



# Willoughby Elementary School

Newsletter #29 April 14, 2026

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## Upcoming Events.



- April 14: Gr 5 students transitioning to PEMS
- April 14: Reading Link Challenge @ Lynn Fripps 12:30-2:00 PM
- April 14: Vaisakhi
- April 17: Spirit Day: Decades Day & PAC Movie Night
- April 20: PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
- April 22: Earth Day
- April 24: Jump Rope for Heart Event
- May 1: Class Photo Day & PAC Treat Day
- May 3- 8: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6: Gr 5 students transitioning to YCMS
- May 8: Hot Lunch
- May 12: IDEA Summit LEC
- May 15: Pro D – No students in attendance
- May 18: Victoria Day – No school
- May 21: Spring Concert Gr 3, 4 & 5 Choir at 1 PM
- May 22: Hot Lunch & Spirit Day – Switcharoo Day
- May 22: PAC Treat Krispy Kreme
- May 25: PAC Meeting AGM @ 6:30 PM
- May 28: Sports Day
- June 5: Welcome To K Event
- June 5: Hot Lunch & Freezie Day

### \* IMPORTANT REMINDERS \*

**Warm wishes to our community members who are celebrating Vaisakhi on April 14. I hope this special time brings you joy, reflection, and a sense of togetherness.**

## **Summer Session 2026 – Elementary/Middle/Secondary**

*Are you looking for skill-building or new learning opportunities for your child to keep them engaged during the summer? The District offers a variety of courses as part of Summer Session. Online registration begins on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> for Elementary (Grades 1 to 5), Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> for Middle (Grades 6 to 8), and Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> for Secondary (Grades 9 to 12) at 11:30am each day for Langley School District students. For important dates, times, and courses available to Grade 1-12 students, please visit our webpage [here](#).*



## **Informal Learning Update**

**On May 7th**, your child will receive a paper record of the second informal learning update as part of the requirements within the Ministry of Education and Childcare's Reporting Order.

*This Elementary Learning Update serves as a record of communication, which can include (but is not limited to) past email communication, meetings, digital student portfolio or written communication, to serve as an update to families on student learning progress since the Term 2 Student Inclusive Conferences. Parents/Caregivers will be able to see the method of communication indicated at the top of the paper, Learning Update.*

*If you have further questions about your child's learning progress, please contact your child's classroom teacher.*

## **Student Learning Survey – Ministry of Education (Reminder)**

We value your voice! Please take a few moments to share your feedback about your child's learning by completing the BC Student Learning Survey (SLS). This annual survey helps inform and improve education for students across British Columbia.

### **Why your feedback matters:**

- It is the only province-wide survey that gathers parent perspectives on student learning.
- Your responses, combined with input from students and staff, provide a well-rounded view of the learning experience.
- The results help identify areas for growth and guide future improvements in education.

**Please complete the survey by May 1, 2026.**

Thank you for taking the time to support student learning.

[https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull1/central/main/access Parent.asp](https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull1/central/main/access%20Parent.asp)



## Updates from the PAC



### **PAC Movie Night**

Fri Apr 17 at 6:00pm 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/> by April 15.

### **PAC Meeting**

Monday, April 20 6:30pm in the school's Learning Commons

- All parents are welcome to attend!
- The meeting agenda is below.

### **PAC Update – Temporary Bylaw Change (2026–2027)**

Next year, we are proposing a *temporary* update to allow a few extra PAC roles (including a Co-Secretary and additional Members at Large).

Why? Many current exec members are graduating out, and this will let new volunteers **shadow and learn the roles**—making for a smooth transition the following year.

This change is **for one year only** and will automatically end June 30, 2027.

More details and voting for this change are included with the Meeting Agenda below and will be discussed at the meeting in on April 20.

Voting for all Executive roles will take place the AGM on May25. Information about all roles and how to get involved will be sent out early in May.

We are happy to answer any questions, feel free to email us or chat with one of us in person!

### **Langley Child Day**

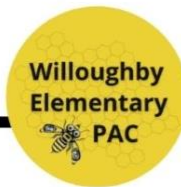
May 2 from 10:30am-1:30pm at Langley Secondary School

- Free Community Information Fair for the early years
- Learn more here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/langley-child-day-may-2-2026-tickets-1981802925900>

### **Parent Education**

- Any parent with a child in SD35 may apply for a reimbursement of funds that were spent on education.
- Submission form: <https://tinyurl.com/3c9fk3ff>

Email the PAC with your questions: [willoughbypac@gmail.com](mailto:willoughbypac@gmail.com)



Date: Monday, April 20, 2026  
Time: 6:30pm  
Location: School Learning Commons

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Introductions
3. Adoption
  - a. April Agenda
  - b. January 2026 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 and Gaming and General from January 2026
  - b. Review budget variances (over/under) and reallocate funds to teacher/staff requests, recess equipment, busses/field trips, PE requests
  - c. PE equipment requests
7. DPAC Report
8. Committee, Events, and Fundraising Reports:
  - a. Ongoing: Hot Lunch
  - b. Ongoing: COBS Reading Challenge
  - c. Upcoming: Staff Appreciation Lunch (week of May 4)
  - d. Upcoming: Treat Days:
    - i. Push Pops (May 1)
    - ii. Krispy Kreme (May 22)
  - e. Upcoming: Sports Day
  - f. Upcoming: Grade 5 Farewell ceremony
9. Event Reports:
  - a. Recap: Movie Night
  - b. Upcoming: School Block Party (June 19)
10. Old Business:
  - a. Playground funds
  - b. Stencil purchase for playground
  - c. Parent Education: workshops and website
  - d. PAC kitchen - food warmer and faucet
  - e. School speed zone update
11. New Business:
  - a. Temporary Bylaw Change - review and vote
  - b. MOU ToL, SD35, and Ministry of Education - Letter of support from PAC, update
  - c. Begin discussion: Calendar 2025-26
12. Open discussion

Next Meeting: Monday, May 25, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons (Annual General Meeting)

## **Proposal to Temporarily Amend Constitution & Bylaws (2026–2027 School Year)**

### **Background (Current Wording)**

#### **Section 8.1 – Executive Officers**

Elected officers should include the following:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Representative to the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)
- Up to six (6) Members at Large
- Plus any additional positions as per Section 7.1.1

#### **Section 7.1.1 – Nominations**

The Executive members will include, but are not limited to: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, DPAC Representative, and Members at Large. Any additional roles will be added by bylaw amendment with proper notice.

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### **Proposed Temporary Amendment**

Purpose:

- Several current Executive members have served 3+ years and will be leaving after the 2026–2027 school year.
  - To support succession planning and continuity, additional positions will allow incoming volunteers to learn, shadow, and transition into roles.
  - This approach aims to ensure a smooth and low-stress transition for the 2027–2028 school year.
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### **Revised Section 8.1 (Temporary for 2026–2027 Only)**

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#### **Temporary Additions (Effective for the 2026–2027 School Year Only):**

- One (1) Co-Secretary
- Up to six (6) additional Members at Large (for a total of up to twelve (12))

#### **Sunset Clause:**

These temporary positions will automatically expire on June 30, 2027, at which time Section 8.1 will revert to its original structure.

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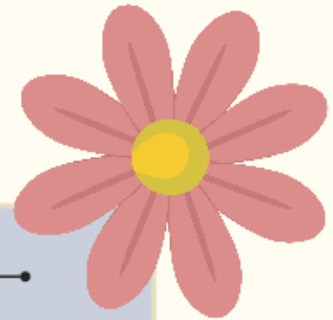
#### **Notes for Clarity:**

- Additional Members at Large will provide opportunities for mentorship and gradual onboarding into executive roles.
- This amendment does not permanently change the structure of the PAC.



# THIS MONTH IN THE ARTS

## April



9	<b>NIGHT OF MUSIC</b> Langley Secondary School Main Gym 7:00 PM
15	<b>IB ART SHOW</b> RE Mountain Secondary School Upper Floor 7:00 PM
20-24	<b>NIGHTS OF DRAMA</b> Langley Fine Arts School Chief Sepass 6:30 PM
21	<b>MUSIC JAMBOREE</b> Brookwood Secondary School Main Gym 12:00 - 3:00 PM
22-25 27-29	<b>THE LITTLE MERMAID</b> Langley Fundamental Middle Secondary Main Gym 7:00 PM
30 May 1-2, 7-9	<b>CHICAGO: The Musical</b> Walnut Grove Secondary School WGSS Theatre 7:00 PM

