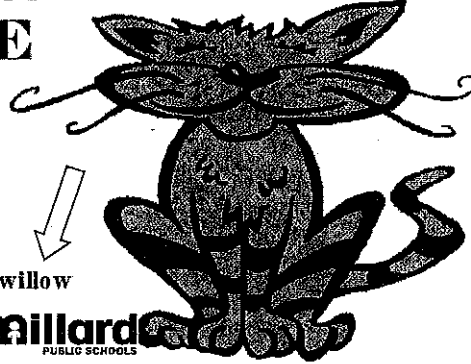


WILLOWDALE

A Path to the Future!
Home-School-Community



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WHISPERS

April 1, 2016

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From the Principal

Thank you Willowdale Community!!

We had over 50 parents and students at our **Outdoor Learning Environment Clean-Up** last Friday. It is amazing what can be done with many hands. It looks fabulous! All of the old winter growth is gone for the new spring plants and grasses to come up. A special thanks to our WHO Club (Willowdale Helping Others) for their help. One student said, "This is the most fun I've ever had!" We so much appreciate everyone's help to get a monumental task done in 1 hour!

It's that time of year when our staff starts organizing classes for next year. This is an arduous and complex task where classes are balanced based on boys/girls, special programs, personalities, and abilities. Our staff does an incredible job with this process and can be trusted to do the very best for your child. **IF** there are any circumstances that you feel should be considered, please contact me personally to discuss. This **MUST** be done **no later than April 15th please.**

We have such talented kids at Willowdale!
~Great job **Willowdale 5th graders** on your Science NeSA this week!
~The Band Concert at Russell on Monday really showed off the talents of our musicians. **Mr. Parker** does an excellent job of leading our band.
~On Thursday, **Mrs. Dymond** led a wonderful 4th and 5th grade Orchestra Concert at Russell. What a great opportunity both of these groups had in playing with students from other elementary schools as well.
~The **3rd Grade Economics Fair** today showcased students' entrepreneurial creativity and marketing skills!

We have the greatest custodians right here at Willowdale! Next week is Nebraska School Custodians Week — hats off to Willowdale's hardworking **Mr. Schinstock** and **Mr. Bolte!**

~Mrs. Susan Kelley

When Is the Last Day of School?

The District has not made an official announcement yet regarding the last day of school. Having used 2 snow days this year, we are tentatively scheduled for final dismissal at noon on Tuesday, May 24. Stay tuned for an official announcement after the April Board Meeting.

UPCOMING NeSA TESTING DATES!!

- Grade 3 Reading—April 7 & 8
- Grade 5 Math—April 12 & 13
- Grade 4 Reading—April 14 & 15
- Grade 3 Math—April 21 & 22
- Grade 4 Math—April 25 & 26
- Grade 5 English Language Arts—April 28 & 29
- Field Test Grade 3 English Language Arts—May 2
- Field Test Grade 4 English Language Arts—May 5

COMING UP

- Apr. 4 NE School Custodians Week
- Apr. 4 Student Council Officers Meeting, 3:45-4:10
- Apr. 5 Student Council Meeting, 3:45-4:10
- Apr. 5 PTO Meeting, 6:30
- Apr. 6 Middle Schools visit Willowdale 5th Graders
- Apr. 7 Wildcat Cubs Story Time, 9-9:30am
- Apr. 7 Grade 4 Bowling Outing, 12:30-2:30
- Apr. 8 Grade 4 to Lincoln, all day
- Apr. 8 Grade 5 Bowling Outing, 12:30-2:30
- Apr. 11 National School Library Week
- Apr. 11 School Improvement Team, 7pm
- Apr. 12 Golden Sower Book Club, 3:45-4:30
- Apr. 14 Golden Sower Quiz Bowl, 4pm
- Apr. 18 NE School Psychologist Week
- Apr. 18 School Improvement Team Meeting, 6:30
- Apr. 20 Dollars for Donuts, 8am
- Apr. 20 Volunteer Luncheon, 11:30-1:00
- Apr. 22 Grade 1 to Durham Museum, 9:30-1:00
- Apr. 22 Midquarter
- Apr. 26 Grade 1 to Omaha Symphony 8:45-11:20
- Apr. 26-28 PTO Spring Bookfair
- Apr. 27 Secretaries Day
- Apr. 27 Family Groups, 1:40
- Apr. 28 Retirement Open House for Mrs. Kelley, 5-7pm**
- May 3 PTO Meeting, 6:30
- May 4 Band/Swing Choir/Recorder Ensemble Concert, 9:15am
- May 4 NE School Food Service Worker Day
- May 5 Wildcat Cubs Story Time, 9-9:30am
- May 5 PTO Family Fun Festival, 5-7pm
- May 6 2016-17 Kindergarten Roundup, 9:30-12:00
- May 6 Grade 5 to Middle School Orientation
- May 9 School Improvement Team, 7pm
- May 10 Student Council Meeting, 3:45-4:10
- May 11 National School Nurse Day
- May 11 Kindergarten Luau, 1:00

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
28 A- Ham and Cheese Sub* B- Cheese Pizza C- Beef Nachos D- Hot Dog E- Fiesta Salad w/ Tortilla Triangles	29 A- Sun Butter and Banana Wrap B- Pancakes and Cheesy Egg Patty C- Corn Dog D- Meatball Sub E- Mandarin Chicken Salad w/ Roll	30 A- Turkey and Goldfish Lunchbox B- Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll C- Crispito w/ Cheese Sauce D- Hummus Cucumber Wrap	31 A- Chicken Ranch Wrap B- Pizza Sticks w/ Marinara C- Steak Fritter W/B Gravy & Roll D- Chicken Patty Sandwich E- Chef Salad* w/ Roll	1 A- Italian Wrap* B- Fish Nuggets w/ Roll C- Spaghetti and Meatballs D- Jersey Shore Sandwich E- Spicy Chicken Salad w/ Roll
4 A- Cheese Sandwich B- Hamburger C- Soft Taco D- Ham and Egg Breakfast Bagel* E- Chicken Caesar Salad w/ Roll	5 A- Spicy Chicken Wrap B- French Toast Sticks & Sausage* C- Chicken Lo Mein D- Pretzel w/ Yogurt Bowl & Cheese Stick E- Strawberry Spinach Salad w/ Muffin	6 A- Mediterranean Hummus Bowl B- Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll C- Pork Quesadilla* D- Mini Mouse Salad w/ Roll	7 A- Ham and Cheese Wrap* B- Tater Tot Casserole w/ Roll C- Mac and Cheese D- Sloppy Joe E- Chef Salad w/ Roll*	8 A- Double Berry Parfait B- Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll C- Breakfast Tacos D- Chicken Parmesan Sandwich E- Popcorn Chicken Salad w/ Roll*
11 A- Ham and Cheese Sandwich* B- Cheese Pizza C- Beef Nachos D- Hot Dog E- Fiesta Salad w/ Tortilla Triangles	12 A- Italian Sub* B- Pancakes and Cheesy Egg Patty C- Mini Corn Dogs D- BBQ Sandwich E- Mandarin Chicken Salad with Roll	13 A- Pepperoni and Pretzel Lunch Box B- Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll C- Crispito w/ Cheese Sauce D- Sun Butter & Jelly Sandwich	14 A- Chicken Ranch Wrap B- Pizza Sticks w/ Marinara C- Breakfast Tacos D- Chicken Patty Sandwich E- Chef* Salad w/ Roll	15 A- American Sub B- Steak Fritter w/ Gravy and Roll C- Fish Nuggets w/ Roll D- Grilled Cheese E- Spicy Chicken Salad w/ Roll
18 A- Cheese Sandwich B- Cheeseburger C- Cheese Nachos D- Chicken Parmesan Sandwich E- Chicken Caesar Salad w/ Roll	19 A- Turkey and Cheese Sub B- French Toast Sticks & Sausage* C- Chicken Fried Rice D- Sloppy Joe E- Strawberry Spinach Salad w/ Muffin	20 A- Fruit Plate with Muffin B- Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll C- Cheese Quesadilla D- Mini Mouse Salad w/ Roll	21 A- Turkey and Cheese Wrap B- Pepperoni Pizza C- Cheesy Chicken Pasta D- Pretzel w/ Yogurt Bowl & Cheese Stick E- Chef Salad w/ Roll*	22 A- Double Berry Parfait B- Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll C- Mac and Cheese D- Breakfast Tacos E- Popcorn Chicken Salad w/ Roll
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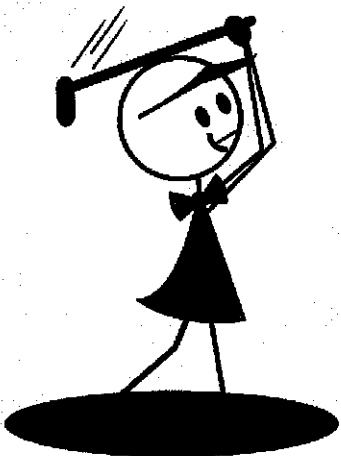
...golf balls, not phone calls!

...when all your meetings are on the greens!

..the only reports you submit are your golf scores!

Susan Kelley is ready to hit the links
as she settles into retirement.

Please join us in wishing her well
on her new adventures!



WHAT: RETIREMENT PARTY FOR
MRS. SUSAN KELLEY

WHEN: APRIL 28, 2016, 5-7PM

WHERE: WILLOWDALE GYM

The Willowdale PTO invites the community to join in the fun—come tell Mrs. Kelley what she has meant to you!



2015-2016 YEARBOOKS

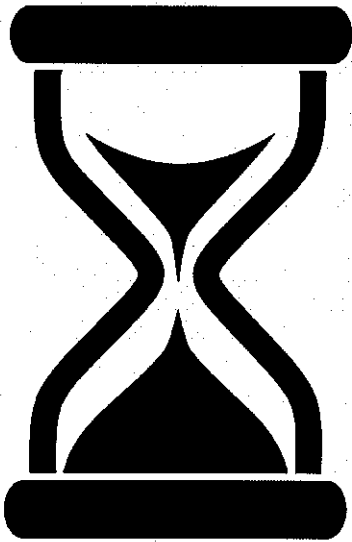
REMINDERS:

Yearbooks can still be ordered at the early bird price of \$12 each through **March 11th**. After that, the pricing increases to \$18 through April 22nd. The Fifth Grade Dedications are an additional \$5 and are due in March (I will email everyone who requested a dedication with more info)! Not sure if you've sent in your order yet? Please review the following list of all yearbook orders received.

Kindergarten	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade
Addison, Lily	Al-Goran, Mariam	Al-Goran, Jaafar	Abboud, Allie	Blagoue, Meghan	<u>WITH</u>
Addison, Mitchell	Blagoue, Owen	Bosiljevac,	Aguirre, Elise	Curry, Abby	<u>DEDICATION</u>
Bakker, Rylie	Braymen, Toby	Harmony	Blumentaha,	Eisma, Kailee	Beckerbauer,
Beckerbauer,	Brown, Jessica	Campbell, Collin	Brandon	Garza, Alberto	Cecilia
Natasha	Buelt, Charlie	Croom, Ava	Boetel, Tyler	Hajduch, Nick	Brown, Kara
Beiriger, Evan	Carroll, Chase	Drexler, Bobby	Brown, Ryan	Janet, Lucas	Ciesielski, Emily
Blumenthal,	Fang, Ethan	Elgert, Sofia	Cooke,	McKenny, Elyza	Dean, Mason
Caroline	Fink, Natalie	Finnigsmier,	Christopher	Mills, Nina	Dennis, Jake
Cooke, Kathryn	Hoffart, Lincoln	Emmarrie	Finnestad, David	Pinterton, Paul	Frieburger, David
Cupich, Ellie	Janet, Lyla	Golliday, Shelden	Gibbons, Ally	Portsche, Peyton	Garrity, Chase
Elliott, Lexie	Johnson, Ava	Harnisch, Mason	Gubbels, Daiten	Schueman, Jack	Golliday, Effie
Goedeker, Olivia	Kelly, Avery	Hinton, Molly	Hamilton, Jake	Singleton, Lauren	Grady, Conlin
Grady, Alyson	Krause, Xane	Hurt, Gavin	Harris, Sophie	Smihara, Ami	Hamilton, Noah
Knupp, Adela	Lukasiewicz, Alexis	Kirschner, Chase	Hernandez, Brian	Smith, Sadie	Jackson, Benji
Kreifels, Ruth	McGranaghan,	Knowski, Michael	Hu, Erin	Stolp, Brody	Jenkin, Riley
Larson, Madeline	Natalie	Knupp, Elizabeth	Knutsen, Kendal	Straley, Reece	Johnson, Ryland
Leece, Magnus	McKenny, Abbi	Leece, Elle	Lehman, Tyler	VanderZwaag,	Kirschner, Cole
Olson, Adam	McNulty, Kevin	Luckritz,	Maulick, Kelsey	Sebastian	Kirschner, Chloe
Pinkerton, Mila	Miller, Jimmy	Maximus	Mindrup, Fred	Weitkam, Darwin	Kloucek, Alyssa
Pratt, Hayden	Milone, Lucia	Luger, Ethan	Mirkay, Noah	Wendell, Jacob	Lehman, Drew
Seim, Lauren	Pinkston, Aubrey	Meisgeier, Faith	Morrison, Derek		Lowe, Hope
Todd, Gwen	Pitcher, Sophia	Odegaard, Owen	Oppliger, Brooke		Mattox, Devin
Walter, Brinley	Scheer, Bren	Olson, Josh	Qaud, Leen		Mattox, Dylan
Zieg, Madison	Sime, Jaxson	Owens, Cole	Sash, Lauren		McNulty, Sean
	Simonson, Ayden	Savard, Elizabeth	Schmidt, Tristan		Meyersick, Riley
	Smutny, Andre	Shen, Grace	Sistek, Annaliese		Miller, Aidan
	Splichal, Finn	Ullman, Avery	Smutny, Madelyne		Nesci, Johnny
	Stauffer, Aidan	Uzair, Iqbal	Sommer, Abigail		Oppliger, Carter
	Wakefield, Sean	Zhang, Sophia	Vinsonhaler,		Qaud, Sarah
	Weaver, Aidan		Bishop		Schlosser, Katie
	Xu, Kaibo		Weitkam, Sara		Sistek, Amy
			Wendell, Colin		Swift, Cole
					Trapp, Coleman
					Ullman, Samantha
					<u>WITHOUT</u>
					<u>DEDICATION</u>
					Bills, Wesley
					Brake, Toni
					Miers, Piper
					Murshed, Aman

If you have any questions about the yearbook, please email Lisa Wendell at lmwendell@yahoo.com

Yearbook Orders & Dedications



Orders are due
March 13th.

We will accept late orders until April 25nd but the price will go up.
Get your orders in today!!

Cost & Deadline:
Early, March 11th - \$12
Late, April 25nd - \$18

5th GRADE DEDICATIONS:

If you have purchased a dedication, please email the verbiage and any photos to Keri Leece, zarullu@yahoo.com or leave them at the front desk at Willowdale. Those will need to be in by **April 15th.**

Student Name _____ Teacher _____
Student Name _____ Teacher _____
Student Name _____ Teacher _____

** If you have a 5th grader and want to do a dedication in the yearbook the cost is \$5. You can pay that now and submit your dedication later this year. Please include your email address here so we can send you a reminder. _____



of Yearbooks _____ x \$12
5th grade dedication _____ x \$5
TOTAL AMOUNT\$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Willowdale PTO.
You can return this form with your yearbook payment to the office
(Attention: Lisa Wendell, PTO)

