



Willoughby Elementary School

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Upcoming Events

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| November 8: | Aboriginal Veterans Day |
| November 10: | Design & Assessment/SIC Prep Day (students not in attendance) |
| November 11: | Remembrance Day |
| November 12: | Diwali |
| November 13: | Remembrance Day – School not in session |
| November 17: | Colour Day Spirit Day |
| November 17: | Hot Lunch and Movie Night |
| November 18: | PAC Christmas Market |
| November 20: | PAC Meeting 6:30 PM |
| November 28-Dec 1: | Scholastic Bookfair |
| November 29: | Student-Inclusive Conferences – Students not in Session |
| November 30: | 2-hour Early Dismissal – Student Inclusive Conferences |
| December 8: | Hot Lunch – Panago Pizza |
| December 12: | Winter Concert #1- 1:30 PM & #2- 6:30 PM |
| December 13: | Winter Concert #3- 1:30 PM & #4- 6:30 PM |
| December 15: | PJ Day and Pancake Breakfast |
| December 21: | Last Day of school, Tacky Sweater Day and Movie Day |
| January 8: | School reopen after winter vacation |



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

November 10 – Design and Assessment Day – School not in session

November 13 – Remembrance Day in Lieu- School not in session

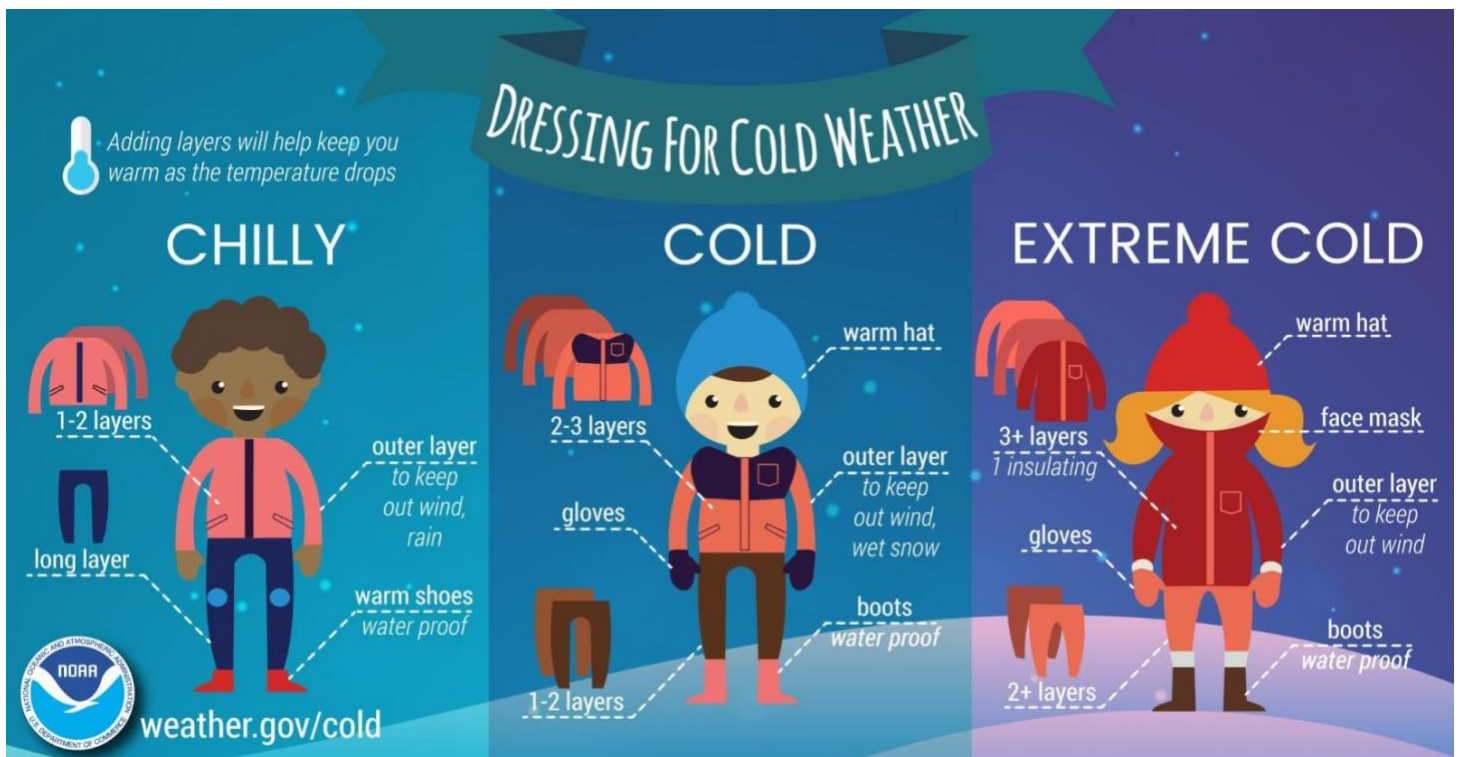
November 20 – PAC Meeting 6:30 PM – Learning Commons



LOST AND FOUND

We have a lot of lost and found items. Please ask your child to visit the lost and found at the office and collect any of their missing items. Items not collected by the end of the term will be donated to the Salvation Army
Thank you.

Just a reminder that we go outside for recess rain or shine unless the conditions are truly awful. We will keep the students inside the school building if we have a very bad rainstorm outside or temperatures are below -15 C. Please make sure that your children are dressed for the weather. Warm coats, warm or waterproof boots (or both), toques, and gloves. Very important, make sure your children's items are clearly marked. All of these make outside playtimes fun. And we all know recess makes kids learn better, feel better, and get along better.



STUDENT INCLUSIVE CONFERENCES IN LANGLEY SCHOOLS

PARENT-GUARDIAN RESOURCE
NOVEMBER 2023

Why are things Changing?

Our BC Curriculum has been redesigned to reflect how, and what, students should learn in the 21st century.

We are designing a way to communicate student learning that is focused on a meaningful, strength-based and student-inclusive process.

We know that student success increases when families have a clear understanding of their child's learning and students are at the centre of the communications process.

We want students to consider their learning and be able to answer:

Where am I now?

Where am I going?

How do I get there?

What is the Family's Role?

You play a key part in your child's learning and your active participation and engagement during the conference is appreciated.

Please sign-up online for a conference timeslot within the 2-3 week window. There will be a variety of conference times available to choose from including: before school, during school, after school, and in the evening.

Take time to consider your thoughts around the Family Reflection Sheet. This will be sent home in the days prior to your conference.

During the conference, you will have the opportunity to listen to your child, ask questions, and collaborate on setting new learning goals.

Thank you for your participation and support.



**Working together to support dialogue
around a student's learning progress.**

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Student-Inclusive Conference (Student, Family, Teacher)

- ▶ Families will meet with their child and the teacher to discuss student learning.
- ▶ Conferences will vary in style, but all will share key components:
 - Duration of about 15-20 minutes;
 - Students will share Evidence of Learning (items that reflect progress);
 - Families will reflect on the growth they have noticed in their child's learning;
 - Teachers will reflect on the student's strengths and next steps;
 - Collaboratively, everyone will set the student's next learning goals;
 - The learning, growth, strengths and next steps discussed in the conference will lead to the development of the Communicating Student Learning Progress Report.

Communicating Student Learning (CSL) Progress Report

- ▶ Replaces the former 'report card'.
- ▶ Is a working document completed collaboratively during the conference.
- ▶ The CSL Progress Report may not include every subject area, but all learning will be discussed at the conference.
- ▶ After the conference, the CSL Progress Report will be shared online through the Parent Portal of MyEDBC.
- ▶ The CSL Progress Report uses a Proficiency Scale which replaces traditional letter grades.

*Discussing areas of strength,
growth and goals...*

Proficiency Scale:

Describes student learning based on teacher's professional judgement according to widely held expectations for the grade level and time of year.

| Emerging | Developing | Proficient | Extending |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| The student demonstrates an <u>initial</u> understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning. | The student demonstrates a <u>partial</u> understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning. | The student demonstrates a <u>complete</u> understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning. | The student demonstrates a <u>sophisticated</u> understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning. |
| <i>"I don't get it yet, but I am trying."</i> | <i>"I'm starting to get it."</i> | <i>"I get it."</i> | <i>"I really get it and can teach others how to do it."</i> |

PAC Monthly Newsletter

The latest news and updates for parents of Willoughby Elementary

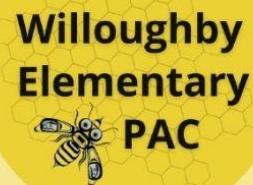
Hello Willoughby Elementary Families,

November is here and the holidays are just around the corner! We are currently running the **Fundscrip gift card fundraisers**, perfect for the season. Consider shopping for gifts cards through Fundscrip to help support the school.

The most anticipated **Pancake Breakfast** is happening in December to celebrate the holiday season. Volunteers and grocery donations are needed to make this event successful. See separate flyer for more details.

Our first ever **Christmas Market** is happening on November 18th - a great holiday shopping spot supporting our local businesses! See you there!

- PAC Executive Team (willoughbypac@gmail.com)



NOVEMBER 2023

PAC MEETING

**Nov. 20, 2023 (Mon)
at 6:30 pm in the school's
Learning Commons**

no meeting in December

We'll see you there!

Next meeting Jan. 15, 2024

UPCOMING DATES

Nov 1-9 Fundscrip Gift Card Sale

Nov 10 Design & Assessment Day/SIC
Prep Day

Nov 13 Remembrance Day Holiday
(in lieu)

Nov 17 Team Colour Spirit Day

Nov 17 Hot Lunch: A&W & Booster Juice

Nov 17 Movie Night (Hotel
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Nov 18 Christmas Market

Nov 20 PAC Meeting

Nov 28-Dec 1 Scholastic Book Fair

Nov 29 Student Inclusive Conference

Nov 30 2-hour Early Dismissal for SIC

Dec 8 Hot Lunch: Panago

Dec 15 Pancake Breakfast & PJ Day

Dec 21 Last Day Prior to Winter Break

Dec 21 Treat Day: Hot Chocolate



Volunteers needed for Pancake Breakfast



To celebrate the holiday season, PAC is hosting a free pancake breakfast for the students of Willoughby Elementary on December 15th.

WE NEED HELP! If you'd like to volunteer at any point during the morning, please contact willoughbypac@gmail.com. Setup begins at 7:00 am and the event is usually done by 12:00 pm. Volunteers will also receive breakfast after all the students have been served.

Christmas Hamper

This holiday season, the PAC is happy to support families in our school through our annual "Christmas Hamper" program. The PAC purchases grocery gift cards to give to these families in need. If you know a family who needs support, please feel free to approach the school administration in confidence.

HOT LUNCH REMINDER:



Nov 17: A&W & Booster Juice (Order Nov 7)

Dec 8: Panago (Order by Nov 28)

Jan 12: Hotdog Day & Happycakes
(Order by Jan 2)

Order here:

munchalunch.com/schools/willoughby

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!

Willoughby
Elementary
PAC

SPIRIT WEAR

ORDER NOW!



Team Colour T-Shirts

Yellow, light blue, red, and green*

\$12 Youth (XS-XL)

\$17 Adult (S-2XL)

*Teachers will send home details on your child's team colour.



Logo Hoodies & Sweat Pants

Grey, Black, and Navy

Hoodie / Pants

\$38 / \$29 Youth (S-XL)

\$40 / \$35 Adult (S-2XL)



NEW!



Support our school!

There will be team colour spirit days throughout the year! Shirts will arrive in time for the first spirit day.

Raising funds for classroom enhancements.



On sale September 12-27

Order online on MunchALunch:

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/willoughby/>

Contact the PAC with questions: willoughbypac@gmail.com

MOVIE NIGHT

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA: TRANSFORMANIA

NOVEMBER 17 | 6 PM

WILLOUGHBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM

TICKETS INCLUDE POPCORN:

\$5 PER CHILD (AGES 2+)

\$2 PER ADULT

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ON MUNCHALUNCH.COM

TICKETS ON SALE NOW UNTIL NOV 14

IF TICKETS SELL OUT, NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR

WEAR YOUR PJ'S!

**BRING YOUR OWN PILLOWS/
BLANKETS FROM HOME.**

ADULT/PARENT

SUPERVISION REQUIRED.

**DOORS OPEN
AT 5:45 PM
FOR
CONCESSION**

**CONCESSION
AVAILABLE:
CASH ONLY**

**Willoughby
Elementary
PAC**

