



Willoughby Elementary School

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<https://willoughby.sd35.bc.ca>

Principal: Mrs. Karin Muuren

Vice Principal: Mrs. Lara Gray

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Upcoming Events

January 23:	Hot Lunch - Hot dogs
February 6:	Hot Lunch - Fresh slice
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
March 1-6:	Student Inclusive Conferences
March 4:	Early Dismissal 12:30 pm (SIC)
March 5:	No students in attendance – Full Day SIC
March 13:	Spirit Day-Sports Jersey Day
March 13:	Last Day Prior Day to Spring Break



Important Reminders

- **Jan 23: Hot Dog Day and Booster Juice**
- **Feb 6: Fresh Slice – order by Jan 27**



On behalf of our students and staff, I want to express our sincere appreciation to the PAC for supporting our recent drumming program. Your generosity allowed us to offer an experience that was not only meaningful but also incredibly fun and engaging for all of our students.



Our Lovely Willoughby Choir

We are incredibly proud of our school choir, who had the wonderful opportunity to perform the national anthem at the Vancouver Giants game this week. They represented our school beautifully with their confidence, teamwork, and amazing voices. A heartfelt thank-you to Ms. Dotto for leading and accompanying them as their director—your dedication makes moments like this possible. Bravo to our talented singers! Thank you to our wonderful PAC for organising this fundraiser as well.



Willoughby Slope Catchments Information Sessions Update

The District is currently undergoing the first round of consultation meetings in Willoughby Slope Schools to discuss the boundary change process in the R.E. Mountain Secondary and Smith Secondary regions. The presentation shared in these in-person meetings is available on the District website in video and slide format. If you are unable to make it to these meetings, we encourage families to access these resources and provide questions and feedback to the District by emailing: feedback@sd35.bc.ca. For more information about this process, visit the District website [here](#).

Social Media Awareness Family Sessions

ERASE will be holding FREE virtual sessions on social media awareness for parents and caregivers. Please see the link below to access these valuable sessions:

<https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>

Information About School Status During Inclement Weather

*Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in 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**. Updates are also posted to X (formerly Twitter) @LangleySchools and Facebook at 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 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.



Updates from the PAC



Upcoming Hot Lunches:

- Jan 23: Hot Dog Day and Booster Juice
- Feb 6: Fresh Slice – order by Jan 27
- Feb 20: NoodleBox & COBS – order by Feb 10

Willoughby Slope Catchments Information Sessions

- The District is opening a new middle school and secondary school in the Smith neighbourhood in the Willoughby Slope in fall 2027.
- The District is consulting with the community about potential catchment boundary changes that could impact children attending a middle and a secondary school in the Willoughby Slope now and in the future.
- These information sessions will be of particular interest to families and students who attend a school in the Willoughby Slope.
- All are welcome to take part in this process.
- More information: <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/willoughby-slope-catchments-information-sessions.17815>

Vancouver Giants Hockey Game Fundraiser

- Thank you to all the Willoughby students and family members who attended the Giants game on Sunday.
- Congratulations to our Grade 5 choir for hitting all the right notes singing the national anthem - you represented our school brilliantly!
- While the Giants may have lost the game, our school was a winner, fundraising over \$2500!



Langley Community
Services Society

& The Children's
Foundation



presents

Taming the Worry Dragons



Taking on Anxiety with Curiosity and Courage

**PARENT-PARTICIPATION AND
REGISTRATION REQUIRED!**

DATES: Mandatory Parent Virtual Meeting Tues, Feb 3 @ 6pm

IN PERSON GROUP starts 5- 6:30pm Every Tuesday Feb 10-
April 14

(No group March 17 and 24 during spring break)

Contact Guntaz to register at 604-845-3910

For questions about curriculum contact Facilitator Megan
Zurak 604-533-7920 ext. 1308

Learn what anxiety is
and the different
types of worry
dragons

Connect with other
kids just like you

Do detective work
at home to earn
rewards

Complete Dragons
work- book to learn
how your anxiety
impacts you

Have fun while
learning in a safe
and supportive
environment

LOCATION:

Langley Community
Services Society Welcome
Center Main Boardroom

6470 201 st. (back door
entrance)