



# Willoughby Elementary School

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**Principal:** Mrs. Karin Muuren

**Vice Principal:** Mrs. L Gray

**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Mya Bainbridge



## Upcoming Events

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
November 3:	Photo Retakes
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:	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



### **\* IMPORTANT REMINDERS\***

**October 10 Individual Photo Day**

**October 10 Hot Lunch**

**Parent Consent forms are now due. (Parents received the notification from the Langley School District)**

**Student Verification Forms are due. Please return to school right away!**



## Weather and Appropriate Clothing:

As the cold and wet days settle in, we kindly remind families to ensure children are dressed appropriately for outdoor play. Students will continue to go outside for fresh air and exercise—even on rainy days—so proper attire is essential. Please send your child in boots and a waterproof jacket with a hood on rainy mornings.

To help keep everyone comfortable, we ask that all students carry an extra change of clothes (shirt, pants, and socks) in their backpacks in case they get wet during recess or lunch play. We also encourage you to label your child's outerwear (jackets, sweaters, coats) with their first and last name to help us return lost items—our Lost & Found is always overflowing!

Thank you for your continued support and attention to this important matter.

## Grade 1 Classroom Support Update

We're pleased to share that Mrs. Roberts will be supporting our Grade 1 classrooms this year through a co-teaching model. As a familiar and valued member of our school community, Mrs. Roberts will be working alongside the Grade 1 teachers to provide additional support to students during class time.



## Student in Distress and School Safety



***Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Our schools follow emergency procedures to help keep students, staff, and the community safe. Depending on the situation, communication to parents/caregivers is needed to keep families informed about incidents in our school, such as***

***during lockdowns, hold & secures, and room clears. Sometimes these incidents may not be emergencies but are medical crises. It is important to note that the decision to send communications to families is dependent on a variety of factors including the nature of what happened, who has witnessed or was directly impacted by what happened, as well as student and staff privacy. Although communication is unique and dependent on the specific situation, there are times when a student is in distress and the incident may require a message or letter to families. In addition to communication to parents/caregivers, teachers and staff may debrief with students after an incident that may have upset them. In some cases, the school counsellor may offer support to students in need. As always, we want families to let us know if your child requires support. If you have any questions or concerns about communication related to emergencies or incidents, please reach out to the school.***



## Community Volunteers in Emergencies

***Emergencies can happen unexpectedly due to weather events (e.g. earthquake or flooding) or unforeseen situations in the community. The health and safety of students, staff, and families is the District's priority. The District together with schools follow emergency procedures to respond to incidents***

***as well as prevent them from happening. As stated in the provincial Emergency Management Planning Guide for Schools, Districts and Authorities, staff have a legal “duty of care,” meaning that they “must ensure that students are cared for until such time as they can be safely reunited with their parents.” Depending on the situation, the school may be caring for students for many days.***

***In these circumstances, schools may rely on members of the community to assist with emergency responses. Administrators may send a request to parents/guardians to help volunteer with first aid, facilities and maintenance, safety and security, and general labour. Adults with special skills in health care, policing, and engineering would be an asset in an emergency. No action is needed from families at this time as the purpose is to keep families informed.***



## **Updates from the PAC**



### **Coupon book fundraiser- last chance to order!**

Order your book by October 2!

- Please purchase or return your coupon book.
- Purchase on <https://www.munchalunch.com/schools/willoughby/>

### **Halloween Dance – save the date!**

Thursday October 23

- More details and ticket sales will be announced soon.

### **Get involved with the PAC!**

Parent volunteers help enrich the students’ school experience. We help organize fun events, fundraisers, and learning opportunities.

The PAC needs help: behind the scenes planning, volunteers on the day of events, creating posters and hanging them around the school, etc.

- Hot Lunches
- Spirit Wear
- Treat Days
- Fundraisers
- Movie Nights
- Halloween Dance
- Classroom Liaisons

### **PAC Classroom Liaisons**

We are looking for classroom liaisons for Divisions 1,3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 17, 21, and 23.

- Help share important updates and information from the PAC with families in your class/division on a WhatsApp group chat.
- It is a simple yet vital role that helps keep everyone informed and connected.
- Email us to sign up for your class.

### **Movie Night, Fri Nov 14 – parents needed to help coordinate**

Can you help:

- Set up the gym with mats, chairs, etc
- Help at concession
- Set up the projector and stream the movie
- Make simple announcements
- Clean up after the event
- Coordinate parent volunteers for all of the above
- Email us to sign up to help!

Please email the PAC with questions: [willoughbypac@gmail.com](mailto:willoughbypac@gmail.com)

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# WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH?

## OCTOBER 2025

**2**

### **COUPON BOOKS FUNDRAISER**

LAST DAY TO ORDER ON MUNCHALUNCH.COM

**6**

### **SPECIAL PAC MEETING**

6:30PM ON ZOOM

**10**

### **HOT LUNCH: HOT DOG DAY & TCBY**

ORDER BY SEPT 30 ON MUNCHALUNCH.COM

**23**

### **HALLOWEEN DANCE**

6-8PM | SCHOOL GYMNASIUM





**Late French Immersion Online Registrations open  
October 6 to October 20**

Looking for an educational program that will lead to opportunities for employment, travel and more? Late French Immersion may be the perfect fit. For more information, join the Langley School District information online meeting on October 1, at 6 pm with this QR code, or learn more at: <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/page/7449/late-french-immersion>





VANCOUVER



# HOCKEY FUNDRAISER

Join Thank You for the Music Society for our 2nd Annual Vancouver Giants Fundraiser, supporting public school music programs in Langley. It's a fun night of community, hockey, and giving back!

**FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
7:00PM**



**LANGLEY  
EVENTS  
CENTRE**

**TICKETS ONLY \$25 EACH**

# HEARING LOSS

## may go undetected until the school years

Teachers are important partners in helping to detect hearing loss



**Children born in Canada receive a hearing screening at birth through the infant screening program.**

This screening catches hearing loss present at birth, but there are different forms of hearing loss that develop later in childhood (delayed onset hearing loss and progressive hearing loss).

If parents have any concerns

- contact Fraser Health
- ask for the Hearing Department
- schedule a free hearing screening

Langley 604-539-2904

Children may have unknown hearing loss when they start school. Children with hearing loss are often very adaptable and have learned strategies to help compensate. Hearing loss can be hard to detect and does not have to be severe in order to impact a student's learning. A slight hearing loss or hearing loss in just one ear can impact a child's learning and development.

### Some signs of hearing loss to look out for:

1

**APPEARS DISTRACTED OR WITHDRAWN**

Lack of attention

2

**DOES NOT RESPOND WHEN YOU CALL UPON THEM**

Might come across as behaviour difficulties

3

**DOES NOT PRONOUNCE WORDS CORRECTLY**

Children typically speak what they hear

4

**SPEAKS LOUDLY EVEN IN QUIET ENVIRONMENT**

Proper access to hearing their own voice for self monitoring is affected

If you have any concerns, reach out to your resource teacher or your TDHH

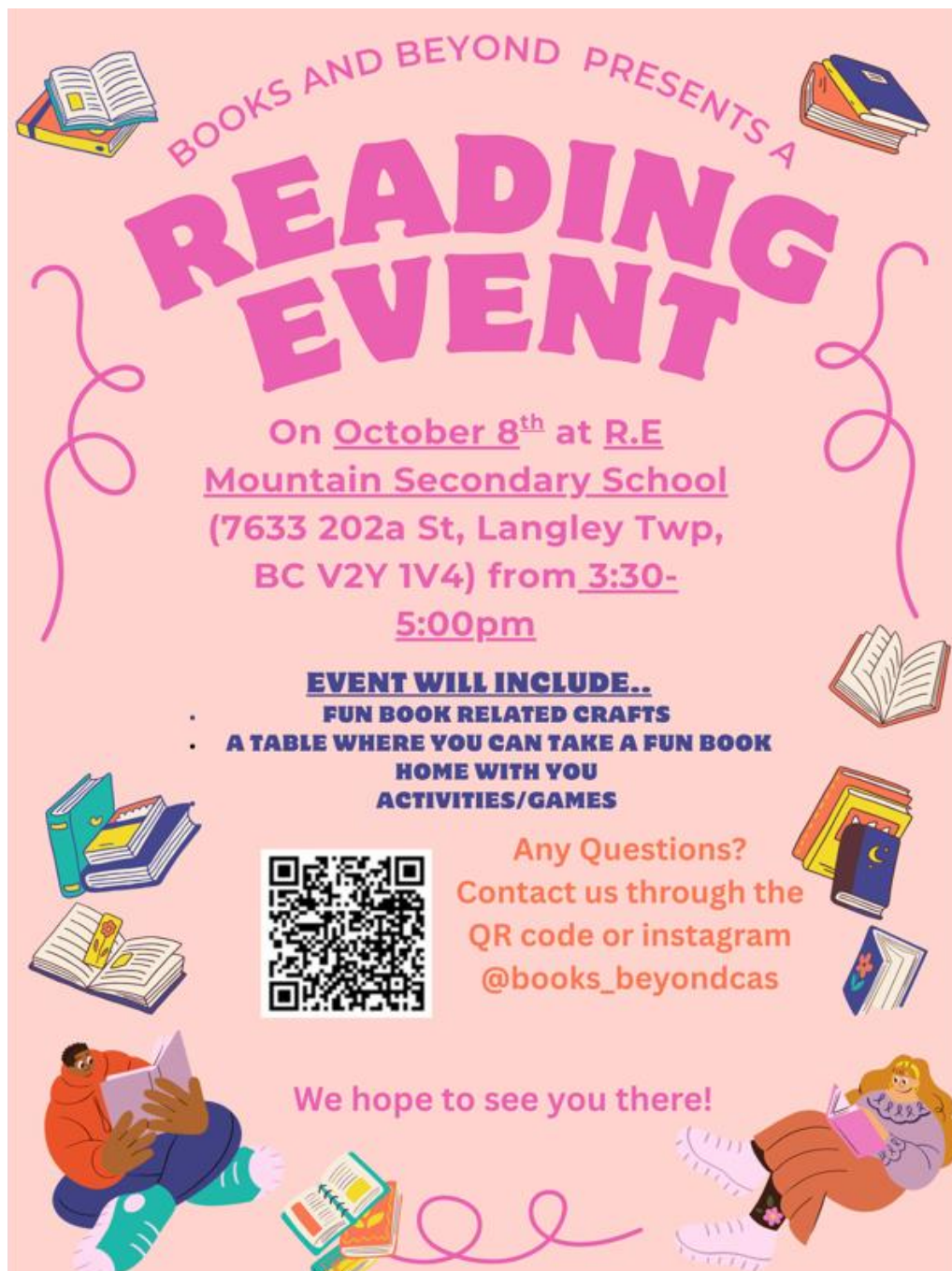
Dear Families,

We are a group of Grade 12 students at RE Mountain Secondary School. As part of our work in the IB Program, we organized a childrens' book drive service project and we are now hosting a "Love of Reading" event for children attending our elementary and middle feeder schools. We would love to invite you and your children to attend our **Love of Reading** event!

*Books and Beyond* presents a **Love of Reading** event at **R. E. Mountain Secondary School** (7633 202a street, Langley, BC) on **October 8th from 3:30 to 5:00pm**, in the Upper Gallery.

Our student-led event will feature engaging activities for children ages 5-12. We will host storytelling and read-aloud sessions to bring books to life and spark imagination. Guests can visit the Book Corner to explore titles from our book drive and take home new reads. Creative expression will be encouraged through interactive workshops, where participants can make book inspired art and projects. To add fun and challenge the students further, the event will also include trivia and games like as word puzzles and reading themed activities. Come join us for an afternoon of stories and imagination!

RSVP Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/3iL2FaGpZ5>



## ACCIDENT INSURANCE

FOR COSTS NOT COVERED BY  
GOVERNMENT OR WORK BENEFITS



CRACKED  
TOOTH  
**\$1,958**



FRACTURE  
**\$4,554**

OR HAVE THOSE COSTS COVERED WITH:



### SILVER PLAN

- 10 Years Unlimited Dental
- \$6k Tutoring
- \$500 Paramedical
- \$750 Fracture/Dislocation
- \$15k Accidental Death
- + more

**\$17**



### PLATINUM PLAN

- 10 Years Unlimited Dental
- \$200k Out of Province Medical
- \$6k Tutoring
- \$800 Paramedical
- \$1k Fracture/Dislocation
- \$30k Accidental Death
- + more

**\$33**

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