



# Willoughby Elementary School

Newsletter #11 November 12, 2024

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**Principal:** Mrs. Karin Muuren

**Vice Principal:** Mrs. Lara Gray

**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Mya Bainbridge



## Upcoming Events



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

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**School Appointments open for parents on Friday, November 15. The last day to book your child's**

**Willoughby Craft Market November 16 @ 10 AM**

**Photo Retakes: November 18**

**Student inclusive conference is November 24 at 12 noon.**

**Willoughby Scholastic Bookfair: November 25 – November 29**

**Remembrance Day Assembly:** Thank you to our Grade 5 students, Ms. Dotto, Ms. Appenheimer and our choir, for doing such a fabulous job leading our assembly on Wednesday, November 6. Thank you to our classes for making such beautiful wreaths.





## **Emergency Preparedness, Power Outages, and School Closures**

***With storm season upon us, the District is reminding families about procedures during emergencies such as power outages. The District will post important information on school and District***

***websites as well as on social media channels. The District may also send special instructions in emails and text messages (for those that opt-in) via SchoolMessenger. In the event of power outages, schools have an emergency phone line operational. Please avoid calling the school unless it is an emergency as this ties up the phone line.***

***As per the District's procedures, schools in the District may be closed to students by the Superintendent for weather related emergencies such as power outages or other causes related to health and safety. The decision to close a school due to a power outage is based on many considerations including expected power restoration time, operational emergency lighting, access to water and washrooms, among other factors. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school (or keep their child at 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. For more information on school status information, read [here](#).***

***The District thanks students, families and staff for their cooperation during recent power outages impacting schools.***



## **Keeping our community healthy and well**

***It's that time of year when we see a rise in illnesses impacting students and staff in our school. We are hearing from families about colds, respiratory illnesses, and stomach bugs circulating in our community. As a reminder to help keep our school community healthy and well, we are sharing this online resource from our community partner Fraser Health. Here you will find information about protecting your child from communicable diseases and managing their illness:***

**<https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/school-health/illness-and-immunizations/illness-in-the-classroom>**

### **Dental, Hearing, and Vision Checks (from Fraser Health)**

Health, safety, and wellness continue to be a priority in our schools. To help support our students and families, we are sharing important information from our community partner Fraser Health about dental, hearing, and vision checks. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

#### ***Make dental, hearing and vision checks part of a healthy routine***

*Health screenings help find issues early which can make treatment easier and more effective. It's important for your child to have regular eye exams and routine dental checkups. It is also important to recognize any hearing loss early as this is essential for speech and language development. Read on to learn when and how to access services for your child.*

#### ***Dental***

*Tooth decay is the most common, but preventable, childhood chronic disease. It is important to establish good oral hygiene at a young age and have children's teeth checked by a dentist regularly. To find a local dentist near you who is accepting new patients, visit the BC Dental Association's [Find a Dentist database](#). If you are a member of a low-income family and you do not have extended health coverage, there are several programs that can help you access [affordable dentistry for your children](#). You can also contact the dental program at your [local public health unit](#) and ask about resources available in your community.*

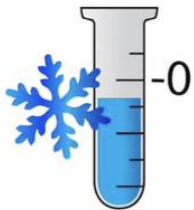
## **Vision**

*BC Doctors of Optometry* recommends children receive their first eye exam when they are six to nine months old with a follow up exam at least once between the ages of two and five and then yearly once they enter school. You can find an optometrist accepting new patients near you at the College of Optometrists of British Columbia's [Find an Optometrist database](#). In B.C., one basic eye exam per year is free up to the age of 18. Some optometrists may charge a user fee of about \$35-50 per visit, so be sure to ask about any fees before you make an appointment.

## **Hearing**

Good hearing is essential for speech and language development and plays an important part in a child's social and emotional growth. It is important to recognize hearing loss early and seek out testing and treatment if needed. Fraser Health's Public Health community audiologists provide hearing services for children from birth to 19 years of age. If you have a concern about your child's hearing, referrals can be made by a parent or caregiver, a health care provider or education professional to your [local public health audiology \(hearing\) clinic](#).

Find more information on child health screenings and how to access free vision, hearing and dental exams on Fraser Health's website: <https://ow.ly/oK9z50PegZB>



## **Student Safety Around Schools During Fall & Winter Weather**

With the days growing shorter and the weather changing to rain, fog, and frost, we are reminding all our students and parents to take extra precautions when walking to and from the school. Please be aware of your surroundings, walk on the sidewalk and with someone whenever possible, and avoid wearing headphones. We also ask drivers in our school community to be vigilant on our roads. Student safety is our priority. Thanks for your cooperation.



## Term One Student-Inclusive Conferences:

Our teaching staff is busy getting ready for Term One student-inclusive conferences. During their conference, your child will share their successes as well as set goals with you and their teacher(s) for the second term. Our School Appointments website will open for bookings at 8:00 am on November 15 and close on November 24 at 12 noon (please ensure you have registered for an account before bookings open). Our conference window will be from November 25 to December 3. It is very important that you sign up for a time to meet with your child and their teacher(s) as the conference will replace the traditional Term One report card formerly published on MyEDBC. Each student and their parents/guardians will only have **one** available time slot with the teacher. We encourage all parents to make use of November 27 (Full day of conferences). Your child will bring a “Family Reflection” form home that needs to be completed and returned to their teacher. Please note the following:

- November 27 – Student Inclusive Conference Day (non-instructional day)
- November 28 – Two-hour early dismissal (12:30 pm) for student-inclusive conferences
- Individual teacher conference days/times will vary during our one-week window (e.g., some teachers may choose to have before-school appointments while others may not; teachers may not have appointments available every day during the conference window)


**Conference bookings will open at 8:00 am November 15**

<http://willoughby.schoolappointments.com>

Parents must register for a new account first; see below for instructions.



# School Appointments - Parent Instructions

1. Go to our school appointments web site: <http://willoughby.schoolappointments.com>
2. Register for an account by clicking the "**REGISTER**" menu tab and filling in the on-line form (see below). Choose a User ID and password for yourself and then click the "**Register Now**" button
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "**Add a Student**" button. Click "**Insert New**" button to add more children.
4. Click the "**date**" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments. 
5. Select the teacher you wish to book appointments with.
6. Click "**View Calendars**" button.
7. Click on available time slots (white spaces) to book your appointments and then click the "**Book Appointments**" button to save your bookings.

## Parent Registration

Parents click on the "Register" tab and fill in the registration form to create an account.

**Register for an Account**

\*\* All fields are required unless indicated \*\*

Parent First Name:

Parent Last Name:

Phone:

Email Address:   
Please enter only one valid email address.

Preferred User ID:  (no spaces allowed)  
Valid user id's must be at least 4 characters long and can contain letters, numbers, or one of the following: the dash '-', the underscore '\_', the at symbol '@', or the period '.'

Enter Your Password:

Enter Your Password Again:

Once parents have successfully registered, they will be logged into the system and can register their students.



Dear Willoughby Elementary Parents and Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

The Scholastic Fair will take place in person from November 26<sup>th</sup> – November 29<sup>th</sup> in the Learning Commons.

Online shopping will take place from November 25<sup>th</sup> – November 29<sup>th</sup> [here](https://bookfairs.scholastic.ca/bf/willoughbyelemschool2).  
(<https://bookfairs.scholastic.ca/bf/willoughbyelemschool2>)

Visit the Scholastic Book Fair website to look through the digital flyers [here](https://www2.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/featured-books/).  
(<https://www2.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/featured-books/>)

The countdown to more Book Joy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading! From your Teacher Librarian,

– Mrs. Weber ([jweber@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:jweber@sd35.bc.ca))

# "This Month in the Arts"

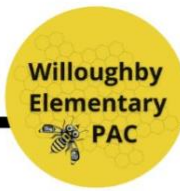
The Arts are alive and thriving across many Langley secondary schools and each month there are many different events happening which are inspiring and engaging evenings for staff and family. Please see the flyer below for a list of events happening "This Month in the Arts" across Langley schools:

**THIS MONTH IN THE ARTS**  
*November*

6	<b>FALL MUSIC CONCERT</b> Walnut Grove Secondary School WGSS Main Gym 7:00 pm
13	<b>DISTRICT CONCERT BAND FESTIVAL</b> Walnut Grove Secondary School WGSS Main Gym 7:00 pm
15 - DEC 6	<b>AI Override - a collaborative exhibition</b> RE Mountain Secondary School Upper Art Gallery
22	<b>DISTRICT DRAMA FESTIVAL</b> Brookwood Secondary School BSS Theatre 6:00 pm
27 - 29	<b>BOOKENDS - DRAMA WEEK</b> Langley Fine Arts School Chief Sepass Theatre 6:30 pm

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## Willoughby Elementary School PAC Meeting Agenda

Date: November 18, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: School Learning Commons

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Introductions
3. Adoption
  - a. Agenda
  - b. September 2024 Minutes
4. Principal's Report
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Present and past financials, Gaming and General for September-October 2024
7. DPAC Report
8. Member at Large: Vote
9. Committee Reports
  - a. Spirit Wear
  - b. Hot Lunch
  - c. Halloween Dance
  - d. Fundraising update:
    - i. Movie Night
    - ii. Fundscrip Gift Cards
    - iii. Christmas Market
10. Old Business
  - a. Pancake Breakfast
  - b. Playground Shade
  - c. Fun Fair
11. New Business
  - a. Pink Shirt Day
  - b. Upcoming Events and Treat Days:
    - i. Winter Party
    - ii. Movie Nights
    - iii. Treat Days: Hot Chocolate, Krispy Kreme, Popcorn Day
  - c. Succession planning: discussion
12. Open Discussion

Next Meeting: January 20, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons

## Member at Large Voting

The Willoughby PAC has a vacancy in one of the Member at Large PAC Executive positions. Any parent of a student at Willoughby Elementary is welcome to nominate themselves or have another nominate them.

### Roles and Responsibilities of Officers:

The following is an excerpt from the Willoughby PAC Constitution and Bylaws. To view the full document, please visit: <https://www.willoughbypac.ca/about-us/>

8.2.1.1. The elected Executive shall consult with, take direction from and represent all parents/families of the school. The Executive shall work as a team to ensure PAC purposes are achieved.

8.2.1.2. All officers are expected to attend all Executive, Monthly PAC meetings and Special Meetings, to be familiar with the Constitution and Bylaws, to carry out their duties as described, and to follow the Code of Conduct.

8.2.1.3. If an Executive member is unable to attend, they should inform the Chair prior to the meeting.

8.2.1.4. Each Executive position shall maintain any documentation and correspondence pertinent to their position, which shall be delivered to their successors upon request.

8.2.1.5 All executive positions shall be voting positions except that the Chair shall be entitled to vote only in the event of a tie.



WILLOUGHBYPAC@GMAIL.COM  
WILLOUGHBYPAC.CA  
FACEBOOK.COM/WILLOUGHBYELEMENTARYPAC

## PAC Executive Nomination Form 2024-25

I am seeking to nominate the individual below for election in the following category: **Member-At-Large**

Personal (Nominee)	
Name:	
Number of children attending Willoughby Elementary and grades:	
Telephone:	Email Address:

Tell us about the Nominee
Past Related Experience/Qualities:

Please return completed form to [willoughbypac@gmail.com](mailto:willoughbypac@gmail.com) or to the office by November 18 at noon.



# MOVIE NIGHT

EMOJI MOVIE

NOVEMBER 15 | 6 PM  
IN THE SCHOOL GYM

TICKETS INCLUDE POPCORN:  
\$5 PER CHILD (AGES 2+)  
\$2 PER ADULT

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON [MUNCHALUNCH.COM](https://munchalunch.com).  
ON SALE NOW UNTIL NOV 13.

WEAR YOUR PJS.

BRING YOUR PILLOWS/  
BLANKETS FROM HOME.

ADULT/PARENT  
SUPERVISION REQUIRED.

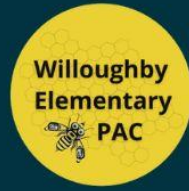
DOORS OPEN AT  
5:45 PM FOR  
CONCESSION,  
CASH ONLY

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# CHRISTMAS MARKET

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16TH  
10AM-3PM



HANDMADE GOODIES  
CONCESSION  
ENTRY BY DONATION



PARKING: CHURCH ACROSS STREET

