



Willoughby Elementary School

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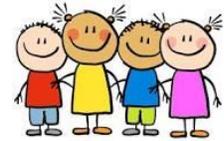
Vice Principal: Mrs. Lara Gray

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Mya Bainbridge



Upcoming Events

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 Before Spring Break
March 13:	Hot Lunch - Streats
March 30:	Schools Re-open after Spring Break



Important Reminders

- **Please sign up for your child's conference next week – Bookings close on Sunday at 12 noon**
- **Early dismissal on March 4 (Please pack a lunch for your child) at 12:30 PM & non-instructional day on March 5**
- **Scholastic Bookfair March 2-6**
- **Wanted: Grade 5 Baby Photos – please send to kmuuren@sd35.bc.ca if you haven't already done so. Last day to submit your child's baby photo is this Friday, February 27.**

Please note that the Aboriginal Program Spring into Wellness Family Gathering – February 27, 2026, has been cancelled.

Student Inclusive Conferences



Our students are so excited to share their learning with all their parents. We would like to thank you for making an appointment with your child's teacher to celebrate their learning. Just a reminder to please bring your child to the conference with you.

Message to Community from Minister of Education and Child Care

Health and safety continue to be a priority in our schools. We are sharing a letter from the Minister of Education and Child Care which provides information about health and safety in schools as well as resources to support students and families. Thank you to parents/guardians who continue to collaborate and cooperate with our staff, as we know they have an important role in ensuring a healthy, safe, and positive learning environment for all students.



International Student Program Homestay Families

Embark on a rewarding journey of cultural exchange! The District is seeking homestay families to host International Student Program (ISP) students for the 2026-2027 school year and beyond. There are many benefits including learning a new culture, sharing your family traditions, and developing life-long friendships. Homestay families are provided \$1200 per month to offset costs. Start your journey here: [**Students & Homestay**](#)

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TO OTHERS.

Pink Shirt Day: Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 25, when Willoughby and British Columbia hold our annual Pink Shirt/Anti-Bullying Day. Pink was chosen because it was the colour worn by two students in Nova Scotia who donned pink t-shirts to show solidarity with a boy who had been bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school. Bullying is a sad reality, and it happens in more places than just schools; it happens in workplaces, homes and on the Internet. Participating in Pink Shirt Day is one way we are trying to help. We want to support everyone by raising public awareness about how we can all be part of the solution. Wear pink on February 26 to symbolize that we will not tolerate bullying anywhere.

This week, we will be celebrating **Diversity and Respect Week**.

Diversity and Respect Week: February 23 – February 27

Monday: Who Are We? Make your country of origin's flag
Be the "I" in Kind – Rolley Board at the front of the school

Tuesday: Theme: Respect.
We are respectful. What does it mean to be respectful?

Wednesday: Pink Shirt Day:
Discussion: More ideas at Pinkshirtday.ca
Differences between being rude, mean and Bullying.

Thursday: We are Diverse.

Discussion: What is diversity?

Multi-lingual stories <https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/>

Inclusive: People with disabilities

We are all unique, but we swim together as a school project

Friday: Play is the Way- Game.

Discussion: What does it mean to belong? How can you help others to feel like they belong?



Updates from the PAC



Parent Volunteers Needed: Scholastic Book Fair

- Help Ms. Weber supervise students during their lunch break, and set up the Book Fair:
 - March 3 from 2:20-3:30 pm
 - March 4 from 12:20-1:30 pm
 - March 6 from 12:20-1:30 pm
- Please email the PAC if you are available to help: willoughbypac@gmail.com.

Possible Land Swap MOU reached between School District, Township, and Province

- Information was released last week about a possible land swap between the Langley School District and the Province.
- If the proposal is approved, Willoughby Elementary School would be relocated (to the area beside the Tennis Centre).
- Please read more here: <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/careered/unique-partnership-explores-early-replacement-of-school-and-new-amenities-for-langley-families.19255>

Parent Input Requested from the School District:

Vote on PRO-D Sept 30 and Nov 11

- Both stat holidays fall on a Wednesday next year.
- Have our say: Monday and Tuesday off? Only Wednesday off? Thursday and Friday off?
- https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=ZACR7VliEyDYBNuWGRn-pcL7Z2IJtMt_8TjZjMT3xURDA1M01FNVIWNiy1T0s0WDQ4TjdaOEZURy4u&route=shorturl

Foundry Langley: Free Events

- View this month's free clinics, support groups, and counselling:
- <https://foundrybc.ca/centre/langley/?tab=monthly-calendar>

Homestay Families Needed

- Receive \$1200/month:
- <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/studyinlangley/students-homestay>