

Willoughby Elementary School

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Upcoming Events

October 23: Learning Updates issued
October 23: Halloween Dance - PAC

October 24: Pro D – No Students in session October 31: Halloween- Costume Twirl

November 3: Photo Retakes
November 7: Hot Lunch

November 8: National Aboriginal Veterans Day

November 10: Design and Assessment Day – No students in attendance

November 11: Remembrance Day – No school

November 13: World Kindness Day November 14: Spirit Day – Future Career

November 14: PAC Movie night
November 15: Christmas Market
November 17: PAC Meeting 6:30 PM

November 26: Student Inclusive Conference – No School

November 27: Early Dismissal 12:30 PM- Student Inclusive Conference

November 28: Hot Lunch

December 4: Winter Concert K- Gr 2 – 1 PM & 6 PM

December 5: Hot Lunch

December 12: Pancake Breakfast

December 19: Last Day before Winter Break

Important Reminders

Halloween Dance on Thursday, October 23
October 23 Learning Updates Distributed to families
Pro D Day on Friday, October 24, no students in attendance

Wishing Our Community a Joyous Diwali!

This week is the Festival of Lights. We extend our heartfelt wishes to all families in our school community who are celebrating Diwali. May this special time bring joy, peace, and prosperity to your homes. We celebrate the diversity and richness that each tradition brings to our school, and we are grateful to share in the spirit of light and togetherness.



LOST & FOUND

Lost & Found Reminder

Our Lost and Found area next to the office is overflowing with jackets, hoodies, water bottles, and other items! If your child is missing something, please take a moment to check if anything belongs to your child. To help us return items more easily, we kindly ask that you clearly label your child's clothing and belongings with their name. Thank you for your help!

Information About School Status During Inclement Weather

Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? If you are able to access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can be accessed on all school websites



or <u>www.sd35.bc.ca</u>. Updates are also posted to X (formerly Twitter) @LangleySchools and Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict</u>. If you don't have internet connectivity but your phone is working, call a relative or friend in an area that has not been affected by the storm and ask them to check the district website for you. Local radio stations are also informed of school status in Langley. Tune in to CKWX 1130AM, CKNW 980AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7 or CBC 690AM or 88.1FM for updates.

Please note that Langley District schools are all considered 'open' until a decision to close is required. Decisions on school closures are usually made by 6:30am. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school based on safety and individual circumstances. If you feel it is unsafe for you or your child to travel to or attend an open school for any reason, please keep your child home and report an absence to the school.

Halloween Reminders

Students are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes. If your child does wear a costume to school, please ensure that they do not bring costume pieces that could get lost or broken. **Also, exercise good judgment.** For example, masks should be left at home as it is hard for children to see when wearing them, and often young children are scared by them and/or scary make-up. Children cannot bring "play" weapons to school.

This includes toy guns, knives, axes, or other items that represent a weapon. We also ask that you do not send any open food/treats/items to school with your child to share with others, e.g., cupcakes, chips, or cakes. Please remember to be considerate as you choose your costumes this Halloween. Halloween is difficult for many groups based on their race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, etc. Dressing up as a cultural or marginalized group diminishes that group to a caricature and removes context and meaning.

Remembrance Day



It is a long-standing tradition for schools to support our veterans and the efforts of the <u>Royal Canadian Legion</u>. Please note that our school will be receiving a poppy for every student. We will be distributing them to classes in a safe manner. We will continue to collect funds this year in support of the Legion's Poppy Campaign, but kindly ask students and their families to donate online via School Cash Online: https://sd35.schoolcashonline.com/

Please do not send any cash or cheques with your child to school. We appreciate your generosity. As always, our school is committed to educating our community about the meaning of the poppy and Remembrance Day.

"Coats for Kids Campaign" Winter Coat Drive (in partnership with Langley School District Foundation)

The Langley School District Foundation, in partnership with the Langley School District, is launching the Coats for Kids Campaign to help ensure every student in our community stays warm this winter.

We're inviting schools to collect new or gently used winter coats for students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 who may need a little extra warmth this season.

Collection Dates:

• October 15th - November 5th

Drop-Off Locations:

- Any Langley School.
- Langley School Board Office (4875 222nd Street)

Cash Donations:

 Graciously accepted to help purchase additional coats and warm clothing for students in need: https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/137414

Thank you for helping us make sure every child in Langley has a warm coat this winter!

HALLOWEEN DANCE

OCTOBER 23 | 6-8 PM

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE TICKETS AND PIZZAI



Prizes

Photo Booth

Concession



Purchase on munchalunch.com until midnight on Tuesday





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