



# Willoughby Elementary School

## Newsletter #17 January 6, 2026

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### Upcoming Events

**January 5:** Registration opens for new students and new Kindergarten students  
**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  
**February 6:** Hot Lunch  
**February 9:** Pro D – No students in attendance  
**February 12:** Red, White and Pink Spirit Day  
**February 13:** Design and Assessment Day -No students in attendance  
**February 16:** Family Day  
**February 20:** Hot Lunch  
**Feb 23- 27:** Respect and Diversity week  
**February 25:** Pink Shirt Day



### \* IMPORTANT REMINDERS \*

**January 5:** Kindergarten Registration opens  
**January 16:** Hot Lunch  
**January 19:** PAC Meeting 6:30 PM in the Learning Commons

## Lost and Found Overflowing!

Our Lost and Found is currently overflowing with jackets, sweaters, water bottles, and other items. If your child is missing any clothing or personal belongings, please stop by and take a look **before the end of this week**.



All unclaimed items will be **donated next week**, so this is the perfect time to check and reclaim anything that belongs to your family. Thank you for helping us keep our school organized!



## Welcome Back and Happy 2026!

We hope you had a joyful and relaxing winter break! As we begin this New Year, we send our warmest wishes to all our families, both new and returning, for a year filled with health, happiness, and success.

The months ahead are an exciting time for learning and growth. You can help your child thrive by encouraging regular reading, supporting strong study habits, and ensuring they arrive at school on time, well-rested, and ready to learn.

**“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” – Nelson Mandela**

We are thrilled to continue partnering with you to make this school year meaningful and rewarding for every student.

## Kindergarten Registration 2026-27

Kindergarten and new student registration across the Langley School District runs from January 5 – February 17, 2026. If your child will be five years old by December 31, 2026, or if your family is moving to the catchment for the 2026-27 school year, you will be able to register online. Please see our website for more information: [K-Registration -Willoughby.](#)



## Middle School Registration

For families of our current Grade 5s, all students will be automatically transitioned to the appropriate school for next year based on their home address. There is no need for you to do anything.

# Weather and Appropriate Clothing:

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WEATHER  
INFORMATION



The weather forecast for the coming weeks is quite different from what we have experienced recently. We wanted to remind you to ensure your children are appropriately dressed for the cold and wet days that are now upon us. Please be advised that we send our students outside for fresh air, even during rainy and snowy days. We know you would agree that fresh air and exercise are good for children, but they need to be dressed appropriately (e.g., boots, toques, gloves or mittens and warm jackets with hoods). We ask that ALL students have an extra change of clothes (shirt, pants, and socks) in their backpacks in case they get wet during recess or lunchtime play. **We also ask that you label your child's clothing jackets/sweaters/coats with his/her first name, so we can return lost items (our Lost & Found is always overflowing!)** We appreciate and thank you for your attention to this matter.

## **Information About School Status During Inclement Weather**

*Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in the Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? If you are able to access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can be accessed on all school websites or [www.sd35.bc.ca](http://www.sd35.bc.ca). Updates are also posted to X (formerly Twitter) @LangleySchools and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict](http://www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict). If you don't have internet connectivity but your phone is working, call a relative or friend in an area that has not been affected by the storm and ask them to check the district website for you. Local radio stations are also informed of the school status in Langley. Tune in to CKWX 1130AM, CKNW 980AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7 or CBC 690AM or 88.1FM for updates.*



*Please note that Langley District schools are all considered 'open' until a decision to close is required. Decisions on school closures are usually made by 6:30am. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school based on safety and individual circumstances. If you feel it is unsafe for you or your child to travel to or attend an open school for any reason, please keep your child home and report an absence to the school.*

# PAC Monthly Newsletter

The latest news and updates for parents of Willoughby Elementary

Happy New Year, families!

We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and joyful winter break.

This month, the PAC is thrilled to bring some fun and engaging opportunities to our school community. Students will be taking part in a brand new **drumming presentation and workshops**, where they'll explore rhythm, creativity, and teamwork in a hands-on musical experience—we can't wait to hear the beats echo through the school!

We're also excited for our new fundraiser at the upcoming Giants Hockey game. It's a fantastic chance to enjoy a game together while helping raise funds for the Music Program and Choir.

Let's dive into a month filled with learning, music, and school spirit!

Warm regards,  
PAC Team

## HEALTHY DRUM

New this year:

### Drum Presentation and Workshops!

On January 12 and 13, students will enjoy an energizing and inspiring experience that will leave them feeling like instant musicians! Drumming:

- Creates unity and celebrates diversity
- Promotes thinking outside the box
- Develops leadership
- Develops creativity
- Boosts non-verbal communication skills



These workshops and presentation are free of charge to the students (paid for by the PAC and your fundraising efforts).

Purchase tickets: [munchalunch.com](http://munchalunch.com)

A poster for a Vancouver Giants Hockey Game Fundraiser. It features the Vancouver Giants logo, the text "SUN JAN 18 VANCOUVER GIANTS HOCKEY GAME", "AT THE LANGLEY EVENTS CENTRE", "TICKET SALES FUNDRAISER", and "\$25 PER TICKET".

Sit with your classmates, family, and friends and cheer on the Giants!

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## PAC MEETINGS

Next meeting, in the school's Learning Commons:

- Mon Jan 19

## UPCOMING DATES

Jan 12-13 Healthy Drum Workshops and Presentation  
Jan 15 Black Excellence Day  
Jan 16 PAC Hot Lunch: Subway (order by Jan 6)  
Jan 16 Fun Hair Day  
Jan 18 PAC fundraiser and event: Vancouver Giants Hockey Game  
Jan 19 PAC Meeting  
Jan 23 PAC Hot Lunch: Hot Dog Day & Booster Juice (order by Jan 13)  
Feb 6 PAC Hot Lunch: Fresh Slice Pizza (order by Jan 27)  
Feb 9 PAC Fundraiser: Stay Safe Course (ages 9+)  
Feb 20 PAC Hot Lunch: NoodleBox & COBS (order by Feb 10)

## ORDER HOT LUNCH

[munchalunch.com/schools/willoughby](http://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.

## VOLUNTEER

- April 17 - Movie Night

Sign up to volunteer online:



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[WWW.WILLOUGHBYPAC.CA](http://WWW.WILLOUGHBYPAC.CA)



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