



Direct Donation Campaign

The Wilkinson School Community Council (WSCC) is dedicated to making each child's experience at Wilkinson as meaningful and rewarding as possible. Each year, the WSCC works with Wilkinson parents and families to raise money towards various goals such as the purchase of new school equipment, schoolyard enhancement, and additional educational activities and resources to supplement the curriculum.

Because of the strength and support of Wilkinson's community, the WSCC was thrilled to be able to bring the following programming and activities to Wilkinson in recent years:

- School-wide [technology](#) upgrade (2015-2017)
- A brand new Kindergarten play structure (2014).
- Hands-on arts programming such as Blank Canvas, performing art shows for all grades, schoolyard art installations, and of course the Ukulele Program which was pioneered at Wilkinson and is now being rolled out city-wide.
- Visiting authors, the Forest of Reading program and Scientists in the classroom.
- New sports equipment, team uniforms and programming such as Aussie X that create opportunities for new sports to be practiced long after the one-day program.
- Community building and fundraising events such as Movie Nights, the Sweetheart Bake Sale, the Wilkinson Derby, and the ever-popular annual Fun Fair.
- Student graduation festivities and field trip subsidies that both reduce the cost of field trips for each student and allow access to more expensive venues.
- Educational seminars for parents on topics such as homework help (2014), computer usage (2015) and children and money (2016).

The WSCC is truly grateful for the resources generously donated by Wilkinson families, be they time, money or talent.

Thank you for your support!



Technology Upgrade 2015-2017

Technology use at Wilkinson has increased in the past few years with the purchase of tablets (70 iPads in total) and laptops (Chromebooks). The iPads are being used with the primary grades (K-3) and the Chromebooks for the junior grades (4-6). We are currently using the Chromebooks and iPads as they are reliable and easy to use, are well supported by the TDSB and offer good value for money spent.

Through the support of the School Council, Wilkinson has been able to provide a wider range of digital learning opportunities for our students. These have included the purchases, during the 2015-2016 school year, of 20 Chromebooks to augment the existing 40 devices. These Chromebooks are used with the junior students to do online research and inquiry using the school library databases, online encyclopedias and various websites. Students have been learning about keyword searches, research skills and digital citizenship. Junior students are also learning about Google Apps for Education (Docs, Slides, Forms etc.) through their TDSB accounts. Using Google Apps, students can access their files from any computer and collaborate with classmates using shared documents. Some teachers have extended this learning and have created Google Classrooms where student assignments are posted and completed work is submitted online. Others are using Google Sites to create websites to share information and updates with the students.

As part of the long range plan to support teaching and learning with technology, we are in the process of installing Apple TV projection systems (along with computers to run them) in each of the classrooms. This package will enable teachers to display work and lessons, share educational video clips and enable students to share presentations with the class. As we develop our long range plans to introduce more technology to Wilkinson, we look forward to continuing this important relationship with the Wilkinson School Council.

Allan Kelly
Principal
Wilkinson Public School



Direct Donation Form

Direct donations can be made using the form below. Donations of \$25 or more are eligible for a charitable tax receipt (unfortunately, tax receipts cannot be issued for cash donations).

How do I make a donation using this form?

1. Print and fill out the form below.
2. If you'd like a tax receipt, please make your cheque payable to "Toronto District School Board – For Wilkinson Public School".
3. If you **do not** want a tax receipt, please make your cheque payable to "Wilkinson School Council".
4. Submit this form together with your cheque to the school. You can do this by sending it with your child or by dropping it off in the School Council mailbox, which is located in the school office.

Thank you for your support!

Wilkinson Direct Donation Campaign

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Email: _____

Student name(s) and room #(s): _____

I would like to donate: \$25 \$30 \$50 Other \$ _____