



Willoughby Elementary School

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Upcoming Events

March 2-6:	Student Inclusive Conferences & Scholastic Bookfair
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
April 3:	Good Friday – No School
April 6:	Easter Monday – No School
April 10:	Hot Lunch



Important Reminders

Please take note: The Student Inclusive Conferences are your child's progress report.

Early dismissal on March 4 at 12:30 PM – Please pack a lunch for your child

Full Day conferences, March 5 – students are not in attendance – students accompany their parents/guardians to school

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.





Welcome to The Willoughby Gallery of Exceptional Art!

We are delighted to invite you to step into our gallery in the gym and experience the remarkable work of the world-renowned artists of Willoughby Elementary. Each piece on display has been thoughtfully created by our own students—young artists whose curiosity, creativity, and courage shine through every brushstroke, sketch, and design. We also invite families to visit the gym, where a video will be playing on a loop featuring students sharing information about the inspiring individuals they learned about. We hope you enjoy and are inspired by the incredible talent within our school community.

The Ministry of Education and Child Care is inviting all families to participate in this year's provincial Parent Survey. This survey is an important opportunity for you to share your voice and help shape the educational experiences and supports offered in BC schools. Your feedback provides valuable insight into what is working well and where we can continue to grow. We encourage all parents and caregivers to take a few minutes to complete the survey. Your input truly makes a difference. Parents can access the link to be completed before May 1: [Parent Survey](#)



Willoughby Slope Catchments Information Sessions Update

The District is currently undergoing the second round of consultation meetings in Willoughby Slope schools to discuss the boundary change proposal 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](#).



Middle and Secondary Schools on the Willoughby Slope

This week the Langley Board of Education announced the names of the two new schools in the Smith neighbourhood of the Willoughby Slope. The schools are currently under construction and are expected to be completed in fall 2027.

The new secondary school is named Emery Dosedall Secondary. The late Emery Dosedall was a longtime Superintendent in the Langley School District as well as a former Deputy Minister of Education in the BC government. You can read more about it in the media release [here](#).

The new middle school is named statl̓w Middle School. statl̓w is a word that means 'little river' or 'little creek' in the hən̓q̓əmi̓nəm language, and the name statl̓w signifies an acknowledgment of the land, the preservation of the hən̓q̓əmi̓nəm language, and a renewed commitment to truth and reconciliation. Phonetic pronunciation [stot – low]. You can read more about it in the media release [here](#).

LANGLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #35

U-CONNECT

A blended-learning, choice program for Langley residents, for students in grades K-12.

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 STARTING THIS SPRING: APRIL 8, APRIL 29, MAY 13

U-Connect offers Elementary, Middle Years & Secondary. For elementary and middle years, we offer multi-grade classes with a focus on small classes and a collaborative approach to learning between school and home. Our secondary program is for students in grades 9 to 12. Students in our secondary program have the option of our blended pathway program and blended mornings. We also offer online-only courses for Langley students in grades 10-12.

Want to Learn More? Contact Us!
www.sd35.bc.ca/simonds-uconnect
604-530-2361

U-Connect


U-Connect offers programming at the elementary, middle and secondary level. For elementary and middle years (K-8), U-Connect offers multi-grade classes with a focus on small classes and a collaborative approach to learning between school and home. The secondary program is for students in grades 9 to 12. Students in the secondary program have the option of the blended pathway program and blended mornings. U-Connect also offers online-only courses for Langley students in grades 10-12. The school will be hosting Information Sessions this spring; please see below for more information.

Spring Ukulele Camp

Our camps include experiences that are:

 **Educational** – Kids learn chords, strumming patterns, and even how to play their favorite songs.

 **Confidence-Boosting** – Supportive group settings help children feel proud of their progress.

 **Social & Collaborative** – Making music together builds friendships and teamwork.

 **Fun & Energizing** – Every day is filled with laughter, creativity, and accomplishment.



Give your child a Spring Break that strikes the perfect chord!

A limited number of spots are still available in our Spring Ukulele Camp!

This week-long event blends music, creativity, and confidence-building in a fun, supportive environment designed just for kids. Whether they are brand new to the ukulele or already strumming, campers will learn chords, rhythm, and a number of songs while making new friends along the way.

Our experienced instructors, including world renown ukulele teacher, Peter Luongo make learning engaging and accessible, and the ukulele's user-friendly size and cheerful sound make it an ideal learning instrument—easy to learn, instantly rewarding, and a lot of fun. By blending hands-on instruction, small class groupings, and engaging and interactive activities an ideal learning environment is created. The camp experience features a concert performance on the last day that allows every camper a chance to shine. Along the way, the children will build focus, perseverance, and self-expression—skills that carry far beyond music. By the end of camp, the children won't just have new musical skills—they'll have greater confidence, a sense of accomplishment, new friendships, and a song in their heart.

This 3-minute video says it all! Langley Ukulele Association

Uke Camp: <https://vimeo.com/1134474547/c7b7d98017?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci>

Last week, we celebrated Diversity and Respect Week at Willoughby Elementary.

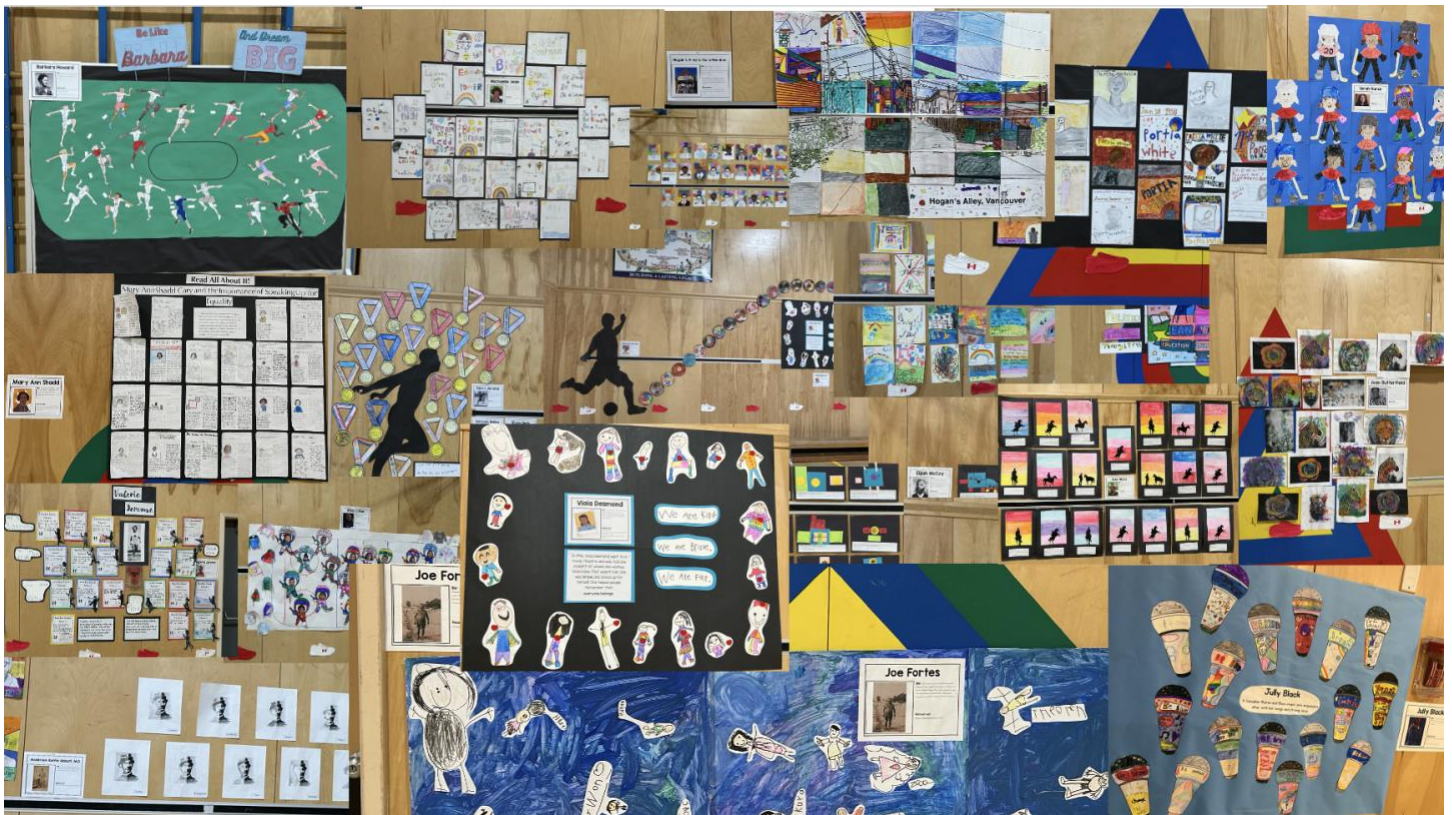
As part of our schoolwide activities, students recognized Pink Shirt Day on February 25 and explored the importance of respecting each other's cultures, identities, and experiences. Throughout the week, classes created flags representing their countries of origin, sparking conversations about where we all come from and the many stories that shape our community. Students also participated in our *We All Swim Together* school project, gaining a valuable understanding of the rich diversity within our school. Through sharing their own backgrounds and learning about their peers' cultures and experiences with diverse abilities, students strengthened their appreciation for inclusion and the unique qualities each person brings. This week provided meaningful opportunities for students to reflect, celebrate, and continue building a school community where everyone feels valued and supported.



Black Excellence Month

During Black History Month this February, each class at Willoughby Elementary learned about a significant Black Canadian whose achievements have helped shape our country. Students explored the stories, innovations, and contributions of these influential figures through engaging lessons and classroom discussions. Inspired by what they learned, every class created artwork that celebrates and honours the individual they studied.

The end result is a beautiful schoolwide art gallery in the gym, where all classes have come together to display their pieces. This exhibition highlights not only the creativity of our students but also their growing understanding and appreciation of Black Canadian history and excellence. We invite families to take a walk through the gallery and enjoy the powerful learning that has taken place across our school.





THIS MONTH IN THE ARTS



1-7 ● **ANTIGONE - Drama Ensemble**
Langley Fine Arts School
Chief Sepass Theatre 7:00 PM

4 ● **NIGHT OF MUSIC**
Aldergrove Community Secondary
ACSS Gym 6:30 PM

5 ● **COFFEE & BLUES**
Brookwood Secondary
BSS Gym 7:00 PM

6 ● **SPRING POPS CONCERT**
Brookwood Secondary
BSS Gym 7:00 PM

5-7 ● **NEWSIES- The Broadway Musical**
D.W. Poppy Secondary
Poppy Gym 7:00 PM

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Langley Secondary
LSS Gym 7:00 PM

10 ● **SOUND OF SPRING**
D.W. Poppy Secondary
Poppy Gym 6:30 PM

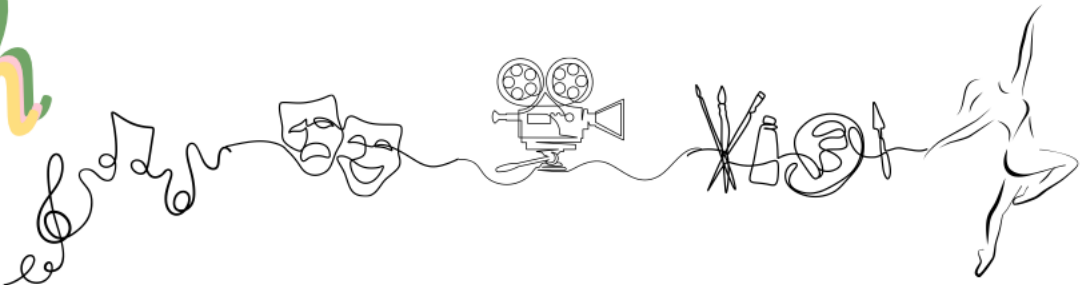
10 ● **POPS CONCERT**
R.E. Mountain Secondary
MTN Main Gym 7:00 PM

10 ● **SPRING CONCERT**
Walnut Grove Secondary
WGSS Gym 6:30 PM

12 ● **MUSIC IN THE MOVIES**
Langley Fundamental Secondary
LFMS Large Gym 7:00 PM

12/13 ● **110 STORIES**
R.E. Mountain Secondary
MTN Gallery 7:00 PM

March



PAC Monthly Newsletter

The latest news and updates for parents of Willoughby Elementary

Hello PAC Families,

Happy March! With spring just around the corner, it's an exciting and busy time at school. Thank you for your continued support — your involvement truly makes a difference for our students.

Be sure to check below for important updates and upcoming events this month!

Warmly,
PAC Team



Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

MOVIE NIGHT

Fr Apr 17 at 6:00pm
in the school gym

Purchase movie tickets on MunchaLunch.



PAC Annual General Meeting: Monday, May 25

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming PAC AGM:
Mon May 25 at 6:30pm in the Learning Commons (Library)

At the AGM we:

- Present and pass the 2026-27 PAC budget
- Vote for 2026-27 Executive positions
- Form committees
- Begin discussion for projects, hot lunches, events, fundraisers for next year

More information will be sent in April. If you have questions or would like to get involved with the PAC, please email us: willoughbypac@gmail.com

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PAC MEETINGS

Next meeting, in the school's Learning Commons:

- Mon Apr 20 at 6:30pm
- AGM: Mon May 22 at 6:30pm

UPCOMING DATES

Mar 1-6 Student Inclusive Conferences

Mar 4 Early dismissal (12:30pm)

Mar 5 Full day Student Conferences (no school)

Mar 13 PAC Hot Lunch: StrEATs (order by Mar 3)

Mar 13 School spirit day: Sports jersey day

Mar 13 Last day before Spring Break

Mar 30 Schools Re-open after Spring Break

Apr 10 PAC Hot Lunch: Hot Dog Day and Booster Juice (order by Mar 31)

April 17 PAC Event: Movie Night

April 20 PAC Meeting

Apr 24 PAC Hot Lunch: Olden Medal Chinese and COB

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.

VOLUNTEER

- April 17 - Movie Night
- Sign up to volunteer online:



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