



Willoughby Elementary School

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Vice Principal: Mr. Joel Olson

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Upcoming Events

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
October 31:	Spirit Day: Halloween Costume Day
November 1:	Hot Lunch
November 1:	Spirit Day- PJ Day
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:	Spirit Day – Moustache Day
November 27:	Student Inclusive Conferences – Students not in school due to SIC
November 28:	Early Dismissal-12:30 pm - Student Inclusive Conferences



Important Reminders

Great Shake-out on Thursday, October 17

No School on Friday, October 25 – Provincial Pro D Day



Our students go outside for recess and lunch rain or shine, and we encourage you to ensure they are dressed for the weather. Our lost and found is currently full, so if you have items you are missing, please ask your child to check the lost and found. You are welcome to visit our lost and found. All items are placed in the hallway to spot clothing more easily.

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 schools. You can read them in the Staff Emergency Procedures Poster [here](#) or find them posted in areas throughout District buildings. If you have questions or concerns about emergency procedures, please contact your child's teacher or principal.



On Saturday October 19th many of our school gyms across the District will be used as provincial election polling stations from 8am – 8pm. As guided by Section 81 of the Election Act "accommodation in a school that is the property of a board of school trustees under the School Act must be made available by the board for use as a voting place." Please take note of extra pedestrian and vehicle traffic in the area of these sites on election day.

The District appreciates the support and cooperation from families and members of our community. The District is encouraging everyone who is eligible to do their civic duty and vote. For a list of school sites being used, visit the District website [here](#).



Halloween at School: Halloween at School: Students are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes to school on Tuesday, October 31. Please ensure that your children 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 food/treats/items (including wrapped Halloween candy) to school with your child to share with others.

As Halloween approaches, this is a reminder of the importance of being culturally sensitive as you choose your costumes. As clothing from various cultures is not a costume, but is often part of sacred rituals or beliefs, dressing as such is considered cultural appropriation. According to the Cambridge Dictionary, "the act of taking or using things from a culture that is not your own, especially without showing that you understand or respect this culture." As you move forward with planning costumes for your family, please take this information into consideration. As always, we want all students and staff to learn in a healthy, safe and inclusive learning environment.

Congratulations!



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

Andrew M, Kriday G, Omar M, Brixton K, Ryder S, Kennedy B, Minadi W, Carly M, Mackenzie B, and Amelia T

Top selling classes: Ms Shergill's and Ms Gedak's classes.

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HALLOWEEN DANCE



October | **5:30 - 6:45pm**
Sensory-friendly, K-Gr. 2
24 | **7:00 - 8:30pm**
Gr. 3 - 5

In the School Gym

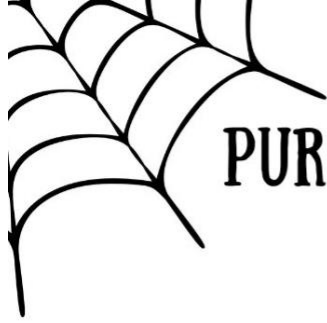
**Purchase pizza and tickets on
munchalunch.com until October 21**



See the back page for important info



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



PURCHASE PIZZA AND TICKETS ONLINE

munchalunch.com/schools/willoughby



Parent/Adult supervision required

Tickets

\$5/child
\$2/adult

Funds raised will go towards the Dance PL3Y program (in January)

Featuring DJ Dexter

Prizes

Most Halloween Spirit
Most Creative Costume
Best Family Costume

Time

5:30 - 6:45pm

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.

7:00 - 8:30pm

Geared towards Gr. 3 to 5

Please purchase tickets for the time slot that works best for your family.

Volunteers

Volunteers needed to make this event successful!

- Admission
- Pizza distribution
- Set up/decor
- Chaperone
- Clean up



Email or sign up here:

willoughbypac@gmail.com

Concession

Pizza by the slice, drinks, candy bags, treats, and more.

