



# Willoughby Elementary School

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## Upcoming Events

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| 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 in the Learning Commons                               |
| November 18:   | Photo Retakes   |
| November 22:   | Spirit Day – Moustache Day  |
| Nov 25-Nov 29: | Scholastic Bookfair   |
| November 27:   | Student Inclusive Conferences – Students not in school due to SIC         |
| November 28:   | Early Dismissal-12:30 pm - Student Inclusive Conferences                  |
| December 6:    | Hot Lunch & Treat Day- Hot Chocolate- PAC                                 |
| December 11:   | K- Gr 2 Concert, 1 PM and 6 PM  |
| December 13:   | Pancake Breakfast & PJ Day  |
| December 20:   | Last Day prior to Winter Break Spirit Day: Tacky Seater Day & Movie Day   |
| January 6:     | School reopens after winter vacation                                      |



Remembrance Day

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

November 8 – Design and Assessment Day – School not in session

November 11 – Remembrance Day - School not in session

November 18 – PAC Meeting 6:30 PM – Learning Commons

November 18 – Photo Retakes – Due to a power outage yesterday, photo retakes will be on November 18 in the morning.



## Dogs on School Premises



At Willoughby Elementary, we prioritize the safety and well-being of all our community members.

While many of us, including our staff and most of our community, love dogs, we recognize that some individuals experience significant anxiety around them. It can be stressful for these members to encounter dogs, even friendly ones, near classroom doors during drop-off and pick-up times. Additionally, there have been instances where students, in their excitement, have unintentionally stressed dogs on school grounds, leading to negative interactions for both the children and the dogs.

To ensure a safe and comfortable environment for everyone, we kindly ask that if you bring your dog to school, you wait well away from the building. For parents without dogs, please remind your children to always ask the owner's permission before petting any dog, whether familiar or not, especially in new situations.

By working together, we can create a safe, stress-free environment for all members of our community, both human and canine.



### **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.

**DRESSING FOR COLD WEATHER**

Adding layers will help keep you warm as the temperature drops

**CHILLY**

- 1-2 layers
- long layer
- outer layer to keep out wind, rain
- warm shoes water proof

**COLD**

- 2-3 layers
- warm hat
- gloves
- outer layer to keep out wind, wet snow
- boots water proof
- 1-2 layers

**EXTREME COLD**

- 3+ layers
- 1 insulating
- warm hat
- face mask
- outer layer to keep out wind
- gloves
- boots water proof
- 2+ layers

**NORA**  
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[weather.gov/cold](http://weather.gov/cold)



## [Information About School Status During Inclement Weather](#)

*Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in the Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of 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](http://www.sd35.bc.ca). Updates are also posted to X (formerly Twitter) @LangleySchools and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict](http://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 school 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 6:30am. 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.*



### **Elementary Boundary Change Process Information Sessions**

The District has completed phase two of the Willoughby Slope boundary information sessions which were held at Willoughby Elementary, Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary, and Langley Meadows Community School. If you were not able to attend a meeting in-person but would like to learn more about the proposed boundary change options, you can watch a recording of the presentation or review the slides. This information can be found on the District website [here](#). Families can submit feedback by sending an email to [feedback@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:feedback@sd35.bc.ca) until Friday November 15, 2024.

**PAC Monthly Newsletter**

- Please read about everything that the PAC has been up to, and news about upcoming events and fundraisers.
- The November newsletter is at the bottom of the school weekly newsletter.

**Birthday Treats**

- The PAC arranges a special treat for each student's birthday. We are happy to announce that Dairy Queen has, once again, graciously provided a mini-Blizzard for each student on their birthday!
- Our school administration calls students to the office on their birthday to give them their treat voucher.
- For those with birthdays in September and October, your voucher was sent home by your teacher this week.

**FundScrip Gift Card Fundraiser**

- Gift cards are on sale until November 12.
- Purchase gift cards through our fundraiser and help raise funds for classroom enhancements!
- Please see the flyer at the bottom of the school weekly newsletter for more information.



# 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 have many exciting events and fundraisers coming up. All of these initiatives are made possible by parent volunteers. There are opportunities to help on the weekends, evenings, and during the day; even just a few hours can make a big difference!

- PAC Executive Team (willoughbypac@gmail.com)

**FundScrip**  
November 1-12

Perfect for the holidays. Purchase gifts cards through Fundscrip and raise funds for our school. Flyers were sent home with students.

## CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday, November 16

Open to the public. Please invite your family and friends. Shop for handmade crafts and baked goods, plus there will be a concession.

To celebrate the holiday season, the PAC is hosting a free pancake breakfast for the students and staff.

We are looking for **grocery donations** from families to help with make this event a success. To donate, please visit Signup Genius



**Congratulations to the top selling students of the Community Values Coupon Books:**



Andrew, Kriday, Omar, Brixton, Ryder, Kennedy, Minadi, Carly, Mackenzie, and Amelia.

## HALLOWEEN DANCE

A SPOOK-TACULAR time was had by all! Congratulations to the costume prize winners.

And a big thank you to DJ D3XTER and to all the parent and student volunteers!



Willoughby  
Elementary  
PAC

NOVEMBER 2024

## PAC MEETINGS

Meetings are a great opportunity to meet other parents and get to know more about the fun things our children do at school. You have a voice in advocating for what you want to happen in your child's school and what the PAC does.

**Next meeting:**  
Mon Nov 18 at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons

## UPCOMING DATES

Nov 1-12 PAC Fundscrip Gift Card Fundraiser

Nov 1 PAC Hot Lunch: A&W (order by Oct 22)

Nov 4 Photo retakes

Nov 8 Prep/Design & Assessment Day

Nov 8 National Aboriginal Veterans Day

Nov 11 Remembrance Day (school closed)

Nov 15 PAC Movie Night (The Emoji Movie)

Nov 16 PAC Christmas Market

Nov 18 PAC Meeting

Nov 22 PAC Hot Lunch: Golden Medal Chinese and Cobs (order by Nov 12)

Nov 22 Learning updates issued

Nov 27 Student Inclusive Conferences

Nov 28 Early dismissal - 12:30pm for SICs

## GET INVOLVED

Please visit our Volunteer Page to read about all upcoming volunteer opportunities.

- Movie Night (Nov 15)
- The Christmas Market (Nov 16)
- Pancake Breakfast (Dec 13)



## HOT LUNCH

Order here:  
[munchalunch.com/schools/willoughby](http://munchalunch.com/schools/willoughby)



# WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH?

## NOVEMBER 2024

**1-12**

**FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER**

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**HOT LUNCH:  
A&W**

**15**

**MOVIE NIGHT:  
EMOJI MOVIE**

6 PM | SCHOOL GYM



**16**

**CHRISTMAS MARKET**

10AM-3PM | SCHOOL GYM



**18**

**MONTHLY PAC MEETING**

6:30 PM | LEARNING COMMONS

**22**

**HOT LUNCH:  
GOLDEN MEDAL CHINESE &  
COBS BREAD**



# FundScrip™

## Gift Card Fundraiser

**Fundraise for our school: purchase your gift cards today!**

### How to Order:

#### Order by cash, cheque, or etransfer

- Complete the attached order form
- Return it along with cash or cheque to your teacher or to the main office.
- Make cheques payable to "Willoughby PAC"
- Send to 'willoughbypac@gmail.com' if etransfer
- Include student's first and last name in the memo

### Fundscrip Gift Cards help you check a few things off your Holiday shopping list!

These gift cards come directly from the retailer and are the same cards you would purchase if you went to the stores to buy them yourself.

A 4-page list of Canada's largest participating retailers and their rebate percentages is on the paper order form that comes with this flyer.

Your gift card purchases are sold at face value, but earn rebates ranging from 2-10% of the purchase price of the cards!

The rebates raise funds for classroom enhancements at Willoughby Elementary (each division receives money from the PAC to put towards resources for the students in their class).

Gift cards will be sent home with the students in early December, in time for Christmas.



Please consider purchasing gift cards through the PAC for:

- your employee rewards or bonuses
- gifts to your clients/customers
- gifts to your family and friends
- gifts to your neighbours and teachers
- gift card donations
- and for anything you want them for!

**Deadline to order: November 12th at 12:00pm**



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