



Willoughby Elementary School

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Vice Principal: Mrs. Lara Gray

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Mya Bainbridge



Upcoming Events

September 17:	Meet the Teacher Evening 6 PM
September 18:	Kindergarten interviews -All Day – No K's in session
September 18:	PAC Freezie Day \$2
September 21:	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM in the Learning Commons
September 21:	First Full Day for K students
September 21:	International Day of Peace & Yom Kippur
September 24:	Terry Fox Run
September 25:	School Improvement Day – No students in session
September 29:	Orange Shirt Day at school
September 30:	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No students in session
October 2:	Custodian Appreciation Day
October 2:	Hot Lunch – Indian Affair
October 5:	World Teachers' Day
October 9:	Individual Photos
October 12:	Thanksgiving Day – School not in session
October 15:	Great Shake Out & Reunification Drill Hot Lunch- Panago Pizza
October 16:	School Spirit Day – House Team Colour Day &
October 21:	Learning updates issued
October 23:	Pro D – No Students in session
October 30:	Halloween Costume Twirl
October 30:	Halloween Dance - PAC



A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful PAC volunteers for caring for our trees throughout the summer. We are incredibly grateful for the time and dedication you gave to supporting our school community. Thanks to your efforts, our trees are thriving, growing beautifully, and helping to make our school grounds even more welcoming.

We are excited to begin our second week of learning at Willoughby Elementary! Thank you to our families for your cooperation, flexibility, and patience as we settle into the routines of a new school year. Our staff have been busy teaching expectations and building classroom communities, while students are getting to know their teachers and classmates. It has been wonderful to see such positive energy, kindness, and enthusiasm throughout the school. We look forward to partnering with you this year and encourage you to continue supporting strong home routines, including reading, regular bedtimes, and homework habits, to help your child feel confident and ready to learn each day.



Will My Child Be OKAY In a Split Class?

Many children thrive in split-grade classrooms! These classes are thoughtfully designed to support a wide range of learners and offer several unique benefits.

Split, or combined, classes are a common and effective practice in elementary schools. When creating classes, schools consider many factors, including enrolment numbers, class size requirements, student learning needs, social dynamics, and the overall balance of classrooms. Students in split classes receive instruction that is appropriate for their grade level, and teachers use differentiated instruction to ensure all learners are supported and challenged. Many students will experience a split class during their school years, and these classrooms often provide valuable opportunities for leadership, independence, collaboration, and peer learning. Our staff carefully considers all placements to ensure students are in learning environments where they can be successful academically, socially, and emotionally.

We have a wonderful staff at Willoughby. All children will be in very good hands, no matter which class they are in!

Here is a helpful article to explain the reasoning behind split classes. If your child is not in a split class this year, they might be next year. In a growing area like ours, it might be inevitable.

<http://chriswejr.com/2012/09/09/will-my-child-be-ok-in-a-split-class/>



Agendas: These can be purchased on the School Cash Online website for \$6.00 (Kindergarten students **DO NOT** need to purchase agendas, unless otherwise stated by the teacher). Please note that our student agendas include a handbook at the front that contains very important information about the District's Code of Conduct, Dress Guidelines, Fair Notice Policy, cell phone and technology use, our positive behaviour matrix, Zones of Regulation tools, and ways to support your child. Please read this information and discuss it with your children. Thank you!

Student Absences & Lates: To help us account for all students and ensure that everyone is safe, please remember to call the school if your child is going to be late or away due to illness, appointments, or vacation.

Submitting Absences

We have 3 ways you can submit an absence:

Website submission: <https://willoughby.sd35.bc.ca/submit-absence/>



You can email: WESAttendance@sd35.bc.ca

Phone attendance voicemail: 604-888-6033 ext. 1 (24hrs a day)

We would like to encourage you to make sure that your children arrive at school on time every day. This will lessen disruptions in the classroom and ensure that your child has a smooth and calm start to their day. We do know that sometimes students will arrive late. If this is the case, they need to come to the main entrance to sign in and get a late slip to take to their teacher.

Mrs. Bainbridge would like to thank all the parents for being so diligent in contacting the office to let her know of any absences. Thank you, parents.

Technology – iPhones/Smart Watches - AP Procedure 350

Please take note

“At the discretion of the school Administration, personal digital devices are not to be used during non-instructional times, from the student’s arrival at the start of the day, to the student’s departure at the end of the day. This includes during recess, lunch, and other breaks. Students are encouraged to keep their personal digital devices at home.

Any devices brought to school should be turned off and stored away in backpacks or lockers.”



Parking Lot Reminder

Drop off and pick up – Please use the designated crosswalks

Please do not jaywalk across 80 Avenue. It is very dangerous to cross without using the traffic light.



To help ensure the safety of all students, families, and staff during arrival and dismissal times, we ask that parents use the drop-off lane as intended. When dropping off or picking up your child, please pull forward as far as possible before stopping. Stopping directly in front of the main entrance creates congestion and can block traffic on 80 Avenue. Please do not park or leave your vehicle unattended in the drop-off zone, as this area is designated for quick drop-off and pick-up only. If you wish to walk your child to their classroom or meet them at dismissal, please park in the church parking lot across the street. Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep our students safe and traffic flowing smoothly.

Please exit the church parking lot **cautiously**, as many parents and students walk through this area during drop-off and pick-up times. **Do not block the exit at the church parking lot.** This is not a parking area.

We've also noticed that some parents are cutting through the parking lot after drop-off. For safety reasons, please stay on the **sidewalk** and avoid walking through the lot.

Finally, always use the **designated crosswalks** at the main entrance gate and on the East side of the school.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

You're Invited to our Meet the Teacher Evening

When: Thursday, September 17 (6:00 – 7:00 pm)

We will begin the evening outside on the blacktop/basketball court.

After we introduce our staff, you will be invited to visit your children's classrooms to meet their teacher(s). A bell will ring when it is time to change to your other child's class.

Please note: Teachers will discuss individual students at *November's Student Inclusive Conferences

Food trucks will be available on the basketball court behind the school before and after Meet the Teacher Night. (5-8 pm)



Terry Fox Week: September 21-24

Terry Fox Run - September 24

Throughout Terry Fox Week, students will be learning about Terry Fox, his Marathon of Hope, and the lasting impact he has had on cancer research. Understanding the "why" behind our school activities is important, and students will explore how Terry's determination, courage, and selflessness continue to inspire Canadians today.

As part of these discussions, students will have opportunities to reflect on their own reasons for participating in the Terry Fox Run. Many students choose to dedicate their efforts to a family member, friend, or loved one who has been affected by cancer.



On Thursday, September 24, all students will participate in our annual Terry Fox Run. Families are welcome to join us on the field at 9:30 a.m. as we come together to celebrate Terry's legacy and support an important cause.

We invite students to bring a toonie donation to support the Terry Fox Foundation. Donations can also be made online through School Cash Online. All funds raised will be forwarded to the Terry Fox Foundation to support cancer research.

Thank you for supporting this meaningful event as we work together to keep Terry's dream alive and help make a difference in the lives of others.

Fraser Health Update

*Fostering healthy routines for sleep, mealtimes and physical activity can support your child's health and wellness. Learn more at Fraser Health's [**School Health**](#) and [**Children and Youth**](#) pages.*

Staying healthy during the school year isn't just about routines - it's also about protecting children from illnesses that can spread quickly in classrooms. An important preventable illness to be aware of right now is measles, which has been increasing globally, including here in Canada. Symptoms of measles include fever, cough, runny nose and red, inflamed eyes, followed by a rash. The rash usually starts on the face and neck and spreads to the chest, arms and legs.

Get vaccinated against measles

Immunization is the best way to prevent measles infection. Please check that you (if born in or after 1970) and your children have received at least two doses of a measles-containing vaccine. Find out how to check your immunization records [here](#).

Measles-containing vaccines are available at many [pharmacy locations](#), physician offices and at all [public health units](#).

If your children have symptoms of measles, please keep them home.

If you or your child needs urgent care for something like a high fever, please inform your health care provider before you visit so they can take steps to prevent the spread of measles. Wear a mask and avoid using public transportation.

Need general health advice? Fast care for busy families with Fraser Health Virtual Care

Our Fraser Health Virtual Care registered nurses and dietitians have access to your personal health record and provide convenient, fast health advice and information for busy families. With options for phone or web chat consultations, families receive medical advice from nurses with emergency experience, saving time and, in many cases, avoiding unnecessary visits to clinics or emergency departments. Nurses can connect you directly with a health care provider at an Urgent and Primary Care Centre for various health needs, including questions about measles-like symptoms.

How to reach Fraser Health Virtual Care

1. **Dial 1-800-314-0999.** For an interpreter, say your language in English.
2. For web chat, go to fraserhealth.ca/virtualcare and click the blue chat bubble in the right corner to start.

Available 10am to 10pm, seven days a week including statutory holidays (after hours Call 8-1-1). Learn more about Fraser Health Virtual Care, other care options and more at: [Fraserhealth.ca/VirtualCare](https://fraserhealth.ca/VirtualCare)

PAC Monthly Newsletter

The latest news and updates for families of Willoughby Elementary



Welcome Back, Willoughby Families!

Welcome to a new school year! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is settling into the school-year routine.

The PAC is excited for another year of bringing our school community together through fun events, activities, and fundraisers (such as events, hot lunches, treat days, the Halloween dance, the annual Pancake Breakfast, and our much-anticipated Fun Fair!

We're looking forward to a great year and hope to see many of you along the way!

Welcome back, and here's to a fantastic 2026-27 school year!

-PAC Executive Team (willoughbypac@gmail.com)

There are many ways to get involved at our school, such as volunteering at:

- hot lunches (lunch hour)
- treat days (after school)
- movie nights (evenings)
- grocery shopping for hot lunch (done anytime)
- event and fundraiser planning
- attend PAC meetings
- become a PAC Liaison (more information below)



Volunteer help needed this month:

- **Treat days:** Help hand out Freezies after school on Sept 11 and 18.
- **Coupon book fundraiser:** Help photocopy, label, and assemble bags - Sept 14 and 16 during the day.

Please email willoughbypac@gmail.com if you're able to volunteer your time this month.



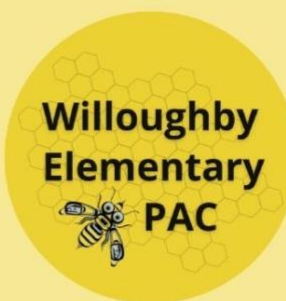
WELCOME EVENT

Thurs Sept 17, 5 - 8pm

at Meet the Teacher Night

Join us to kick off the new school year!

Meet other families and grab a bite at the food trucks.



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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 meetings, in the school's Learning Commons:

- Mon Sept 21 at 6:30pm
- Mon Nov 16 at 6:30pm

UPCOMING DATES

Sept 11 PAC Treat Day: \$2 Freezie Friday

Sept 17 PAC Welcome Event (5-8pm) and Meet the Teacher night

Sept 17 PAC Coupon Book Fundraiser begins

Sept 18 PAC Treat Day: \$2 Freezie Friday

Sept 21 Yom Kippur

Sept 21 PAC Spirit Wear goes on sale

Sept 21 PAC Meeting at 6:30pm

Sept xx Terry Fox Run

Sept 25 School Improvement Day (school closed)

Sept 29 Wear an Orange Shirt day

Sept 30 National Day of Truth and

Reconciliation (school closed)

Oct 5 World Teachers' Day

Oct 2 PAC Hot Lunch: Indian Affair & Booster Juice (order by Sept 22)

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.



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HOT LUNCH

Lunches will be delivered directly to your child's classroom! The online lunch ordering system is open: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/willoughby/>

Full ordering details were sent home with students.

For any questions, you can reach out by email: hotlunchwilloughby@gmail.com.



The full PAC event calendar was sent home with students this week and can be found on our website.

PAC LIAISONS

As a PAC Liaison, your role will be to help share important updates and information from the PAC with families in your class/division WhatsApp group chat.

It is a simple yet vital role that helps keep everyone informed and connected.



For more information, please contact: willoughbypac@gmail.com

FUNDRAISING FOR OUR SCHOOL

Check out some of the wonderful opportunities that our students enjoyed last year, thanks to the fundraising efforts of our school community:



Risers for choir, school concerts and assemblies, and music classes.



PE and recess equipment including Bluetooth stereo, pop up soccer nets, and sport balls.



Field trips! Money towards each class for bus costs.

FUNDRAISING

COUPON BOOKS



On sale Sept 17-Oct 1

A flyer with more details will be sent home with students this week.

The coupon book can be purchased on MunchaLunch or returned to school.

SPIRIT WEAR

Order online Sept 21-Oct 5

Team colour shirts plus Willoughby hoodies, full zips, sweatpants, and drawstring bags are available for purchase.

Online ordering will open next week.



ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

mabel's labels

Get name labels from Mabels Labels while supporting WES.

Order online at campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for Willoughby Elementary PAC (Langley).



We are part of the Dough Raiser Program at the Walnut Grove and Yorkson locations. Mention Willoughby Elementary when you purchase your items, and 5% of your sale will come back to the school as a donation.



Mention Willoughby Elementary when you purchase your items at the Willowbrook location and a portion of your sale will come back to the school as a donation at the end of the year.



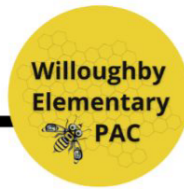
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Willoughby Elementary School PAC Meeting Agenda

Date: September 21, 2026

Time: 6:30pm

Location: School Learning Commons (Library)

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Introductions
3. Adoption
 - a. September 2026 Meeting Agenda
 - b. June 2026 Meeting Minutes
 - i. Past meeting agendas: <https://www.willoughbypac.ca/meeting-minutes-agenda/>
4. Principal's Report
5. Chair's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Present and pass financials, Gaming and General accounts for June-August 2026
7. DPAC Report
8. PAC Election - Voting for:
 - a. Treasurer
 - b. Member-at-Large (up to 4 positions)
9. Committee and Fundraising Reports:
 - a. Ongoing: Hot Lunch
 - b. Ongoing: Treat Days
 - c. Ongoing: Spirit Wear
 - d. Ongoing: Community Values Coupon Book
 - e. Upcoming: Fundscrip Gift Cards
10. Event Reports:
 - a. Recap: Welcome Back Event
 - b. Recap: Block Party
 - c. Upcoming: Halloween Dance
 - d. Upcoming: Movie Night
 - e. Upcoming: Christmas Market
11. Old Business
 - a. None
12. New Business
 - a. DQ Birthday Treats
 - b. Pancake Breakfast entertainment
13. Open Discussion

Next Meeting:

Monday, November 16, 2026 at 6:30pm in the Learning Commons

