



# Willoughby Elementary School

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## Upcoming Events

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 24:	Informal Learning Updates
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 atten
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



### **\* IMPORTANT REMINDERS\***

**October 4 School Improvement Day**

**October 11 Hot Lunch**

**Parent Consent forms are now due.**

**Student Verification Forms are due. Please return to school right away!**

## Weather and Appropriate Clothing:

We wanted to remind you to ensure your children are appropriately dressed for the cold and wet days that are now upon us. Please be advised that we send our students outside for fresh air, even during rainy days. We know you would agree that fresh air and exercise are good for children, but they need to be dressed appropriately (e.g., boots and waterproof jackets with hoods on days when it is raining). We ask that ALL students have an extra change of clothes (shirt, pants, and socks) in their backpacks in case they get wet during recess or lunchtime play. We also ask that you label your child's jackets/sweaters/coats with his/her first name, so we can return lost items (our Lost & Found is always overflowing!) We appreciate and thank you for your attention to this matter.



## **Student in Distress and School Safety**

**Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Our schools follow emergency procedures to help keep students, staff, and the community safe. Depending on the situation, communication to parents/caregivers is needed to keep families informed about incidents in our school, such as during lockdowns, hold & secures, and room clears. Sometimes these incidents may not be emergencies but are medical crises. It is important to note that the decision to send communications to families is dependent on a variety of factors including the nature of what happened, who has witnessed or was directly impacted by what happened, as well as student and staff privacy. Although communication is unique and dependent on the specific situation, there are times when a student is in distress and the incident may require a message or letter to families. In addition to communication to parents/caregivers, teachers and staff may debrief with students after an incident that may have upset them. In some cases, the school counsellor may offer support to students in need. As always, we want families to let us know if your child requires support. If you have any questions or concerns about communication related to emergencies or incidents, please reach out to the school.**

## **Community Volunteers in Emergencies**

**Emergencies can happen unexpectedly due to weather events (e.g. earthquake or flooding) or unforeseen situations in the community. The health and safety of students, staff, and families is the District's priority. The District together with schools follow emergency procedures to respond to incidents as well as prevent them from happening. As stated in the provincial [Emergency Management Planning Guide for Schools, Districts and Authorities](#), staff have a legal "duty of care," meaning that they "must ensure that students are cared for until such time as they can be safely reunited with their parents." Depending on the situation, the school may be caring for students for many days.**

**In these circumstances, schools may rely on members of the community to assist with emergency responses. Administrators may send a request to parents/guardians to help volunteer with first aid, facilities and maintenance, safety and security, and general labour. Adults with special skills in health care, policing, and engineering would be an asset in an emergency. No action is needed from families at this time as the purpose is to keep families informed.**

# Programs of Choice – Deadline to Register is Monday, October 21st

**Langley School District offers a rich diversity of programs that are designed to meet the specific needs and interests of students. Programs include Fine Arts, French Immersion, Fundamental, Langley Environmental Awareness Program (outdoor education), Montessori, and U-Connect. Registration for Kindergarten entry (for most programs) begins on Monday, October 7th at 12 noon, and closes on Monday, October 21st at 12 noon. For U-Connect, please contact the school directly. For more information and instructions to register your child, visit our District website [here](#) and review our FAQ choice programs resource [here](#).**



## **U-Connect – Kindergarten to Grade 3 Spaces Available: Elementary**

*Is your child in need of an education program that offers more flexibility and continues to meet their educational needs? U-Connect may be a great fit for your child. The blended learning program has students in class two days a week with an optional third day offered for additional student support and fun community field trips. Students will be at home two to three days per week, which enables them to discover their own extra-curricular passions and allows for caregivers to support students at home in partnership with school. Students will build on their own personal learning style with the support of caring and dedicated teachers. Interested students and their families are encouraged to call the school to get more information or learn more [here](#).*

# HEARING LOSS

## may go undetected until the school years

Teachers are important partners in helping to detect hearing loss



Children born in Canada receive a hearing screening at birth through the infant screening program.

This screening catches hearing loss present at birth, but there are different forms of hearing loss that develop later in childhood (delayed onset hearing loss and progressive hearing loss).

If parents have any concerns

- contact Fraser Health
- ask for the Hearing Department
- schedule a free hearing screening

Langley 604-539-2904

Children may have unknown hearing loss when they start school. Children with hearing loss are often very adaptable and have learned strategies to help compensate. Hearing loss can be hard to detect and does not have to be severe in order to impact a student's learning. A slight hearing loss or hearing loss in just one ear can impact a child's learning and development.

### Some signs of hearing loss to look out for:

<b>1</b> <b>APPEARS DISTRACTED OR WITHDRAWN</b> Lack of attention	<b>2</b> <b>DOES NOT RESPOND WHEN YOU CALL UPON THEM</b> Might come across as behaviour difficulties	<b>3</b> <b>DOES NOT PRONOUNCE WORDS CORRECTLY</b> Children typically speak what they hear	<b>4</b> <b>SPEAKS LOUDLY EVEN IN QUIET ENVIRONMENT</b> Proper access to hearing their own voice for self monitoring is affected
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If you have any concerns, reach out to your resource teacher or your TDHH





# TRACK AND FIELD

## SCHOOL PROGRAMS



### RUN JUMP THROW WHEEL CAMP

Designed for kids ages 6-12 and led by a certified RJTW instructor, students will learn the basics of track and field through fun based drills and games.



### RJTW COACH TRAINING

A great course for future coaches and summer camp leaders, the RJTW coach training teaches high school students to coach fundamental movement skills to kids age 6-12.



### PRO-D WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS

The RJTW Workshop trains elementary teachers to use track & field inspired games and activities to teach the fundamental movement skills of running, jumping, throwing, & wheeling



### TRY TRACK AND FIELD COURSE

Middle and secondary school aged students will be exposed to a variety of track and field events led by a certified club coach. Specific event disciplines can be requested. Ex. High jump or hurdles



### CONTACT US

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## Community Values Coupon Books

- Today is the last day to purchase coupon books!
- Top sellers and top classes receive amazing prizes, including a pizza party, trip to the Zoo, DQ cake, and tickets to a Giants game!
- Raising money for the Music Program and the Learning Commons.
- **Send unpurchased coupon books back to the school ASAP (to the office or to your teacher).**
- See full details on the flyer below



# 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.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS:  
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