

The donor will receive a tax receipt for the full amount. Home and school will receive the donation less a small handling fee.

Robotics Academy

Our Robotics Academy pilot program has been postponed to the FY2016/2017 school year.

School Supply Kits are back!

Our wonderful community rep, Ms. Rachel Guenin will head this committee. Overall feedback was positive and families seemed pleased with our service last year. If you are interested to join this committee, please submit your name to: wilderpenfieldhomeandschool@yahoo.ca