



Willoughby Elementary School

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Upcoming Events

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



Important Reminders

- **Individual Photos Friday, October 10**
- **October 10 -Hot Lunch, please let the PAC know if you are available to volunteer during Hot Lunch.**
- **No School on Monday, October 13 - Thanksgiving**

Programs of Choice – Deadline to Register is Monday, October 20th

*Langley School District offers a rich diversity of programs that are designed to meet the specific needs and interests of students. Programs include Fine Arts, French Immersion, Fundamental, Langley Environmental Awareness Program (outdoor education), Montessori, and UConnect. Registration for Kindergarten entry (for most programs) begins on **Monday, October 6th at 12 noon**, and closes on **Monday, October 20th at 12 noon**. For UConnect, please contact the school directly. For more information and*

instructions to register your child, visit our District website [here](#) and review our FAQ choice programs resource [here](#).

Student in Distress and School Safety

Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Our schools follow 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, or in the event of a student in distress. Sometimes these situations may not be emergencies but events that require a school response. 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. Communication is unique and dependent on the specific situation; there are times when a student is in distress, yet the situation may or may not require a message or letter to families. In addition to communication with 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 situations or emergencies, please reach out to the school.

Reunification Drill Reminder

On Thursday, October 16, at 1:30 pm, the entire school will participate in a earthquake drill. All students will exit the school and marshal on our back field. Once the drill is complete, all divisions, except Mrs. MacEwen's class, Division 19. The school will be dismissed at 2:33 pm as usual. Mrs. MacEwen's class will remain outside and begin the Reunification Drill.

Please note, the school gates will be locked from 1:15 – 2:15 pm. Please make alternate parking arrangements. **More specific information has been sent to the parents of students in Ms. MacEwen's class**



Student Pick-Up During Recess and Lunch

To help us keep all students safe and accounted for, we kindly ask that students be picked up before or after each recess and not during outside playtime for appointments. It can be challenging to locate students during outdoor playtime. Please inform the office in advance by leaving a telephone message or emailing wesattendance@sd35.bc.ca so we can support a smooth transition and have your child ready at the office for you. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

PAC Monthly Newsletter

The latest news and updates for parents of Willoughby Elementary

Hello Willoughby Families,

We hope that you have settled into your Fall and school routines.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded of the importance of community, connection, and gratitude. We are so thankful for the ongoing support and involvement from our families—you help make our school a vibrant, welcoming place for every student!

-PAC Executive Team

HALLOWEEN DANCE

Thursday, October 23

6:00-8:00pm

Sensory friendly from 6:00-7:00pm (brighter and lower music volume)

Purchase tickets and pizza by Oct 21 on munchalunch.com.



Community Values Coupon Books

We raised over \$5000 for the Music Program and Learning Commons!

Congratulations to our top selling students: Carly, Lorenzo, Alissa, Ryder, Hannah, and Johnny!

We are still missing dozens of books. Please return your book today to the school (or contact the PAC to purchase your book).

Return unsold coupon books ASAP!



Freezie Day Fundraising

Thank you to the parents who volunteered at the Freezie Days. We raised over \$1100 to support the Drumming, Percussion, and Rhythm workshops.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

School and community events, fundraisers, and hot lunches are made possible by parent volunteers.

- Sorting and distributing spirit wear
- Halloween Dance on Oct 23
- Movie night on Nov 14
- Christmas Market on Nov 15

Email the PAC for more information.

Sign up here:



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OCTOBER 2025

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 meeting, in the school's Learning Commons:

- Mon Nov 17 at 6:30pm

UPCOMING DATES

Oct 1 Yom Kippur
Oct 5 World Teachers' Day
Oct 10 PAC Hot Lunch: Hot Dog Day & TCBY (order by Sept 30)
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 to students)
Oct 31 Halloween Costume Twirl
Nov 7 PAC Hot Lunch StrEATS (order by Oct 28)
Nov 3 Photo retakes
Nov 10 Design and Assessment Day
Nov 11 Remembrance Day
Nov 13 World Kindness Day
Nov 14 PAC Movie Night
Nov 15 PAC Christmas Market
Nov 17 PAC Meeting
Nov 26 Student Inclusive Conferences
Nov 27 Early dismissal at 12:30pm
Nov 28 PAC Hot Lunch Rib & Chicken/Booster Juice (order by Nov 18)

HOT LUNCH

Order here:
munchalunch.com/schools/willoughby





Program for Children and Youth Experiencing Violence

Prevention, Education, Advocacy,
Counselling and Empowerment

HOSTED BY:



**THE WILLOWS
FAMILY LIFE CENTRE**
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Peace Fall Group Session

Where: The Salvation Army Willows Family Life Centre
Unit 103-5735 203 Street, Langley BC

When: Tuesdays evenings

Teen 4-4:45pm

Dinner 5:00pm

Preschool - Elementary 5:45-6:45pm

Beginning October 7th through December 2nd

Who: Children ages 3 - 16 and their Mother/Caregiver
who have experienced/witnessed violence.

****Pre-Registration Required****



Referrals to be made through Jamie Douglas

Email: jamie.douglas@salvationarmy.ca

Phone: 604-510-2628

