



# Willoughby Elementary School

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**Vice Principal:** Mr. Joel Olson

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## Upcoming Events

September 9:	Second day of Kindergarten Gradual entry
September 13:	Individual Student Photos
September 19:	First full day of Kindergarten
September 19:	PAC Meeting 7pm in Learning Commons
September 22:	Meet the Teacher Evening (more details to follow)
September 22:	Terry Fox Run
September 23:	School Improvement Day- Students not in session
September 29:	Activities to honour National Truth and Reconciliation Day/Orange shirt day
September 30:	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – School not in session
October 7:	Hot Lunch
October 10:	Thanksgiving Day – School not in session



## Welcome to a New School Year Start-Up!

Once again welcome back Willoughby families! We hope you had a terrific summer and are excited to begin another year with us. To our new families, welcome to Willoughby! You are exactly where you should be.



Thank you to our wonderful PAC for hosting a lovely Welcome back tea for our new and returning parent community.



**First-Week Activities:** Our staff is working hard to ensure the first week of school is academically and socially productive. Until class lists are finalized, students will be doing grade group rotations where they will get the opportunity to meet all their grade teachers. Students will be completing review assignments and re-familiarizing themselves with playground safety, conflict resolution strategies, lunch eating time and indoor day expectations, and recycling rules.

**Class Placements:**

*If your child is going to be absent, arriving late, away or leaving early due to an appointment, please notify the school of your child's absence by email or call the school. To report an absence by email, send information including the student's first name and last name, grade, division, length of the absence, and reason to [WESAttendance@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:WESAttendance@sd35.bc.ca)*

*To report an absence by phone, call 604-888-6033 and follow the prompts for the attendance line to leave a message with information including the student's first name and last name, grade, division, length of the absence, and reason. You can find these instructions on our school webpage <https://willoughby.sd35.bc.ca/submit-absence/>*

*If you have any questions about attendance/absence procedures, contact the school office.*

**STAFFING UPDATE:** Please join us in welcoming the following new and returning staff members to our school:

Bernice Schaap – Gr 5,	Ella Stawarska - Kindergarten
Lizzy Breker – Gr 4/5	Anna Saurette -Kindergarten
Ashley Dyck - Gr3/4	Elizabeth Hicks – Resource
Angela Berdusco – Gr 3	Sadaf Baradar- LA
Grace Kim – Gr 1/2	Simon Bazett - Psychologist
Shelley Varady – Gr 2	Kyla Bartley - SEA
Yoon Hwang – Gr 2	Joanna Bergen - SEA
Scott Stevens - Gr 2	Aparna Chadha SEA
Angel Pei – Gr 1	Christina Pimentel, SEA
Kristen McFarland – Gr 1	Sumanpreet Sohi - SEA,
Kate Thomson- Gr 1	Anthony Cruickshank - ELL
Nicole Cripps – Gr 1	Geraldine Olaybal - ELL
Melissa Kelly – K, Wed, Th, Fr	Sharon Song – ELL

**Building Preparation:** A big thank you to our school district maintenance workers and our amazing custodial staff, Ms. Wiesner, Ms. Hari, and Ms. Nahaal, for working so hard this summer to make our school sparkle and shine! Thanks also to Mrs. Bainbridge for organizing the office and our staff, and helping our new families make a smooth transition to Willoughby.



# PARENT CONSENT

## Parent Consent Request

Each year, Langley schools ask families to complete a set of parent consent forms for their children. These consent forms are required by our schools to ensure the health, safety, and security of all students. Langley schools use a secure web form to collect this information. Beginning mid-September, please watch for an email request (subject Parent Consent Request) that contains one link for you to submit consents for all children in your family attending any Langley school. If your email address or contact information has changed, please call the school to correct it in our files. If you have not received an email regarding Parent Consent Request by the end of September or have any questions/concerns, please contact your school administrator.

Here is a description of the forms you will receive online:

### **MEDIA RELEASE FORM**

We are moving into a new era of parent communication and use of technology at schools. We respect your family's privacy so for us to share images of students online in our weekly newsletters, we need your consent.

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS ACCEPTABLE USE**

Student will have the opportunity in classes to use various forms of technology and online tools to enhance their learning experience. This will include TEAMS. Some students will be creating portfolios of their learning so it can be easily shared with a more authentic audience like parents and family members. Our staff will closely monitor internet tools and usage. This form allows students to use online tools as well as acknowledging that there are consequences and follow up for not following protocols.

### **WALKING FIELDTRIP FORMS**

This allows teachers to take students for a walk in the neighbourhood following health and safety protocols. The email link will be sent to parents or guardians for completion and **may not be forwarded**.

## Health and Safety

It is important to stay healthy. As we look to a successful and healthy school year, please take note of the following information and guidelines:

### **ILLNESS**

Students are unable to attend school if they have ANY cold or flu symptoms. Keeping students home when they are ill not only helps them heal faster, but also helps to keep our whole community safe. If your child suffers from seasonal allergies or has a chronic concern, please do not hesitate to reach out to us! Please keep students home until they are symptom-free for 48 hours for any illness, and follow Public Health recommendations for COVID

symptoms (call 811). We are all doing our part to help keep school a safe and healthy place to be. If your child becomes unwell at school, you will be contacted for pick-up right away. We take all of our guidance from Fraser Health and the PHO. We will follow all their direction when it comes to illness.

## **STUDENT ARRIVAL IN THE MORNING**

Our school has a warning bell at 8:45, that is when students start entering the building. The second bell signals the start of instruction and learning at 8:50. On-time arrival allows students to begin learning with their peers and decreases anxiety. When students arrive late, they often worry about joining activities midstream and how to transition. Students are asked to access outside classroom doors until the second bell has rung. If students arrive after the second bell, they will not be admitted to class without a late slip from the office. This is to ensure safety and accurate attendance.

**\*\*\* REMINDERS: STUDENT ABSENCES CAN BE EMAILED TO \*\*\***

[wesattendance@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:wesattendance@sd35.bc.ca)

## **PARKING LOT**

**Our parking lot has limited spaces. In the mornings especially, we need those spots for staff to come to work. We encourage parents to park in the church parking lot if you wish to walk your child to their classrooms instead of driving through to drop off.**

## **NUT AWARE!**

We are a nut-aware school. Please do not send ANY snacks or lunch products containing peanuts or tree nuts. This includes nuts in items such as granola bars. This will help keep our school community safe.

## **LUNCHES/SNACKS**

We ask that you send a litter-less lunch if possible. To reduce waste at school, garbage will be sent home with students. Please make sure you send the cutlery needed for your child's lunch along with a labeled water bottle. Students will be eating all food indoors supervised by classroom teachers.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Please bring school supplies to school when classes are finalized. If you have not done so, you can still order supplies at <https://schoolstart.ca/>

Kindergarten students are asked to pay \$50 school supply fee at <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>  
Kindergarten families will be provided student numbers to set up School Cash Online accounts during the first week of Gradual Entry.

## **Please Remember the Following**

- Ensure all your child's items are labelled with their name, especially school supplies
- Labelled litterless lunch containers that can be brought home, washed, and reused
- A labelled water bottle
- A change of clothes is a must for primary students; intermediate students should also consider having an extra change of clothes in their backpacks

**School District #35 (Langley)**  
**2022-2023 School Calendar**  
**Willoughby Elementary**

MONTH	DATE	
September	Sept 5 (M)	<b>Labour Day (School Closed)</b>
	Sept 6 (T)	School Opens
	Sept 23 (F)	<b>School Improvement Day (students not in attendance)</b>
	Sept 30 (F)	<b>Truth and Reconciliation Day (School Closed)</b>
October	Oct 10 (M)	<b>Thanksgiving (School Closed)</b>
	Oct 19 (W)	1 Hour Early Dismissal Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Oct 20 (Th)	1 Hour Early Dismissal Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Oct 21 (F)	<b>Professional Development Day (Provincial)</b>
November	Nov 11 (F)	<b>Remembrance Day (School Closed)</b>
	Nov 18 (F)	<b>Report Card Prep/Design and Assessment Day (students not in attendance)</b>
December	Dec 9 (F)	Report Cards Issued
	Dec 16 (F)	Last Day Prior to Winter Break
January	Jan 3 (T)	School Re-Opens After Winter Break
February	Feb 10 (F)	<b>Professional Development Day (District)</b>
	Feb 13 (M)	<b>Report Card Prep/Design and Assessment Day (students not in attendance)</b>
	Feb 20 (M)	<b>Family Day (School Closed)</b>
	Feb 23 - Mar 9	<b>Student Inclusive Conferences</b>
March	Mar 1 (W)	<b>Student Inclusive Conference Day (students not in attendance)</b>
	Mar 8 (W)	1 Hour Early Dismissal Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Mar 9 (Th)	1 Hour Early Dismissal Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Mar 10 (F)	Last Day Prior to Spring Break
	Mar 27 (M)	School Re-Opens After Spring Break
April	Apr 7 (F)	<b>Good Friday (School Closed)</b>
	Apr 10 (M)	<b>Easter Monday (School Closed)</b>
May	May 12 (F)	<b>Professional Development Day (RC Garnett only)</b>
	May 19 (F)	<b>Professional Development Day (District)</b>
	May 22 (M)	<b>Victoria Day (School Closed)</b>
June	Jun 29 (Th)	Final Report Card & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
	Jun 30 (F)	<b>Administrative Day (students not in attendance)</b>
July / August		Summer Session

SD35 Board of Education Meeting

APPROVED April  
19,2022

	Warning Bell	Start Time	Recess Start	Recess End	Calculation Total Recess	Lunch Start	Lunch End	Calculation Total Lunch	End Time
<b>Willoughby</b>	8:45 AM	8:50 AM	10:20 AM	10:35 AM	0:15	12:00 PM	12:33 PM	0:33	2:33 PM