



Willoughby Elementary School

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Vice Principal: Mr. Joel Olson

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Upcoming Events

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

Hot Lunch and Halloween Dance on Friday

No Parent Teacher interviews this week. Our school does Student Inclusive Conferences. Please see calendar attached

Reunification Drill – Thanks!



Thank you all for your patience last Thursday with our Reunification Drill. We wanted to specifically thank Mr. Chang, his class and their families. They changed schedules to be our test group, followed their instructions, and waited patiently to sign in and retrieve their children in the rainy weather. Thank you!

I would like to stress the importance of having all communication updated and please inform the school of any changes happening throughout the year e.g., address and telephone number

changes. We are happy to report that our plans appeared to work effectively and that all students were reunited with their families in even less time than we anticipated. We also learned a number of things to carry forward to make things run more smoothly and safely.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON 208th WHERE THE CITY BUSES ARE ASSIGNED TO PARK. BYLAW ASWELL AS THE TRAFFIC POLICE WILL BE DROPPING BY REGULARLY.

Emergency Procedures & Response



Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Schools follow emergency procedures to ensure students, staff, and any visitors in our schools or sites are safe when unexpected incidents or events happen. At the start of every school year, administrators, teachers, and staff review these emergency procedures. Schools practice a set number of drills annually in preparation for unexpected situations. The District encourages families to become familiar with these staff emergency procedures and the drills that are completed in our schools. You can read them in the Staff Emergency Procedures Poster [here](#) or find them posted in areas throughout our buildings. If you have any questions or concerns about emergency procedures, please get in contact with your child's teacher or administrator.

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 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 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

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. Updates are also posted on Twitter (X) @LangleySchools and on Facebook at 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 the school's 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.

School District #35 (Langley)
2023-2024 School Calendar
Willoughby Elementary

MONTH	DATE	
September	Sept 4 (M)	<i>Labour Day (School Closed)</i>
	Sept 5 (T)	School Opens
	Sept 30 (S)	<i>Truth and Reconciliation Day</i>
October	Oct 2 (M)	<i>Truth and Reconciliation Day (School Closed)</i>
	Oct 6 (F)	School Improvement Day (Students not in Session)
	Oct 9 (M)	<i>Thanksgiving (School Closed)</i>
	Oct 20 (F)	Professional Development Day (Provincial - students not in attendance)
November	Nov 10 (F)	Report Card Prep/Design and Assessment Day (students not in attendance)
	Nov 11 (S)	<i>Remembrance Day</i>
	Nov 13 (M)	<i>Remembrance Day (School Closed)</i>
	Nov 29 (W)	Student Inclusive Conferences (Students not in Session)
	Nov 30 (Th)	2 Hour Early Dismissal - Student Inclusive Conferences
December	Dec 21 (Th)	Last Day Prior to Winter Break
	Dec 22 (F)	Calendar Variation (School Closed)
January	Jan 8 (M)	School Re-Opens After Winter Break
February	Feb 16 (F)	Professional Development Day (District - students not in attendance)
	Feb 19 (M)	<i>Family Day (School Closed)</i>
	Feb 26 (M)	Report Card Prep/Design and Assessment Day (students not in attendance)
March	Mar 6 (W)	2 Hour Early Dismissal - Student Inclusive Conferences
	Mar 7 (Th)	Student Inclusive Conference (Students not in Session)
	Mar 15 (F)	Last Day Prior to Spring Break
	March 29 (F)	<i>Good Friday</i>
April	Apr 1 (M)	<i>Easter Monday</i>
	Apr 2 (T)	School Re-Opens After Spring Break
May	May 10 (F)	Professional Development Day(RC Garnett only - students not in attendance)
	May 17 (F)	Professional Development Day (District - students not in attendance)
	May 20 (M)	<i>Victoria Day (School Closed)</i>
June	Jun 27 (Th)	Final Report Card & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
	Jun 28 (F)	Administrative Day (students not in attendance)
July / August		Summer Session

SD35 Board of Education Meeting
APPROVED May 16, 2023

2023/2024 Bell Schedule

	Warning Bell	Start Time	Recess Start	Recess End	Calculation Total Recess	Lunch Start	Lunch End	Calculation Total Lunch	End Time
Willoughby	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

CANDY WITH A COP

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Visit your closest Langley RCMP Community Police Office to collect a spooktacular treat!

Langley RCMP Main Detachment

22180 48A Ave
8am – 8pm

North Langley Community Police Office

B140-20161 86 Ave
8am – 4:30pm

Langley City Community Police Office

100-20408 Douglas Cr
8am – 4:30pm

Aldergrove Community Police Office

26970 Fraser Hwy
8am – 4:30pm



Langley RCMP
Community Policing



*PARENT/ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED

Please do not send children unattended.

**Pre-purchase tickets & pizza on
Munch-a-Lunch from Oct 16-24**

**\$5/child
\$2/adult**

<https://munchalunch.com/>

5:30 - 6:45 pm

Sensory-friendly, perfect for K-Gr. 2. Music will be geared towards a younger audience (songs and volume), and lights will be a bit brighter.

7 - 8:30 pm

Geared towards Gr. 3 to Gr. 5

**FEATURING:
DJ DEXTAR**

**Funds raised at this
event will go towards
the Music Program and
the Learning Commons
(library).**

Tickets

Please note that families will be asked to leave the gym at 6:45 and 8:30 pm. Please choose the timeslot that works best for your family.

Everyone must have a ticket to enter the dance. Limited tickets will be available at the door. This is a popular event so please make sure to purchase tickets in advance. The gym has limited capacity.

Concession available

Cash only

pizza by the slice, drinks, candy bags

Come in costume!

Prizes for:

Most Halloween Spirit
Most Creative Costume
Best Family Costume

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

to make this event successful! Email us or sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FABAF22A2FDCF9-44466759-halloween>

Volunteers are needed to decorate after school, at admissions, pizza distribution, concession, chaperones, and clean up.



HALLOWEEN DANCE

**Friday,
October 27**

5:30-6:45 pm

Sensory-friendly, perfect for K-Gr.2

7-8:30 pm

Gr.3-5

In the School Gym

Willoughby
Elementary
PAC

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
willoughbypac@gmail.com



See the back for important info

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WWW.WILLOUGHBYPAC.CA

FACEBOOK.COM/WILLOUGHBYELEMENTARYPAC