



Willoughby Elementary School

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Principal: Mrs. Karin Muuren

Vice Principal: Mrs. Lara Gray

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Mya Bainbridge



Upcoming Events

September 12:	PAC Freezie Day \$2
September 15:	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM in the Learning Commons
September 15:	First Full Day for K students
September 18:	Meet the Teacher Evening 6 PM
September 19:	Terry Fox Run
September 21:	International Day of Peace
September 26:	Orange Shirt Day at school
September 26:	Hot Lunch
September 29:	School Improvement Day – No students in session
September 30:	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No students in session
October 1:	Yom Kippur
October 5:	World Teachers' Day
October 10:	Individual Photos
October 10:	Hot Lunch
October 13:	Thanksgiving Day – School not in session
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



Important Reminders

Grade 5 Special Hoodie orders will be open on School Cash online on Wednesday
Freezies sold behind the school on Friday - \$2



Thank you to our wonderful PAC for watering our trees throughout the summer. We are so grateful to each one of you who offered up your precious time to support our school. Our trees are growing fast and look beautiful!

We're excited to begin our second week at Willoughby and truly appreciate your cooperation, flexibility, and patience as we settle into both familiar and new routines. Our staff is working diligently to teach expectations and routines, while students are getting to know their new teachers and classmates. The atmosphere throughout the school is warm and collaborative, with students showing positive attitudes in both classrooms and on the playground. We look forward to partnering with you and your children this year. Please stay engaged with classroom and school updates, and continue supporting your child in developing consistent homework, home reading, and bedtime routines. These habits help set them up for a successful and confident start each day.



Will My Child Be OK In a Split Class?

Many children thrive in split-grade classrooms! These classes are thoughtfully designed to support a wide range of learners and offer several unique benefits:

- **Differentiated Instruction:** Teachers in split classes are skilled at meeting students where they are, providing personalized learning opportunities that challenge and support each child.
- **Leadership Opportunities:** Younger students often benefit from observing and learning alongside older peers, while older students gain confidence and leadership skills by modelling positive behaviours and helping others.
- **Flexible Grouping:** Students are grouped based on their learning needs rather than just their grade level, which can lead to more targeted instruction and better academic outcomes.
- **Social Development:** Mixed-age classrooms encourage cooperation, empathy, and respect among students of different ages and abilities.

Placement decisions are made with great care, considering each child's academic, social, and emotional needs.

Here is a helpful article to explain the reasoning behind split classes. If your child is not in a split class this year, they might be next year. In a growing area like ours, it might be inevitable.

<http://chriswejr.com/2012/09/09/will-my-child-be-ok-in-a-split-class/>

We have a wonderful staff at Willoughby. All children will be in very good hands, no matter which class they are in!





Agendas: These can be purchased on the School Cash Online website for \$6.00 (Kindergarten students **DO NOT** need to purchase agendas, unless otherwise stated by the teacher). Please note that our student agendas include a handbook at the front that contains very important information about the District's Code of Conduct, Dress Guidelines, Fair Notice Policy, cell phone and technology use, our positive behaviour matrix, Zones of Regulation tools, and ways to support your child. Please read this information and discuss it with your children. Thank you!



Student Absences & Lates: To help us account for all students and ensure that everyone is safe, please remember to call the school if your child is going to be late or away due to illness, appointments, or vacation.

Submitting Absences

We have 3 ways you can submit an absence:

Website submission: <https://willoughby.sd35.bc.ca/submit-absence/>

You can email: WESAttendance@sd35.bc.ca

Phone attendance voicemail: 604-888-6033 ext. 1 (24hrs a day)

We would like to encourage you to make sure that your children arrive at school on time every day. This will lessen disruptions in the classroom and ensure that your child has a smooth and calm start to their day. We do know that sometimes students will arrive late. If this is the case, they need to come to the main entrance to sign in and get a late slip to take to their teacher.

Mrs. Bainbridge would like to thank all the parents for being so diligent in contacting the office to let her know of any absences. Thank you, parents.

Technology – iPhones/Smart Watches - AP Procedure 350
Please take note

“At the discretion of the school Administration, personal digital devices are not to be used during non-instructional times, from the student's arrival at the start of the day, to the student's departure at the end of the day. This includes during recess, lunch, and other breaks. Students are encouraged to keep their personal digital devices at home. Any devices brought to school should be turned off and stored away in backpacks or lockers.”



Drop off and pick up – Please use the designated crosswalks

Please do not jaywalk across 80 Avenue. It is very dangerous to cross without using the traffic light.



Parents, please do not park in the drop-off zone in front of the school. This area is **ONLY** for dropping off and picking up your child. If you wish to walk your child to class or meet them at the end of the day, please use the **church parking lot across the street**.

There are no longer parking spots available on **80 Avenue and 208 Street**, so we kindly ask that you use the church parking lot. The church has generously opened the gate on the **East side** of their lot for easier access.

Please exit the church parking lot **cautiously**, as many parents and students walk through this area during drop-off and pick-up times. **Do not block the exit at the church parking lot**—this is not a parking area.

We've also noticed that some parents are cutting through the parking lot after drop-off. For safety reasons, please stay on the **sidewalk** and avoid walking through the lot.

Finally, always use the **designated crosswalks** at the main entrance gate and on the East side of the school.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

You're Invited to our Meet the Teacher Evening

When: Thursday, September 18 (6:00 – 7:00 pm)

We will begin the evening in the gym.

After we introduce our staff you will be invited to visit your children's classrooms to meet their teacher(s). A bell will ring when it is time to change to your other child's class.

***Please note: Teachers will discuss individual students at November's Student Inclusive Conferences**



Food trucks will be available on the basketball court behind the school before and after Meet the Teacher Night.

LEAP (Outdoor Education)

- Parent Information Session on Wednesday, September 24, 2025

*Imagine your child's classroom in the open air! Join us on **Wednesday, September 24th at 5:30pm** at Fort Langley Elementary for our LEAP (Langley Environmental Awareness Program) Information Session. This meeting is for families interested in kindergarten enrolment for the 2026-2027 school year, as well as any current grade 1-7 students who might want a change and an opportunity to learn in the great outdoors for the 2025-2026 school year. For more about the outdoor education program and to watch our new stunning promotional video please visit:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdXcrUJSzfl>.



LEAP INFO SESSION: Learning beyond classroom walls!

Does your child love exploring and discovering the world around them? Outdoor education turns every day into an adventure! Join the LEAP team (Langley Environmental Awareness Program) at Fort Langley Elementary to discover how hands-on, place-based learning can inspire students to follow their curiosity, build resilience, and make connections to the land.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 24th, 2025

WHERE: Fort Langley Elementary - Library

TIME: 5:30PM - 6:30PM



For more information, visit: <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/page/1518/leap-langley-environmental-awareness-program>

Back to School Health Tips (from Fraser Health)

Health, safety, and wellness continue to be a priority in our schools. To help support our students and families, we are sharing important information from our community partner Fraser Health about various topics to keep our students healthy and safe as they return to school. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

Tips for a healthy back to school season

As children head back to school, parents face the familiar challenge of managing busy schedules, school routines and inevitably, health concerns.

Help set the stage for a healthy school year with Fraser Health's **Healthy Back to School Guide**.

Fostering healthy routines for sleep, mealtimes and physical activity can support your child's health and wellness. Learn more at Fraser Health's **School Health** and **Children and Youth** pages.

Staying healthy during the school year isn't just about routines - it's also about protecting children from illnesses that can spread quickly in classrooms. An important preventable illness to be aware of right now is measles, which has been increasing globally, including here in Canada. Symptoms of measles include fever, cough, runny nose and red, inflamed eyes, followed by a rash. The rash usually starts on the face and neck and spreads to the chest, arms and legs.

Get vaccinated against measles

Immunization is the best way to prevent measles infection. Please check that you (if born in or after 1970) and your children have received at least two doses of a measles-containing vaccine. Find out how to check your immunization records **here**.

Measles-containing vaccines are available at many **pharmacy locations**, physician offices and at all **public health units**.

If your children have symptoms of measles, please keep them home.

If you or your child needs urgent care for something like a high fever, please inform your health care provider before you visit so they can take steps to prevent the spread of measles. Wear a mask and avoid using public transportation.

Need general health advice? Fast care for busy families with Fraser Health Virtual Care

Our Fraser Health Virtual Care registered nurses and dietitians have access to your personal health record and provide convenient, fast health advice and information for busy families. With options for phone or web chat consultations, families receive

medical advice from nurses with emergency experience, saving time and, in many cases, avoiding unnecessary visits to clinics or emergency departments. Nurses can connect you directly with a health care provider at an Urgent and Primary Care Centre for various health needs, including questions about measles-like symptoms.

How to reach Fraser Health Virtual Care

1. **Dial 1-800-314-0999.** For an interpreter, say your language in English.
2. For web chat, go to fraserhealth.ca/virtualcare and click the blue chat bubble in the right corner to start.

Available 10am to 10pm, seven days a week including statutory holidays (after hours Call 8-1-1). Learn more about Fraser Health Virtual Care, other care options and more at: Fraserhealth.ca/VirtualCare

PAC Monthly Newsletter

The latest news and updates for parents of Willoughby Elementary



Hello Willoughby Families,

Welcome back to all returning families and welcome to all the new families! We hope you all had a great summer.

We look forward to this year's exciting PAC events such as hot lunches, treat days, the Halloween dance, and the annual pancake breakfast. Please consider getting involved in any way that you can to help make these events happen.

We're excited to meet you at the Welcome Event on September 18!

-PAC Executive Team (willoughbypac@gmail.com)

YOU are part of the PAC!

All parents/guardians are members of the Willoughby Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

There are many ways to get involved in the school, such as volunteering at:

- hot lunches (lunch hour)
- treat days (after school)
- movie nights (evenings)
- grocery shopping for hot lunch (done anytime)
- event and fundraiser planning
- attending PAC meetings
- become a PAC Liaison (more information below)



Volunteer opportunities this month:

Coupon book fundraiser - raising money for the Learning Commons and Music program:

- Help photocopy, label, and assemble bags.
- Fri Sept 12, 12:00-2:15pm AND Mon Sept 15, 9:00am-12:00pm

Please email willoughbypac@gmail.com if you're able to help for an hour (or more).

PAC LIAISONS

We are looking for a parent from each class; volunteers will share important updates and information from the PAC to your class. Please email us to sign up or learn more: willoughbypac@gmail.com

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PAC MEETINGS

Meetings are a great opportunity to meet other parents get to know more about the fun things our children do at school, and ask questions. You have a voice in advocating for what you want to happen in your child's school and what the PAC does.

Next meetings, in the school's Learning Commons:

- Mon Sept 15 at 6:30pm
- Mon Nov 17 at 6:30pm

UPCOMING DATES

Sept 5, 12 & 19 PAC Treat Day: \$2 Freeze Friday

Sept 15 PAC Meeting at 6:30pm

Sept 18 PAC Welcome Event (5-8pm) and Meet the Teacher night

Sept 19 Terry Fox Run

Sept 26 Orange Shirt Day

Sept 26 PAC Hot Lunch: A&W (order by Sept 16)

Sept 29 School Improvement Day (school closed)

Sept 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (school closed)

Oct 1 Yom Kippur

Oct 5 World Teachers' Day

Oct 10 PAC Hot Lunch: Hot Dog Day & TCBY
(order by Oct 2)

Oct 10 Individual School Photos

Oct 13 Thanksgiving Day (school closed)

Oct 16 Great Shake Out & Reunification Drill

Oct 23 PAC Halloween Dance

Oct 24 Pro-D Day (school closed)

Oct 31 Halloween Costume Twirl

HOT LUNCH

Order here:

munchalunch.com/schools/willoughby



WILLOUGHBYPAC@GMAIL.COM



WWW.WILLOUGHBYPAC.CA



FACEBOOK.COM/WILLOUGHBYELEMENTARYPAC

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HOT LUNCH

Lunches will be delivered directly to your child's classroom! The online lunch ordering system is open: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/willoughby/>
Full ordering details were sent home with students on Monday.



For any questions, you can reach out by email: hotlunchwilloughby@gmail.com.



The full PAC calendar was sent home with students on Monday, and can be found on our website.



WELCOME EVENT

Thurs Sept 18, 5 - 8pm
at Meet the Teacher Night

Join us to kick off the new school year!
Meet other families and grab a bite at the food trucks.

FUNDRAISING FOR THE LEARNING COMMONS!

Check out some of the wonderful supplies that our Learning Commons was able to purchase last year, thanks to the fundraising efforts of our school community:



Nonfiction books



Grade 5 students made keychains as a memento of their time at Willoughby



Grade 1 students made artwork using Indigenous shapes that were created on the 3D printer

FUNDRAISING

COUPON BOOKS



On sale Sept 17-Oct 2

A flyer with more details will be sent home with students next week.
The coupon book can be purchased on MunchaLunch or returned to school.

SPIRIT WEAR

Order online Sept 15-19

Team colour shirts plus Willoughby hoodies, full zips, sweatpants, and drawstring bags are available for purchase.

Order on [Munchalunch.com](https://munchalunch.com)



ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

mabel's labels

Get name labels from Mabels Labels while supporting WES.

Order online at campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for Willoughby Elementary PAC (Langley).



We are part of the Dough Raiser Program at the Walnut Grove and Yorkson locations. Mention Willoughby Elementary when you purchase your items, and 5% of your sale will come back to the school as a donation.



Mention Willoughby Elementary when you purchase your items at the Willowbrook location and a portion of your sale will come back to the school as a donation at the end of the year.



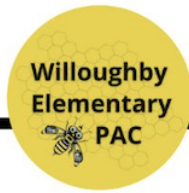
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Willoughby Elementary School PAC Meeting Agenda

Date: September 15, 2025

Time: 6:30pm

Location: School Learning Commons

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Introductions
3. Adoption
 - a. September 2025 Meeting Agenda
 - b. June 2025 Meeting Minutes
 - i. Past meeting agendas: <https://www.willoughbypac.ca/meeting-minutes-agenda/>
4. Principal's Report
5. Chair's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Present and pass financials, Gaming and General accounts for June-August 2025
7. DPAC Report
8. Committee and Fundraising Reports:
 - a. Upcoming:
 - i. Hot Lunch
 - ii. Treat Days
 - iii. Spirit Wear
 - iv. Community Values Coupon Book
 - v. Fundscrip Gift Cards
9. Event Reports:
 - a. Upcoming:
 - i. Welcome Back Event
 - ii. Halloween Dance
 - iii. Movie Night
 - iv. Christmas Market
10. Old Business
 - a. Playground Funds
 - b. Sharing PAC kitchen with Feeding Futures Program
11. New Business
 - a. DQ Birthday Treats
 - b. COBS Reading Challenge
 - c. Vancouver Giants Fundraising
 - d. Sharing display board with primary grades
 - e. PAC Constitution & Bylaws updates
 - i. Please review proposed changes: <https://www.willoughbypac.ca/about-us/>
12. Open Discussion

Next Meeting:

Monday, November 17, 2025 at 6:30pm in the Learning Commons