



Willoughby Elementary School

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Vice Principal: Mr. Joel Olson

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Upcoming Events

October 19 & 20	Parent Teacher Conferences
October 20:	BC Great Shakeout
October 21:	Pro D Day – School not in session
October 28:	Hot Lunch – Subway and Frostings Cupcakes
October 28:	Halloween Dance
November 1:	Photo retakes
November 11:	Remembrance Day- School not in session
November 18:	Report Card Pre/Design and Assessment Day – School not in session
November 21:	PAC Meeting 7 PM
November 22-25:	Scholastic Book Fair
November 25:	Hot Lunch – Hot Dog Day
November 25:	Movie Night 6 pm



Our students go outside for recess and lunch rain or shine, and we encourage you to ensure they are dressed for the weather. Our lost and found is currently full, so if you have items you are missing, please ask your child to check the lost and found.



Halloween at School: Halloween at School: Students are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes to school on Monday, October 31. Please ensure that your children 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 food/treats/items (including wrapped Halloween candy) to school with your child to share with others.

As Halloween approaches, this is a reminder of the importance of being culturally sensitive as you choose your costumes. As clothing from various cultures is not a costume, but is often part of sacred rituals or beliefs, dressing as such is considered cultural appropriation. According to the Cambridge Dictionary, “the act of taking or using things from a culture that is not your own, especially without showing that you understand or respect this culture.” As you move forward with planning costumes for your family, please take this information into your consideration. As always, we want all students and staff to learn in a healthy, safe and inclusive learning environment.



Congratulations!

Congratulations, to Ms. Breker and Ms. McFarland’s classes with the highest community values coupon book sales. These classes won a presentation from Urban Safari Rescue Society



New Option to Access MyEDBC using your BC Services Card

*On Monday, October 17, the Ministry of Education and Child Care together with Service BC is providing another option for students and parents/guardians to access MyEDBC. This new option enables students and families to link their BC Services Card Mobile Phone App to their MyEDBC account. By choosing this new method, all you would need is your BC Services Card Mobile Phone App to log into MyEDBC at any time. If a student or parent/guardian chooses this method, they will be able to go back to the old login method but will require assistance from District MyEDBC support staff. **Moving forward with choosing this new option means that you will never need a username and password.***

The old method of using a username and password to login to My EDBC will remain the same. There may be some students and families who do not want to use the new login method for reasons which may include:

- You are satisfied with the current process of using a username and password*
- You don't have a BC Services Card*
- You don't have access or don't want to use a mobile phone or the BC Services Card App to log into My EDBC*

Below are resources and instructions from the Ministry to help you get started.

- [BC Services Card Authentication FAQs](#)*
- [Student User Guide for BC Services Card Authentication](#)*
- [Parent User Guide for BC Services Card Authentication](#)*

As this is a new change, please understand District and school staff are still learning about this additional option and instructions to help support families.

Weekend Fuel Bag Program



The Langley School District Foundation provides a weekend supply of nutritious food for children when school lunch and breakfast is unavailable on a weekend or school holiday. Each food bag contains two breakfasts, two lunches, two snacks and other food items to help make it through the weekend. All food is provided to children free of charge and in a confidential manner. It is our hope that these resources will support the health, behavior, and achievement of every student who participates.

Though the program is intended to help those children whose families find it difficult to have enough food for the entire month, **all children are eligible for this program.**

The program is funded through the generous gifts of community donors and several Rotary Clubs.

The district also has access to other resources for families who may need assistance. There is a free store for clothing, in the late fall there is often access to boots and winter clothing, and we can assist with referrals to other community supports. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

For more information or questions, please contact Mrs. Hawkins, our Youth Care Worker, at thawkins@sd35.bc.ca.

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Join Us For Generation Health This Fall!

Learn about healthy eating & physical activity and build long-lasting healthy habits as a family in Generation Health. This 10-week program for families with children ages 8 to 12 is free, interactive and FUN!

Delivered virtually through the YMCA of Greater Vancouver starting at the end of September 2022 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

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TAMING THE WORRY DRAGONS after school program



What: FREE 8 Session Group for kids ages 8-12 years who struggle with anxiety. Parent Participation Required.

When: Every Wednesday at 3:30-5pm. Begins October 19th
Last Day December 7, 2022.

Where: The Welcome Center 6470 201 St.

Contact Megan Zurak for more info. P: 604-533-7920 ext.1308 E: mzurak@lcss.ca



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