Willoughby Elementary School

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Upcoming Events





October 9:	**Individual Photos**
October 12:	**Thanksgiving Day – School not in session**
October 15:	**Great Shake Out & Reunification Drill**
October 16:	**School Spirit Day – House Team Colour Day & Hot Lunch- Panago Pizza**
October 21:	**Learning updates issued**
October 23:	**Pro D – No Students in session**
October 30:	**Halloween Costume Twirl**
October 30:	**Halloween Dance – PAC**
November 2:	**Photo Retakes**
November 6:	**Hot Lunch**
November 8:	**National Aboriginal Veterans Day**
November 11:	**Remembrance Day – No school**
November 13:	**World Kindness Day**
November 13:	**PAC Movie night**
November 14:	**Christmas Market**
November 16:	**PAC Meeting 6:30 PM**
November 20:	**Design and Assessment Day**
November 27:	**Hot Lunch**
November 30 – December 4:	**Student Inclusive Conferences**

*** IMPORTANT REMINDERS***
October 9 Individual Photo Day
October 12 Thanksgiving – No school
Parent Consent forms are now due. (Parents received the notification from the Langley School District)



Weather and Appropriate Clothing:

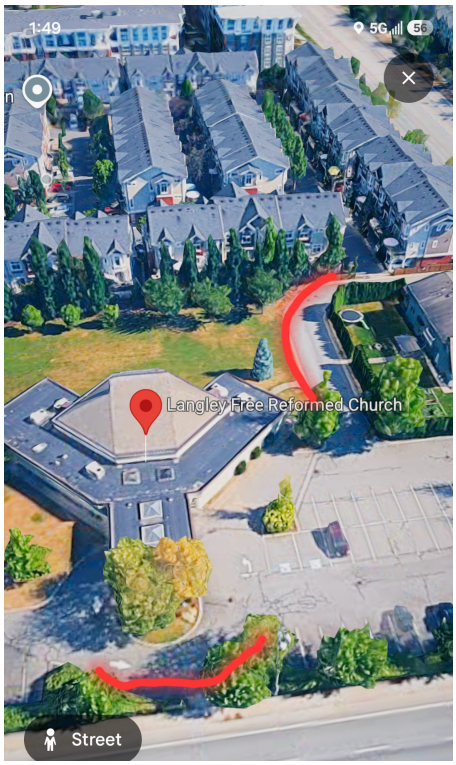
As the cold and wet days settle in, we kindly remind families to ensure children are dressed appropriately for outdoor play. Students will continue to go outside for fresh air and exercise, even on rainy days, so proper attire is essential. Please send your child in boots and a waterproof jacket with a hood on rainy mornings.

To help keep everyone comfortable, we ask that all students carry an extra change of clothes (shirt, pants, and socks) in their backpacks in case they get wet during recess or lunch play. We also encourage you to label your child's outerwear (jackets, sweaters, coats) with their first and last name to help us return lost items. Our Lost & Found is always overflowing!
Thank you for your continued support and attention to this important matter.

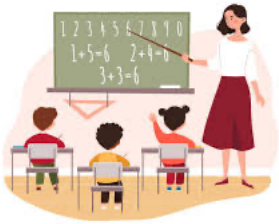
Church Parking Lot



Please take note of the red-lined areas in the picture below. These areas are designated as no-parking zones, as parked vehicles can block traffic flow and create safety concerns for others entering and exiting the parking lot. Please follow the posted parking signs on the lawn and park only in designated spaces. Thank you for helping keep our community safe.



Grade 1 Classroom Support Update



We're pleased to share that Mrs. Roberts will be supporting our Grade 1 classrooms this year again through a co-teaching model. As a familiar and valued member of our school community, Mrs. Roberts will be working alongside the Grade 1 teachers to provide additional support to students during class time.

Student in Distress and School Safety

Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Our schools follow emergency procedures to help keep students, staff, and the community safe. Depending on the situation, communication to parents/caregivers is needed to

keep families informed about incidents in our school, such as during lockdowns, hold & secures, and room clears. Sometimes these incidents may not be emergencies but are medical crises. It is important to note that the decision to send communications to families is dependent on a variety of factors including the nature of what happened, who has witnessed or was directly impacted by what happened, as well as student and staff privacy. Although communication is unique and dependent on the specific situation, there are times when a student is in distress and the incident may require a message or letter to families. In addition to communication to parents/caregivers, teachers and staff may debrief with students after an incident that may have upset them. In some cases, the school counsellor may offer support to students in need. As always, we want families to let us know if your child requires support. If you have any questions or concerns about communication related to emergencies or incidents, please reach out to the school.



Programs of Choice – Deadline to Register is Monday, October 26th

Langley School District offers a rich diversity of programs that are designed to meet the specific needs and interests of students. Programs include Fine Arts, French Immersion, Fundamental, Langley Environmental Awareness Program (outdoor education), Montessori, and UConnect. Registration for Kindergarten entry (for most programs) begins on ***Monday, October 5th at 12 noon****, and closes on* ***Monday, October 26th at 12 noon****. For UConnect, please contact the school directly. For more information and instructions to register your child, visit our District website* ***here*** *and review our FAQ choice programs resource* ***here****.*

Staying Healthy this Winter (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 how to stay healthy this winter. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

Keep Your Children Free From Respiratory Illnesses This Winter

As the weather gets colder and more time is spent indoors, we are more likely to get sick with things like colds, flu or COVID-19 because these illnesses spread more easily in enclosed spaces.

Everyone should take these steps to protect themselves and limit the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Get vaccinated against flu and COVID-19.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- If you have flu-like symptoms, stay home and away from people at higher risk of serious illness. If you are sick and cannot stay away from others, wear a mask. Learn more about masks ***here***.

Vaccinations for Respiratory Illness

Vaccinations prepare our immune system to recognize and respond to viruses. When children get immunized, they are less likely to get sick or pass along illness to others. When children remain healthy, they are better able to focus on learning, playing and doing the activities they love. Their parents and caregivers also have less disruptions in their personal and work routines.

Register your children with the ***Get Vaccinated*** system so you can be reminded to get flu or COVID-19 vaccinations when they are due. Seasonal respiratory vaccinations are available from pharmacies, public health units and some primary care providers.

School-aged Immunizations

Getting your child ***vaccinated on schedule*** is one of the best ways to protect their health. To set young people up for long-term health and well-being, vaccines are offered routinely in kindergarten, grade 6 and grade 9 with catch-up opportunities in other grades.

Protection is long lasting for most vaccines, except for whooping cough. This vaccine is one of the ***infant immunizations*** that can wear off and needs to be given again around Kindergarten and Grade 9 to provide protection. All routine school-aged immunizations are free in British Columbia. If your child is not up to date with their vaccines, please make an appointment with a public health unit, family doctor, nurse practitioner or pharmacy.

If your child's record shows their vaccines are not current, but they did get vaccines from a health care provider outside of public health:

- Contact the health care provider who immunized your child and ask for a copy of the immunization record.
- Provide these immunization records to Public Health online at: ***http://www.fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform***

Learn more about school-aged immunizations, including how to access your child's records, here: ***Children and youth immunizations – Fraser Health Authority***

PAC Monthly Newsletter

The latest news and updates for parents of Willoughby Elementary

Hello Willoughby Families,

We hope everyone has settled into the new school year and is enjoying the routines and excitement that come with Fall!

As we head into October and Thanksgiving approaches, we're reminded of how much our school community has to be grateful for.

We are thankful for the continued support and enthusiasm of our Willoughby families. Your participation helps make our school a welcoming, connected, and vibrant place for all of our students!

-PAC Executive Team

HALLOWEEN DANCE

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, October 30

5:30-6:45pm (K-Gr 2) AND 7:00-8:30pm (Gr 3-5)

Tickets and pizza will go on sale later this week!



Community Values Coupon Books

Today is the last day to purchase your coupon book! Buy your book on MunchaLunch.



Return unsold coupon books ASAP!

We are still missing dozens of books. Please return your book to the school ASAP.



Freezie Day Fundraising

Thank you to the parents who volunteered at the Freezie Days. We raised nearly $1000 to support the in-line skating program this Winter!

PAC Classroom Liaisons

Stay connected • Stay informed • Get involved

Did you know that each class has a volunteer parent liaison?

Through a WhatsApp group, stay informed about events and fundraisers at our school. Also connect, communicate, and engage with other families. **There are QR codes near the door to your class - please sign up for your group there!**

We are still looking for Classroom Liaisons: Div 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 17, 18.

Email the PAC for more information.

Willoughby Elementary PAC

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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 meeting, in the school's Learning Commons:

- Mon Nov 16 at 6:30pm

PAC TEAM

Some new parent volunteers joined the PAC Executive team! **A warm welcome to: Despina, Gregory, Joao, Kelly, Preeti, and Shaleen!**
We invite all parents to get involved at upcoming PAC events!

UPCOMING DATES

Oct 2 Custodian Appreciation Day
Oct 5 World Teachers' Day
Oct 2 PAC Hot Lunch: Indian Affair & Booster Juice (order by Sept 22)
Oct 9 School photo day
Oct 12 Thanksgiving - no school
Oct 15 School Great Shake Out
Oct 16 PAC Hot Lunch: Panago Pizza (order by Oct 6)
Oct 16 School Spirit Day - Wear your team colour!
Oct 23 Pro-D - no students in session
Oct 30 PAC Halloween Dance!
Nov 2 School photo retakes
Nov 6 Hot Lunch: Hot Dog Day & Booster Juice (order by Oct 27)

HOT LUNCH

Order here:
munchalunch.com/schools/willoughby

Welcome to MunchaLunch