# Willoughby Elementary School

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## Upcoming Events



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| **October 30:** | **Halloween Costume Twirl** |
| **October 30:** | **Halloween Dance – PAC** |
| **November 2:** | **Photo Retakes** |
| **November 6:** | **Hot Lunch** |
| **November 6:** | **Diwali** |
| **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 & Spirit Day** |
| **Nov 30 – Dec 4:** | **Student Inclusive Conferences** |
| **November 28:** | **Hot Lunch & Spirit Day** |
| **December 2:** | **Full Day conferences** |
| **December 3:** | **SIC – 2-hour early dismissal** |
| **December 4:** | **Pancake Breakfast** |
| **December 11:** | **Hot Lunch – Golden Medal Chinese** |
| **December 15:** | **Winter Concert 1 PM – Gr 3, 4 & 5** |
| **December 16:** | **Winter Concert 1 PM – Gr 3, 4 & 5** |
| **December 17:** | **Last Day and Movie Day prior to winter break** |

## Important Reminders

**Halloween Costume Twirl on Friday**

**Halloween Dance on Friday, October 30**

**Photo Retakes – Monday, November 2**




### 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!

## ***Road, Pedestrian, and School Bus Safety***

*With fewer daylight hours and as we enter the season of wind, rain, and ice, we are sharing an important reminder from our community partner ICBC to students, staff, and families to help keep our community safe. Drivers should be alert, focus on the road, watch for pedestrians, especially at intersections and transit stops, and always be ready to stop. Pedestrians and travelers on bikes or scooters should be careful at intersections, always use designated crosswalks, remove headphones and devices, and be aware of your surroundings.*

*An important note for drivers, when a school bus has its red lights flashing, drivers travelling in either direction must stop. Students may be crossing the road to get to or from the bus. Please stop, stay alert, and do not proceed until it is safe.*

*For more tips read this resource **Kids Pedestrian Safety** or visit ICBC's webpage **here**.*

## ***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 **www.sd35.bc.ca**. Updates are also posted to X (formerly Twitter) @LangleySchools and Facebook at www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict. 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, socio-economic 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 Royal Canadian Legion. 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.

## Updates from the PAC

**Coupon Book Winners**
Congratulations to all the winners! Eight students sold 12 or more books:

- Way to go: Carly, Hazel, Eden, Charlie, Amaiya, Hannah, Boston, and Ava!

Top three sellers – winners of front row seats to the school concerts:

- Hannah, Ava, and Hazel

Enjoy your pizza party:

- Ms Foster's class(Div 7) and Ms Rowbotham's class (Div 20)

Other prize winners:

- Orange Julius: Kinsely, Daniela, Ryder
- Giants hockey game tickets: Ava
- Rivermen hockey game tickets: Amaiya

Thank you, families, for helping us raise over $6,000 for the PE and recess equipment.

**Halloween Dance – Fri Oct 30**

- Online ticket sales are now closed.
- The 5:30pm dance is sold out and no tickets will be available at the door.
- There will be tickets available for the 7:00pm dance. Students are welcome to bring a non-Willoughby friend to the dance as well!
- Please remember to wear your costume – there will be prizes for the most creative, most Halloween spirit, and best family costume!

**Spirit Wear – on sale again!**

- Be prepared for the next school spirit day (on November 27). Students are encouraged to wear their team colour shirt on all school spirit days!
- **Support charities**: did you know each colour team supports a charity? The PAC donates to each of them at the end of the schoolyear.
- Order online: [www.9blocks.ca/willoughbywarriorsspiritwear](www.9blocks.ca/willoughbywarriorsspiritwear)

**Next Hot Lunch**

- Nov 6 - Hot dog day and Booster Juice. Order by Oct 27.

Please email the PAC with questions: [willoughbypac@gmail.com](mailto:willoughbypac@gmail.com)



# Photo Retakes

Edge Imaging will be back at your school for retake photos. If you would like your child to have a retake photo done, please fill in the information below and submit to the classroom teacher.

Students Name: _____ Grade: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____