



# Willoughby Elementary

## School

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### Upcoming Events

- 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 \*

**Hot Lunch and Spirit Day Friday, March 13**

**Best wishes for a great Spring Break!**

**See you back at school on Monday, March 30**

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents who visited their children's classes during our Student Inclusive Conferences last week. Your presence helped celebrate and support your children's learning journey. For your reference, the Student Inclusive Conference Document will be uploaded to MyEdBC before Spring Break.



We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for their invaluable contributions to our school community. This dynamic group of parents and caregivers works closely with our school administration, teachers, and students, generously volunteering their time and organizing fun events for the students. Additionally, please note that we have Hot Lunch this Friday. If you could volunteer your time by helping our PAC on Friday, please contact them [willoughbypac@gmail.com](mailto:willoughbypac@gmail.com)

## Lost and Found

Please visit our lost and found to see if any items belong to your child. Please make sure that all clothing is labelled with your child's name. Any unclaimed items will be donated to a community charity.



**Congratulations to our Grade 5 Boys and Girls Basketball players who had a fun and exciting experience the past month. They will be playing their last basketball match today. A big thank you to Ms. MacEwen, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Stevens and Ms. Janeshewski for assisting our students during the games. We won some and we lost some games, but ultimately, the students had fun!**

### ***Learning Resources in Schools***

*The Ministry of Education and Child Care is responsible for setting direction around the use of Learning Resources by educators in classrooms and school Learning Commons. In BC, the Ministry of Education and Child Care has determined that local boards of education have responsibility for determining how learning resources are chosen for use in schools. All boards and school districts must have policies and procedures for choosing learning resources. This directive is set out in the Ministry of Education and Child Care's Learning Resources Policy which can be found at the link below:*

**<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/learning-resources>**

*In Langley, there are two Administrative Procedures that guide the selection and use of Learning Resources in Langley schools. Both procedures can be found on the school district website and are being shared with parents at the links below:*

*Administrative Procedure 251 – Learning Resources*

[https://media.sd35.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/ap\\_251\\_learning\\_resources.393d258361.pdf](https://media.sd35.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/ap_251_learning_resources.393d258361.pdf)

*Administrative Procedure 252 – Selection Procedure for Library Learning Commons Resources*

[https://media.sd35.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/ap\\_252\\_selection-procedure-for-library-learning-commons-resources.5ac4588360.pdf](https://media.sd35.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/ap_252_selection-procedure-for-library-learning-commons-resources.5ac4588360.pdf)

*If parents/caregivers have questions or concerns about the resources available in their child's school or the local procedures regarding the review, evaluation, approval, and selection of learning resources, they should reach out first to their child's teacher or school principal. Most questions and concerns can be addressed productively through conversation with educators at the school level.*

### **Donna Gabriel Robins Just Be Four (JB4) Preschool - Registration Open for September 2026**

Langley School District operates a licenced 4 year old preschool program at Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary. Registration is now open for September 2026-2027.

Classes operate on Tuesdays/Thursdays from 12:30 - 2:30.

Please complete the contact form below, and our staff will connect with you regarding securing a space for your child. Please contact Charlene Redekop at [credekop@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:credekop@sd35.bc.ca) for further information.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rvqr\\_Ar4dE-2p7oVwqS7Jlz2vmltILtGrl0qa8negQtUOEEzU0o4R0JHVldIWDRRNzQxSVAzWll3Sy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rvqr_Ar4dE-2p7oVwqS7Jlz2vmltILtGrl0qa8negQtUOEEzU0o4R0JHVldIWDRRNzQxSVAzWll3Sy4u)

## **Spring Health – Fraser Health**

### **Spring Health Information (from Fraser Health)**

Health, safety, and wellness continue to be a priority in our schools. To help support our students and families, we are sharing important information from our community partner Fraser Health about spring health for school-aged children and youth. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

### **Spring Health for Kids**

*The spring season is approaching which means warmer weather and more outdoor activities. It's also an opportunity to foster new healthy habits for our children. Here are five practical tips for school-aged kids to make the most of this season.*



### **Get Active**

Warmer weather makes spring the perfect time to get outside and play. Take a walk around your neighbourhood or head to a local park or hiking trail. You can also stay active close to home with jump rope or hopscotch in your neighbourhood.

### **Think Fresh**

Springtime often brings up images of fresh fruits and vegetables. Now is a great time to teach children about where food comes from by helping them to start their own home garden. You don't need a large space to get started. Any bright space indoors or outdoors can be used to grow fresh food. For tips, check out this resource about [gardening with kids](#).

### **Be Sun Safe**

Sunburns are possible, even in spring. Use a sunscreen that has Sun Protection Factor (SPF) 30 or more. When possible, schedule outdoor activities in the morning or late afternoon and early evening. If you and your children are out in the sun during mid-day hours, wear long sleeves, loose-fitting long pants and a hat.

### **Be Prepared for Extreme Weather**

Spring weather can be very unpredictable and can bring heavy rains or heat. Make sure you and your family are ready for possible [flooding](#), heat and [indoor air quality](#) issues. Plan for summer heat by preparing your home early. Find tips on [Window safety for children](#) as well as information and resources, including programs to help, at Fraser Health's [Before a heat event](#) page.

### **Practice Road Safety**

Biking is a great way to exercise and spend quality time with your family. Remember to keep safety top of mind. Protect their heads with a well-fitted helmet and teach them the rules of the road, such as the hand signals for stop, right and left-hand turns. Check out Fraser Health's [Bike Safety for children](#) page.

For tips on all of this and more, check out Fraser Health's [Spring health guide](#).



## **Updates from the PAC**



### **Middle and Secondary Boundary Change Process**

(in the RE Mountain Secondary and Smith Region)

- There have been several public meetings hosted by the School District.
- Read the slides from the meetings here:
- <https://media.sd35.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/boundary-change-process-presentation-round-2.918a2919933.pdf>

### **PAC Movie Night**

Fri Apr 17 at 6:00 pm in the school's gymnasium

- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs.
- \$5 for students and \$2 for adults (includes a bag of popcorn).
- Purchase tickets on <https://munchalunch.com/>