



Willoughby Elementary School

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Upcoming Events

October 19:	Great Shake out and Evacuation Drill for one class – Mr. Chang
October 20:	Pro D Day – School not in session
October 27:	Halloween Dance more information to follow
October 27:	Hot Lunch – White Spot
October 27:	Halloween Dance
October 31:	Costume Day/Halloween
November 3:	Hot Lunch - Rib and Chicken
November 6:	Photo retakes
November 10:	Design & Assessment/SIC Prep Day (students not in attendance)
November 11:	Remembrance Day
November 13:	Remembrance Day – School not in session
November 28-Dec 1:	Scholastic Bookfair
November 29:	Student-Inclusive Conferences – Students not in Session
November 30:	2-hour Early Dismissal – Student Inclusive Conferences



Important Reminders

Great Shake-out on Thursday ONLY Mr. Chang's class will do the controlled release.

No School on Friday – Provincial Pro D Day



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. You are welcome to visit our lost and found. All items are placed in the hallway to spot clothing more easily.

Erase Family Sessions: Establishing Safe, Caring, and Respectful Digital Communities

Three virtual Erase learning sessions for families will be held on November 8th, 28th, and 30th, focusing on establishing safe, caring, and respectful digital communities. These sessions are best suited for families and youth aged 10 and above. Please see the following form for links to register for these sessions.



Questions regarding general erase training may be emailed to: erase@gov.bc.ca

Training Offering	Dates	Delivery	Registration Link
Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities – Everyone Welcome! Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sextortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.	November 8, 2023 6:30pm – 7:30pm	online	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732334942527?aff=oddtcreator
	November 28, 2023 7:00pm – 8:00pm	online	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732343096917?aff=oddtcreator
	November 30, 2023 6:30pm – 7:30pm	online	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732346587357?aff=oddtcreator



Halloween at School: Halloween at School: Students are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes to school on Tuesday, 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 consideration. As always, we want all students and staff to learn in a healthy, safe and inclusive learning environment.

Congratulations!

PAC Coupon Book Fundraiser Update

Thank you to all the families who sold coupon books. The PAC were able to purchase new folding chairs and dollies for the gymnasium!

The class who sold the most coupon books, and the winner of a pizza party is Ms. Shergill's class.

The top-selling students were:

Vedant, Andrew and Carly, Daxtyn, Caela, Skye, Isaac and Amelia, Kennedy, Audrey, Nikola, Hudson, and Hunter

