

Wilmington Elementary School

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GRADE RANGE: JK to 4

Interesting Feature

Our Commitment to Quality Education

Wilmington Elementary is committed to student Success and a warm and caring environment. Our teachers will: 1 enhance their understanding and use of high-yield teaching strategies. 2 ensure understanding of essential concepts in Literacy and Numeracy, focusing on application of skills. 3 emphasize local and global citizenship through focus on TDSB Character Traits. 4 integrate computer skills across the curriculum. 5 use current and relevant data to direct instruction. 6 provide specialized support for students with learning difficulties and special needs.

Our school originally opened in 1958 as Cedar Grove Public School. In 1978, we became part of an amalgamation of three schools Wilmington, Cedar Grove and Dufferin Heights Junior High under the name Charles H. Best Elementary and Middle School, East And West. In June 2002, Charles H. Best West became a school on its own, offering programs for Junior Kindergarten to Grade 4. During 2003-2004, the school community completed the TDSB process to change our name to Wilmington Elementary School. As well as our vibrant elementary program, Wilmington also houses our fabulous Parenting Centre as well as Wilmington Best Child Care and the after school International Languages Elementary Program for Turkish, Mandarin and Gujarati.

Our Commitment to Social Justice

To help motivate our reading and writing, and to develop our global citizenship, Wilmington is also using a "Me to We" theme through 2009-2010. We will be looking at social justice themes as they apply to ourselves, locally and globally. The goal is to find ways that we can make a difference!

Our Primary grades are looking at Empathy, Caring, and Cooperation. What does it look like, feel like, and sound like, in ourselves and others?

Our Junior grades are looking at Poverty. What is it? What does it look like here (at home) and around the world? What can we do to help others?





More Information about Wilmington Elementary School

School Council

School Council is both your voice in the school, and our place for parents and staff to make Wilmington an even better place for our children to learn and grow. All parents are very welcome to attend as many of our monthly meetings as they wish, and they have the opportunity to meet and work with Principal Bailey and our new executive.

Small, But Mighty

Wilmington has just over 300 students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 4. With the smaller numbers, we are able to make sure every child is known and valued, and has the opportunity to grow personally and academically.

We pride ourselves on the quiet, warm and welcoming atmosphere that has been developed with such a wide range of students.

Community Partnerships

We welcome community members to assist us in meeting the needs of our students. Our doors are open!!!

Our Motto: "Together We Are Stronger!"

Diversity of Backgrounds

We are very proud of our families and community. With just over 300 students, we have families that speak 41 different languages and come from 27 different countries.

It is our breadth of experiences that make us stronger and wiser!

Additional Features

- Student Lead Initiatives, include:
- Peace Tree Club
- Adding Shade Trees in School Yard
- Community Garden initiative
- School Honour Roll in Byron-Germain
- Math Contest
- Growing Partnership with CH Best

For a list of all programs that are also offered visit <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Findyour/Schools.aspx?schno=3064&schoolId=64>



Student Life - Where You Belong

Numeracy/Literacy:

Byron-Germain Math competition - Math Club - Chess Club
- Book Bags - Family Literacy/Numeracy Events - Classes
visiting local public library

Personal Development:

Playground Pals - B.R.A.S.S.(Behaviour Resource Active
Support Services),provides social skills programs for all age
groups - Toronto Schools on the Move - Office/Library
Helpers - Hearing and Vision Screening - Healthy Learning
Communities (Ryerson Univeristy)

Co-curricular:

The Playground Pals - Eco Schools - Hip Hop Dance -
Computer Club - Talent Show - Choir - Ukulele - Music and
Drama Concerts/Performances - Karate Club - Earth Day -
Chess Club - Chapley Arena (skating) -



What Sets Us Apart

- Parenting and Family Literacy Centre Drop-In (Mon-Thurs. 9am-2pm)
- SEPT - Settlement Worker (Fridays)
- Joint Early Years Team - partnership with 'feeder' Child Care Centres



Parent and Community Engagement

- Settlement workers in Russian, Farsi and Korean - Co-op students from Northview Heights Secondary School, Mackenzie Collegiate and Seneca College - Collaboration with community agencies--Hinks Dellcrest Centre, Adventure Place, Metro Police (Community Police Officers delivering special programs), Children's Aid Society (Metro CAS, CCAS and JFCS) -

- Active School Council with a few dedicated and involved members - Parent volunteers assisting in classrooms, on trips, reading to students, helping in the library and computer lab - School Community Events (Family BBQ, pizza lunches, end of year family celebration, fundraising events) - Book Fair - Family Literacy and Family Math evenings - - -



TDSB - Better Schools. Brighter Futures

Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.



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