Willoughby Elementary School

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Upcoming Events

October 16:	**Great Shake Out and Reunification Drill**
October 23:	**Learning Updates issued**
October 23:	**Halloween Dance - PAC**
October 24:	**Pro D – No Students in session**
October 31:	**Halloween- Costume Twirl**
November 3:	**Photo Retakes**
November 7:	**Hot Lunch**
November 8:	**National Aboriginal Veterans Day**
November 10:	**Design and Assessment Day – No students in attendance**
November 11:	**Remembrance Day – No school**
November 13:	**World Kindness Day**
November 14:	**Spirit Day – Future Career**
November 14:	**PAC Movie night**
November 15:	**Christmas Market**
November 17:	**PAC Meeting 6:30 PM**
November 26:	**Student Inclusive Conference – No School**
November 27:	**Early Dismissal 12:30 PM- Student Inclusive Conference**
November 28:	**Hot Lunch**
December 4:	**Winter Concert K- Gr 2 – 1 PM & 6 PM**
December 5:	**Hot Lunch**
December 12:	**Pancake Breakfast**
December 19:	**Last Day before Winter Break**

Important Reminders

Great Shake-out on Thursday, October 16

No School on Friday, October 24 – Provincial Pro D Day

Our students go outside for recess and lunch rain or shine, and we encourage you to ensure they are dressed for the weather. Our lost and found is currently full, so if you have items you are missing, please ask your child to check the lost and found. You are welcome to visit our lost and found. All items are placed in the hallway to spot clothing more easily.

Emergency Procedures & Response

Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Schools follow emergency procedures to ensure students, staff, and any visitors in our schools or sites are safe when unexpected incidents or events happen. At the start of every school year, administrators, teachers, and staff review these emergency procedures. Schools practice a set number of drills annually in preparation for unexpected situations. The District encourages families to become familiar with these staff emergency procedures and the drills that are completed in schools. You can read about them in the Staff Emergency Procedures Poster ***here*** *or find them posted in areas throughout District buildings. If you have questions or concerns about emergency procedures, please contact your child's teacher or principal.*

Byelection Day (October 25)

On Saturday, October 25th, many school gyms across the District will be used as Township of Langley Byelection polling stations from 8am – 8pm. As guided by Section 81 of the Election Act "accommodation in a school that is the property of a board of school trustees under the School Act must be made available by the board for use as a voting place."

Please take note of extra pedestrian and vehicle traffic in the area of these sites on this day. The District appreciates the support and cooperation from families and members of our community. The District is encouraging everyone who is eligible to do their civic duty and vote. For a list of school sites being used, visit the District website ***here****.*

Keep your children free from respiratory illnesses this winter

As the weather gets colder and we spend more time indoors, we're more likely to get sick with things like colds, flu or COVID-19 because these illnesses spread more easily in enclosed spaces.

Everyone should take these steps to protect themselves and limit the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Get vaccinated for flu and COVID-19 if you are eligible.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water is not available.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- If you have flu-like symptoms, stay home and away from people at higher risk of serious illness. If you are sick and cannot stay away from others, wear a mask. Learn more about masks here.

Vaccinations for respiratory illness

Vaccinations prepare our immune system to recognize and respond to viruses. When children get immunized, they are less likely to get sick or pass along illness to others and better able to focus on learning, playing and doing the activities they love. Register your children with the Get Vaccinated system so you can be reminded to get flu or COVID-19 vaccinations when they are due. Seasonal respiratory vaccinations are available from pharmacies, public health units and some primary care providers.

School-aged immunizations

As children get older, the protection from some infant immunizations can wear off. To set young people up for long-term health and well-being, vaccines are offered routinely in kindergarten, grade 6 and grade 9 with catch-up opportunities in other grades. Getting your child vaccinated on schedule is one of the best ways to protect their health.

All routine school-aged immunizations are free in British Columbia. If your child is not up-to-date with their vaccines, please make an appointment with a public health unit, family doctor, nurse practitioner or pharmacy. If your child's record shows their vaccines are not current, but they did get vaccines from a health care provider outside of public health:

- Contact the health care provider who immunized your child and ask for a copy of the immunization record.
- Report these immunizations to Public Health online at: http://www.fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform

Learn more about school-aged immunizations, including how to access your child's records, here: Children and youth immunizations – Fraser Health Authority

Halloween at School: **Halloween at School:** Students are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes to school on Tuesday, October 31. Please ensure that your children do not bring costume pieces that could get lost or broken.

Also, exercise good judgment. For example, masks should be left at home as it is hard for children to see when wearing them, and often young children are scared by them and/or scary make-up. Children cannot bring "play" weapons to school. This includes toy guns, knives, axes, or other items that represent a weapon. We also ask that you do not send any food/treats/items (including wrapped Halloween candy) to school with your child to share with others.

As Halloween approaches, this is a reminder of the importance of being culturally sensitive as you choose your costumes. As clothing from various cultures is not a costume, but is often part of sacred rituals or beliefs, dressing as such is considered cultural appropriation. According to the Cambridge Dictionary, "the act of taking or using things from a culture that is not your own, especially without showing that you understand or respect this culture." As you move forward with planning costumes for your family, please take this information into consideration. As always, we want all students and staff to learn in a healthy, safe and inclusive learning environment.

Updates from the PAC

Halloween Dance – Thurs Oct 23

- Tickets will sell out! Purchase yours today on www.munchalunch.ca
- Enjoy live music with DJ D3xter, prizes for best costumes, photo booth, pizza (available for pre-purchase), and treats at the concession.

Coupon Book Winners

- Thank you for participating in the fundraiser.
- We raised over $5000 for the Music program and Learning Commons!

Top 10 selling students:	Lorenzo (31 books!) Carly Hannah J Ryder S Alissa	Johnny Henry S Amelia T Kaveer Matteo V
VIP Concert seating:	Lorenzo Carly Hannah J	
Pizza party for top selling classes:	Div 5 (Ms Radke) Div 11 (Ms Gedak)	
Tickets to Vancouver Giants game:	Sloane B	
DQ ice cream cake:	Asher	
DQ kid's meal:	Booker William D Camden	
Orange Julius hotdog and drink:	Sophia K Hayley K Elena S	

Please email the PAC with questions: willoughbypac@gmail.com

10TH ANNUAL CHARITY SHOPPING NIGHT

SHOP & SHINE

Langley
SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOUNDATION

Get your friends together & kick off your holiday shopping early at this magical evening event at Willowbrook Mall.

- **Games & $20,000 in Prizes!**
- **Delicious Nibbles**
- **Festive Backdrops for Photos!**
- **$25 GC for every $250 Purchased!**
- **Reusable Shopping Tote Gift**
- **VIP Tix ($180+ in Extras!)**
- **Tickets start at only $20**

Scan QR Code to Buy Tickets