



Willoughby Elementary School

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Upcoming Events

December 4: Winter Concert K- Gr 2 – 1 PM & 6 PM
December 5: Hot Lunch
December 8-12: Food drive
December 12: Pancake Breakfast
December 19: Last Day before Winter Break
January 5: School Reopens after winter vacation
January 12 & 13: Drumming Presentation – Sponsored by the PAC
January 15: Black Excellence Day
January 16: Hot Lunch & Fun Hair Friday
January 19: PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
January 23: Hot Lunch



* IMPORTANT REMINDER*

December 4: 1 pm & 6 pm - “The Night Before Christmas” Concert – Doors will open 10 minutes before the performances, i.e., 12:45 pm and 5:45 pm

December 5: Hot Lunch

December 8-12: Food Drive

December 12- Pancake Breakfast – Eating Schedule below in newsletter



If your child is missing any clothing, please encourage them to visit the lost and found. We have so many unclaimed coats and sweaters. Any items that are not claimed on the last day of school, will be donated.



The Night Before Christmas

Gym doors will open 15 minutes before each performance, 12:45 pm & 5:45 pm.

Please Note:

- To ensure we do not exceed gym capacity limits, each K – Gr. 2 and choir family reserved two tickets for the **AFTERNOON OR EVENING** performances on December 4.
- The cut-off time for ordering tickets is 2:00 PM on December 2.
- Tickets will go home on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Younger siblings who can sit on their parents' laps will not need a ticket for the evening performance.
- Willoughby students will see the class performances at our dress rehearsal on Wednesday.
- In order for the evening performance to begin on time, we would like **K - Gr. 2 students dropped off at their classrooms at 5:40 pm (not before, please)**.
- Choir students need to meet Ms. Dotto at 5:30 pm in the gym, ready to go on the risers.
- **To minimize disruptions while the concert is in progress, we expect that you will remain in the gym for the ENTIRE performance rather than leaving once your child has finished performing.** We need to respect the fact that **ALL** performing students have worked hard to put on a great show.
- For the evening performance, the students can be picked up after the performance in their classes. Students will not have permission to leave the class without an adult.

Building Better Tech Habits Workshop from Media Smarts for Families

MediaSmarts has launched a new, free, self-guided workshop to help families develop healthier technology and screen-time habits. **Building Better Tech Habits** provides practical, research-informed strategies for managing family screen use and addressing common digital challenges at all ages. The workshop can be accessed 24/7 via the link below and completed any time, making it easy to fit into busy schedules.

https://mediasmarts.ca/teacher-resources/building-better-tech-habits?mc_cid=c91580ec15&mc_eid=43f3fb04f2



Student Attendance

Please ensure you email: wesattendance@sd35.bc.ca for ALL attendance-related matters.

Late/Absent: If your child will be late or absent, please be sure to email everyday (or evening before) the late or absence that will occur. If it is a reoccurring appointment you will need to email **wesattendance at the beginning of each week**, and the office will update for that week.

It is nice to cc the teachers on the email as well, so they are aware, but if the teacher is away, the office cannot guarantee that the teacher has passed along the absence information.

Early Dismissal: If you want your child to be dismissed early please email the office and we will have your student ready in the office for pick up. Please note the office is closed between 12:00pm & 12:33pm if you need a dismissal around this time of day, please choose before or at 12:00pm or at/after 12:33pm.

Vacation: If you are taking your family on vacation over the holidays and will be missing some school time as well, please fill out the attached **Extended Absence Form** and email/return it to the office.

Moving? If your family is moving over the winter break and have not already informed the office, please fill out the attached **Withdrawal Form** and email/return it to the office.



Updates from the PAC



Pancake Breakfast and Pajama Day - Friday, December 12

Students will enjoy a free pancake breakfast with their classmates! The breakfast includes pancakes, syrup, mandarin orange and mini candy cane. There will also be a special visitor from the North Pole! Students are invited to wear their pjs or comfy clothes to school.

Please eat a normal breakfast before school, as eating times will range from 9:00am to 11:30am.

Pancake Ingredient list, Costco's Krusteaz pancake mix:

Enriched bleached flour (wheat flour, malted barley flour, niacin, reduced iron, thiamin mononitrate, riboflavin, folic acid), sugar, dextrose, leavening (baking soda, sodium aluminum phosphate, monocalcium phosphate), salt, food starch-modified, soybean oil, buttermilk.

CONTAINS: Wheat, Milk.

May contain Egg, Soy and Tree Nuts.

If your child has dietary restrictions or allergies, please send a safe alternative snack with them on Friday. Please communicate to your child and to their teacher if you do NOT wish for your child to be served pancakes at the breakfast.

Thank you to these community partners for their generous donations:

- DHALIWAL'S LOUNGE
- Costco
- Sav-On Foods, Willoughby
- HAKAM's Independent Grocer

Volunteer

This event is only possible with parent volunteers! Gym setup is on Thursday evening, and pancake prep starts at 7:00am on Friday.

- Please sign up to volunteer here: <https://tinyurl.com/3ee8z5vu>

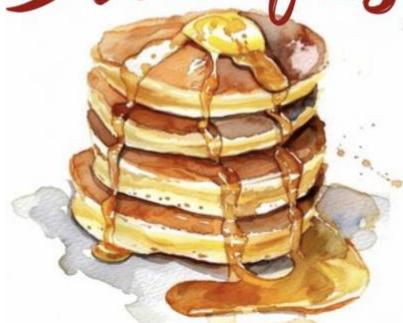
Pancake Breakfast Schedule December 2025

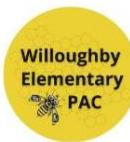
Time Slot	Divisions	Total	Teachers	Grade Level
9:00 – 9:25		70	Neufeld, Gollner, MacEwen, Robertson	K
9:30 – 9:55		84	McFarland, Stevens, Mohan, Varady	1, 2 & 3
10:00 – 10:20		79	Stokes, Kelly, <u>Bell</u> , <u>Hwang</u>	K 1, 2
10:20 – 10:35 RECESS				
10:35 – 11:00		90	Wong, Pressly, <u>Legentile</u> , Foster	2, 3 &4
11:05 – 11:30		89	Clarke, Joshi, Pei, Weber	3 & 4
11:35: – 12:00		109	Lockhart -K, Kim, <u>Radke</u> , <u>Shergill</u>	4 & 5



ANNUAL PANCAKE & PJ Breakfast

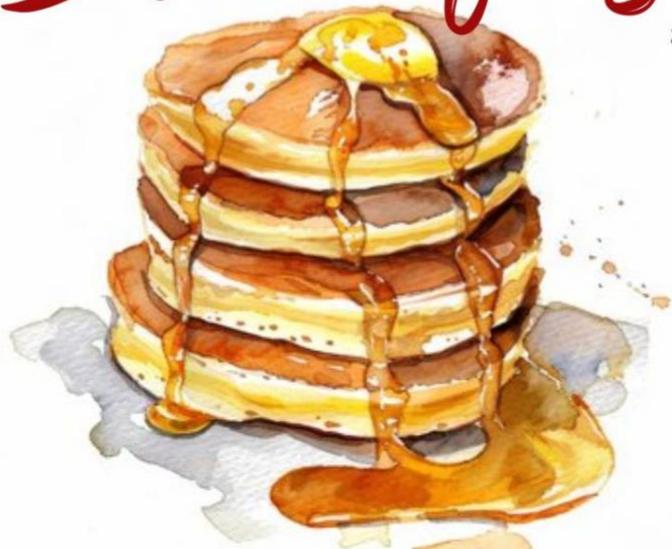
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ANNUAL PANCAKE & PJ *Breakfast*

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Students, get into the holiday spirit with pancakes, yummy treats, Christmas music, and a special visitor from the North Pole!

Students are invited to wear their pajamas.

Teachers will communicate class eating times and further details about the event.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This free event is only possible with the help of volunteers! Setup begins at 7:00 am and the event is done around 1:00 pm.

Scan the QR code above to sign up today!



GROCERY DONATIONS

To support the event's success, we are seeking food and grocery donations. Please scan the QR code above to contribute.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROUS DONATION:**



PAC Monthly Newsletter

The latest news and updates for parents of Willoughby Elementary



Welcome to December!

As we wrap up the year, we want to thank our school community for your support, enthusiasm, and involvement.

This month, we're especially excited for our annual Pancake Breakfast, a favourite tradition that brings students and staff together for a warm and festive start to the season. We appreciate everyone who has signed up to volunteer and donate items to help make this free event possible.

As we head into winter break, we wish you a joyful, restful holiday season filled with connection and celebration.

Warmly,

Your PAC Team



ANNUAL PANCAKE & PJ Breakfast

Friday, December 12

Volunteer

Parent volunteers help make this event possible! Help set up, mix batter, flip pancakes, clean up.

Sign up here:



Donate

Grocery donations are needed to help make this free event a success!



Thank you...

Thank you for supporting the FundScrip gift card fundraiser! We raised over \$600 for classroom resources!

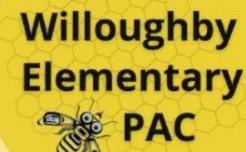
Christmas Market

The 3rd annual Christmas Market was a success!

Thank you to the parent and high school students who volunteered their time. We raised over \$3800 from this event, which supports our school Christmas Hamper and Pancake Breakfast!



Sit with your classmates, family, and friends and cheer on the Vancouver Giants! Purchase tickets: www.munchalunch.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 meeting, in the school's Learning Commons:

- Mon Jan 19

UPCOMING DATES

Dec 4 Winter Concert K-Gr 2 (1pm and 6pm)

Dec 5 PAC Hot Lunch: Panaga Pizza (order by Nov 25)

Dec 2-8 Food Drive

Dec 12 PAC Pancake Breakfast and PJ day

Dec 19 Last day before Winter Break

Jan 16 PAC Hot Lunch: Subway (order by Jan 6)

Jan 23 PAC Hot Lunch: Hot Dog Day & Booster Juice (order by Jan 13)

ORDER HOT LUNCH

munchalunch.com/schools/willoughby

The Hot Lunch program is a PAC fundraiser run by parent volunteers. It is our largest fundraiser with ALL proceeds going to PAC initiatives that benefit the students and school community.

Happy
Holidays



WILLOUGHBYPAC@GMAIL.COM



WWW.WILLOUGHBYPAC.CA



FACEBOOK.COM/WILLOUGHBYELEMENTARYPAC

Connect & Learn

Online Events for Parents & Caregivers

Every month, we host events for parents and caregivers of a child or youth with a mental health and/or substance use challenge.

Join us to watch a video and share experiences and strategies that help in the hard moments, focusing on strengthening our understanding and connection with our kids.



Register online at
familysmart.ca/events

Understanding, Supporting and Connecting with Teens with Depression

When our teens are struggling with depression, we can feel lost about how to best support them. How do we know when they are experiencing a mental health challenge and when should we intervene? Learn from Karen Peters, Registered Clinical Counsellor, and Victoria Keddis, a parent with lived experience, as they talk about how depression shows up in teens and ways of journeying with them through it.

Join us and other families for this video presentation and discussion that's facilitated by a FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker.

- **COST:** Free
- **DATES:**

Times are in Pacific Time (most of B.C.)

- Tuesday, December 2, 6:30pm
- Thursday, December 4, 6:30pm
- Tuesday, December 9, 6:30pm
- Wednesday, December 10, 12pm
- Thursday, December 11, 6:30pm

