

### Willoughby Elementary School Newsletter #8 October 22, 2024

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	Upcoming Events
October 24: October 24: October 25: October 31: November 1: November 1: November 4: November 8: November 8:	<ul> <li>Halloween Dance – PAC</li> <li>Informal Learning Updates</li> <li>Pro D – No Students in session</li> <li>Spirit Day: Halloween Costume Day</li> <li>Hot Lunch</li> <li>Spirit Day- PJ Day</li> <li>Photo Retakes</li> <li>Learning Update Prep/Design &amp; Assessment Day (students not in attendance)</li> <li>National Aboriginal Veterans Day</li> </ul>
November 11: November 15: November 16: November 18: November 22: November 27: November 28:	Remembrance Day (Schools Closed) Movie Night – PAC Christmas Market PAC Meeting 6:30 PM I the Learning Commons Spirit Day – Moustache Day Student Inclusive Conferences – Students not in school due to SIC Early Dismissal-12:30 pm - Student Inclusive Conferences

**Important Reminders** 

Halloween Dance on Thursday, October 24 October 24 Learning Updates Distributed to families Pro D Day on Friday, October 25, no students in attendance

PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILDREN OFF ON THE ROAD IN THE RIGHT LANE ON 80<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE. THIS IS DANGEROUS. BYLAW ASWELL AS THE TRAFFIC POLICE WILL BE DROPPING BY REGULARLY.

# Cross Country

Kudos to all our Cross-Country runners this year! Our athletes made us proud by competing fiercely against some very tough



opponents. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and perseverance. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Varady and Ms. Hwang for supporting our runners each week. A big shoutout to all our parent drivers who ensured our athletes reached their destinations safely.

Special congratulations to the three Willoughby Warriors who represented us at the Championship Race last Wednesday. Our runners were unstoppable and made us proud. Great job, Yiorgo (24th in category), Elise (6th), and Andy (20th)!

## Halloween Reminders



Students are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes. If your child does wear a costume to school, please ensure that they 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 open food/treats/items to school with your child to share with others, e.g., cupcakes, chips, or cakes. Please remember to be considerate as you choose your costumes this Halloween. Halloween is difficult for many groups based on their race, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, etc. Dressing up as a cultural or marginalized group diminishes that group to a caricature and removes context and meaning.

# **Remembrance Day**



It is a long-standing tradition for schools to support our veterans and the efforts of the <u>Royal Canadian Legion</u>. Please note that our school will be receiving a poppy for every student. We will be distributing them to classes in a safe manner. We will continue to collect funds this year in support of the Legion's Poppy Campaign, but kindly ask students and their families to donate online via School Cash Online: <u>https://sd35.schoolcashonline.com/</u>

Please do not send any cash or cheques with your child to school. We appreciate your generosity. As always, our school is committed to educating our community about the meaning of the poppy and Remembrance Day.



## Information About School Status During Inclement Weather

Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about schools' status

during 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 <u>www.sd35.bc.ca</u>. Updates are also posted on Twitter (X) @LangleySchools and on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict</u>. 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 the school's 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 6:30 am. 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.

### Updates from the PAC

#### Halloween Dance is this Thursday evening!

- Tickets can still be purchased online until noon on October 23.
- Siblings can attend the dance. Please purchase a child ticket.
- Purchase on MunchaLunch.
- Pizza can no longer be ordered, but there will be a cash concession at the dance.

#### Hot Lunch A&W is on November 1

- Order your lunch by October 22, end of day
- Place your order on MunchaLunch



