



# Willoughby Elementary School

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## Upcoming Events

October 28:	Hot Lunch – Subway and Frostings Cupcakes
October 28:	Halloween Dance 6 PM- 8 PM
November 1:	Photo retakes
November 8:	National Aboriginal Veterans Day
November 11:	Remembrance Day- School not in session
November 18:	Report Card Prep/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



## Thank you



Thank you for taking the time last week to meet with our staff about your child's learning. We know that open communication and teamwork are keys to helping our students succeed. If you were unable to make your appointment, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher to set a time to meet.



We also had our first earthquake drill last week, as part of our school emergency preparedness plan. The students did such a fantastic job of drop, cover and hold on and then exiting the building safely and following protocols. We do multiple fire, earthquake, and lockdown drills with our students each year. These are done with guidance and support so that students learn processes without fear and worry



## 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 judgement.** 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.schoolcashionline.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.

## *Information About School Status During Inclement Weather*

*In case of  
Inclement  
Weather*



Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about schools' status during 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](http://www.sd35.bc.ca). Updates are also posted to Twitter

@LangleySchools and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict](http://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 6:30 am. 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.

### **REMINDERS From our PAC**

**If you have any coupon books at home. Please return the books to school in the same condition that it was delivered to you.  
Make sure your child's name is on the bag.**