



Willoughby Elementary School

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Upcoming Events

September 25:	Boundary info night for the community - Gym
September 26:	Individual Photos
September 27:	Hot Lunch
September 27:	Orange Shirt Day at school
September 30:	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No students in session
October 4:	School Improvement Day – No students in session
October 11:	Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs
October 14:	Thanksgiving Day – School not in session
October 17:	Great Shake out
October 24:	Halloween Dance - PAC
October 25:	Pro D – No Students in session
November 1:	Hot Lunch
November 4:	Photo Retakes
November 8:	Learning Update Prep/Design & Assessment Day (students not in attendance)
November 8:	National Aboriginal Veterans Day
November 11:	Remembrance Day (Schools Closed)
November 15:	Movie Night – PAC
November 16:	Christmas Market
November 18:	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM I the Learning Commons
November 22:	Learning Updates Issued
November 27:	Student Inclusive Conferences
November 28:	Early Dismissal-12:30 pm - Student Inclusive Conferences



Reminders

Student Agendas now available for purchase - \$6

<https://sd35.schoolcashonline.com/Home/SignIn>

Student Individual Photos – Thursday, Sept 26

Orange Shirt Day for our school on Friday, Sept 27

Hot Lunch – Friday, Sept 27

No School September 30- National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Student Verification, Student Reunification Release and Self-Identification of Aboriginal Ancestry (if applicable) forms are due now.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who came to the kick-off event at the Meet the Teacher Night. It was so lovely seeing everyone and bringing the community together. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who organized and facilitated this event!



FALL WEATHER



Fall arrived and it is cooler in the mornings. The weather is changing, and we are entering our rainy season. Our students enjoy outdoor play rain or shine. Please make sure that your children dress for the weather and it is a good idea to have some extra socks in your child's backpack. Please pack some extra clothing for your younger students! Sometimes the puddles are just so irresistible. During our warmer afternoons, we collect quite a few coats that were left outside. If you are missing a jacket at home, please remind your child to check the lost and found this week. **Please label your child's clothing so we can assist your child in finding missing clothes.**



Terry Fox Run: The final total has now been confirmed. Thank you to our Willoughby families and staff for their help in raising \$ 1486.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation. We almost made our goal of \$1500. Students donated enough money to ensure that Terry's paper "running shoes" were able to travel around the entire exterior of the learning commons and back to the office almost two times and earned extra recesses as a reward. Thank you to our Terry Fox Run Committee for all their hard work in organizing an amazing school event for this very special Canadian hero and to all the parents and caregivers who joined us for last Friday's run. Well done, everyone!



New to District Fall Registration

Do you know a family with children in the K-12 school system that is moving to Langley in fall 2024? Please assist the District in sharing this information with any of your friends and family. The District is encouraging families moving to Langley from another jurisdiction to register their child for school as soon as possible. With high enrolment in some schools, the District is working to facilitate student placement for September entry and support a smooth transition for these new families. For more information on the registration process and required documents, visit the webpage [here](#).



Back to School Health Guide – Fraser Health

As summer winds down, it's time to gear up for a healthy back-to-school season. Set the stage for a smooth transition back to school. Here are some practical tips to get you started.

Prioritize Sleep

Ensuring your child gets enough sleep is an important part of a healthy back-to-school routine. Quality sleep helps with concentration, mood and overall well-being. Aim for nine to 11 hours of quality sleep per night.



Eat Well

Support your child's learning and development with scheduled meals and snacks. Breakfast kick starts their morning, while snacks and lunches nourish them throughout the day. Pack a water bottle to help them stay hydrated.

Boost Immunity

As with any public environment, school exposes children to various germs. Ensuring they are up-to-date on their vaccinations helps protect them and others. Specific immunizations are recommended for children prior to entering kindergarten as well as in grades six and nine. Help your child avoid the spread of illness by encouraging them to wash their hands regularly, teaching them to cover their coughs and sneezes and keeping them home when sick.

Keep Active

Adding physical activity to your child's routine sets them up for success. Activities like walking or biking to school, playing sports, dancing, swimming or helping around the house are great ways for your child to stay active. Set limits on screen time and promote outdoor play as much as possible for overall well-being.

Make Time for Talking and Connection

Going back to school can be a cause of anxiety or stress for children. Make it a point to encourage open communication and support your child to talk about their feelings and help them feel heard and understood. Integrate downtime into their routine where they can relax or focus on a special interest or hobby.

Find more school health tips and resources on Fraser Health's website:

[School Health - Fraser Health Authority](#)

COMMUNICATING with your school

GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING AN ISSUE OR CONCERN

- 1 Start with the employee whose action has given rise to the issue or concern
- 2 Contact your principal, vice-principal, or counsellor
- 3 Speak with a District Principal or Assistant Superintendent
- 4 When applicable, make an appeal to the Board of Education



Catchment Boundary Changes

The potential changes in catchment boundaries may impact elementary schools in the R.E. Mountain family of schools.

**School District
Catchments**

Communicating With Your School

*Schools and families continue to work together to ensure success for students. If you have an issue or concern but don't know who to speak with, the District encourages you to read these helpful *Communicating with your School* guidelines for parents/guardians found on our District website [here](#). As an additional reference, review this one-page resource [here](#).*

The potential changes in catchment boundaries may be of particular interest to Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary, Willoughby Elementary, and Langley Meadows Elementary students and families; still, based on feedback, other schools may be impacted. As part of this process, the District, together with elementary schools on the Willoughby Slope, would like to invite families to attend an upcoming information session on Wednesday, September 25 at 6:30 pm in the gym.

These information sessions will give District staff an opportunity to share the upcoming Boundary Change process and timeline, answer questions, and gather feedback from families.

After feedback has been collected and considered, the District plans to share proposed changes with the community prior to presenting to the Langley Board of Education later in the Fall.

The District understands boundary catchment changes may have impacts on families including changes to daily routines, transportation, and pick-up and drop off schedules (where there are siblings in multiple schools), among other factors. The goal is to mitigate impacts and promote smooth transitions for students and families, while taking into account current and anticipated future growth.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please email:

feedback@sd35.bc.ca

NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Our students continue to explore the impacts of Residential Schools as we lead up to the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. One of the ways that we engage in these important conversations is through rich and meaningful picture books that allow students of all ages to access learning. While we will be leading our students in the learning, we recognize the importance of all of our community members also conversations at home. Please see our orange shirts on the soccer field fence this week with special messages from our students. Below are some suggestions for engaging in the conversations.

Orange Shirt Day

September 30th

What can you do?



Read books by
Indigenous authors



Review the 94 Truth
and Reconciliation
calls to action and
commit to at least
one



Watch online events
hosted by the
National Centre for
Truth and
Reconciliation



Identify and connect with
your local Indigenous
serving organizations



Read Phyllis Webstad's
book "The Orange Shirt
Story"



Cross-Country practice and races for our Grade 4 & 5 Students

It is that time of the year that we have our Cross-Country practices and meets. Practice will take place every Monday after school from 2:45 – 3:15 PM and every Friday before school from 8:15- 8:40 AM. Meets will be on Tuesdays. More specific information to follow shortly.

[Fair Notice Resource for Students/Families](#)

The Langley School District is committed to a safe and supportive environment for all. Our schools take all threatening comments and behaviours seriously. Our schools follow procedures when responding to

threat-making behaviour to help keep students, staff, and the community safe. The following resource [here](#) outlines what information students and families need to know in relation to how the District responds to threat-making behaviour in our schools. Everyone has a role in helping keep our students safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school administrator.



Updates from the PAC

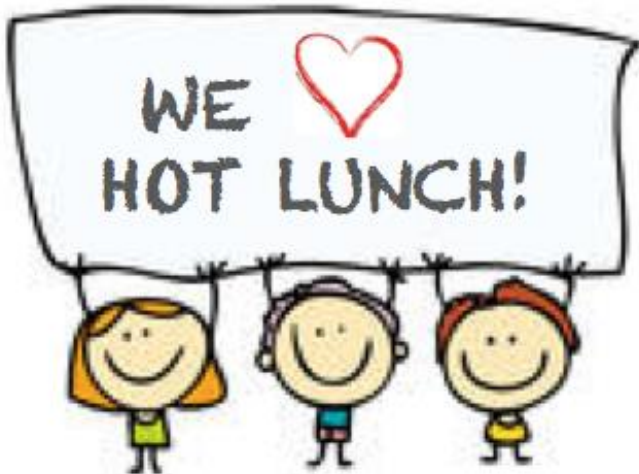


Spirit Wear

- It's the last chance to purchase your team colour t-shirt, hoodie, sweatpants, or bag. Purchase online: munchalunch.com/schools/Willoughby
- Sales open until midnight on September 24.

Community Values Coupon Books

- On sale September 16-30.
- Purchase your coupon book on MunchaLunch, send unpurchased coupon books back to the school ASAP.
- Please see full details on the flyer below.



Friday, September 27 – Hot Lunch, Pizza Pizza

- Orders closed on September 17.
- If you missed ordering for this week, don't delay-order your next hot lunch on MunchaLunch.
- Hot lunch dates and ordering instructions can be found [here](#) in multiple languages.
- **The first hot lunch day is on Friday, September 27.** Thank you to our parent volunteers who are going to help hand out the food to students. If you are available to help during future hot lunches, please

connect with the PAC at willoughbypac@gmail.com.



We are all on the edge of something.
For some it's life & death.



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Bez Arts Hub

20230 64th Ave. #102, Langley BC

Sat. Oct. 5th - 7:30pm Doors 7pm
Tix \$10, \$5 seniors/youth

For tix & info: stopodmission.ca



WE ALL
PLAY A
R.O.L.E.

RESPONDING TO OVERDOSE IN LANGLEY THROUGH EDUCATION

Precarious

a transformative
musical tale

original artwork Tear Bentley



FREE EVENT

LANGLEY CHILD DAY

COMMUNITY INFORMATION FAIR FOR THE EARLY YEARS

Caregivers can explore and gather valuable resources and information about child care, early learning programs, child development and more. This event is **FREE** for families and caregivers with children from birth to kindergarten age and expectant parents.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024
CHURCH IN THE VALLEY
23589 OLD YALE RD, LANGLEY
10:00AM - 1:00PM

- ✓ Information booths
- ✓ Door prizes
- ✓ Market place
- ✓ Children's entertainment
- ✓ Play activities
- ✓ Giveaways



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TO REGISTER
or find us on
TICKET TAILOR

<https://buytickets.at/inclusionlangleysociety/1302946>



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9TH ANNUAL CHARITY SHOPPING NIGHT

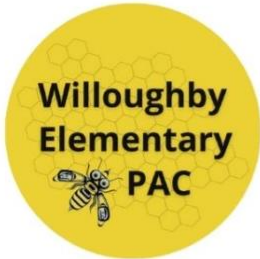
TUES., NOV. 19 7 PM - 10 PM

Tickets Start at \$20

\$20,000+ in Prizes - 50/50 Cash Draw

10% Back* Gift With Purchase

Willowbrook



COUPON BOOK FUNDRAISER

SHOP LOCAL & SAVE MONEY WHILE HELPING RAISE FUNDS

We are raising money for the Music Program and Learning Commons

IMPORTANT INFO

THIS IS NOT A FREE BOOK

Purchase your book online on Munchalunch:
<http://www.munchalunch.com/schools/willoughby>

Additional books purchased and prizes will be delivered to students after Oct 1st.

If you choose to not purchase this coupon book, please return your **unused** book to the school ASAP.



All students will bring home one coupon book. This book is NOT free. Please consider supporting our school by purchasing this book! Purchase for your household, and ask family members, friends, and neighbours if they would like to purchase one as well.

If you do not wish to participate, please return the book in the same NEW and UNUSED condition.

SALE DATES
 Sept 16 - Oct 1

PRIZES!

- Collectable character keychains (for every book sold). 12 in total to collect.

Plus:

- Sell 13 books or more and receive a limited-edition GOLDEN COOP Mystical EGG and a kid's meal from Dairy Queen
- Sell 2 or more books and receive a Dairy Queen Dilly Bar or ice cream sandwich.
- If you receive a golden character keychain, you win a Dairy Queen kid's meal .
- DQ ice cream cake (random prize draw for everyone who sells 1 or more book).
- Top selling student wins 4 tickets to a Vancouver Giants game
- Top selling primary class wins a field trip to the Vancouver Zoo
- Top selling intermediate class wins a pizza party.

COMMUNITY VALUES is a new take on the traditional coupon book. This book features:

1. Three coupons from Dairy Queen that are no purchase necessary.
2. Over \$6,500 in savings at businesses in Langley, Cloverdale, and Aldergrove.
3. Customizable Coupon Templates to make your own coupons to share with family and friends.
4. Bonus savings and contests year-round on Instagram @community_values.

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