



Willoughby Elementary School

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Upcoming Events.

December 11:	K- Gr 2 Concert, 1 PM and 6 PM
December 13:	Pancake Breakfast & PJ Day
December 20:	Last Day before Winter Break Spirit Day: Tacky Sweater Day & Movie Day
January 6:	School reopens after winter vacation
January 6-14:	Dance Play
January 17:	Movie Night
January 20:	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM in the Learning Commons
January 23:	Duffel Bag Theatre Performance
January 24:	Spirit Day: House Team Colour Day & Hot Lunch
January 28:	Art Starts Performance- Entire School



* IMPORTANT REMINDERS*

“Sights and Sounds of Winter” Concert December 11: 1 pm & 6 pm

Pancake Breakfast & PJ Day Friday, December 13

Food Drive Donations a Huge Successes! We are thrilled with the results of last week’s food drive. Thanks to you, we donated 1300 food items to the Langley Food Bank. Yet again, we have been reminded of how amazing and wonderful the Willoughby school community continues to be. Thank you so very much for your kind hearts and generosity.





If your child has misplaced any clothing items this fall, please check our lost and found rack located next to the office at the front of the school. We hope to reunite these items with their owners before Winter break. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity during the break.

To help us return lost items to your child, we kindly suggest labeling the tags of their clothing.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Pancake Breakfast Schedule December 2024

Time Slot	Divisions	Total	Teachers	Grade Level
9:00 – 9:25	9, 10, 13, 25, 26	106	Neufeld, Pressly, Gollner, MacEwen, Joshi	K & 3
9:30 – 9:55	12, 15, 24, 27, 28	104	Stokes, Gedak, Kelly, Chang, Olafson	K, 2 & 3
10:00 – 10:20	5, 11, 14, 19, 20	118	Bell, Bricco, Rowbotham, Radke, DeBenedetto	1, 2 & 3, 4
10:20 – 10:35 RECESS				
10:35 – 11:00	4, 7, 21, 22, 23	116	J. Kim, Hwang, Lategan, Pham, McFarland	1, 3/4 & 4/5
11:05 – 11:30	2, 16, 17, 18	96	Wong, Mohan, Schaap/Lockhart, Varady	1, 2, & 5
11:35 – 12:00	1, 3, 6, 8	112	H. Kim, Shergill, Reich, Pei	3 & 4, 5

Christmas Concert K- Gr 2 Sights and Sounds of Winter:

Please Note:

- Extended family members (e.g., grandparents) and parents who do not work during the day are kindly requested to attend the afternoon performances on December 11.
- The students will see the class performances at our dress rehearsal.



- In order for the evening performance to begin on time, we would like K - Gr. 2 students dropped off at their classrooms at 5:45 pm (not before, please).
- Choir students need to meet Ms. Dotto at 5:30 pm in the gym, ready to go on the risers.
- To minimize disruptions while the concert is in progress, we expect that you will remain in the gym for the ENTIRE performance rather than leaving once your child has finished performing. We need to respect the fact that **ALL** performing students have worked hard to put on a great show.
- For the evening performance, the students can be picked up after the performance in their classes. Students will **not** have permission to leave the class without an adult.

We are asking the students to wear their best attire for the concert.

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(Grade 5) The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is coming to your school in January/mid- March!

The Langley School District has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies.

Grade 5, 6 & 8 students are invited to complete the MDI during class time between **January 14th and March 14th, 2025.**

For more information and to view the questionnaires:

<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/mdi-overview/>

Parent FAQs:

<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/parent-caregiver-info/>

Information and Informed Passive Consent letters will be shared via email to families on Monday, December 16. If you don't want your child to participate, please contact your child's teacher, fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter, or contact the MDI project staff at mdi@help.ubc.ca.

Community Help for the Holidays

If you or someone you know could use support this holiday season due to current circumstances/job loss, here is a list of some services that are available in our community:

1. Website link: <https://www.langleychristmasbureau.com/client-hamper-application/>

2. Salvation Army – Gateway of Hope: www.gatewayofhope.ca

3. Encompass: <https://www.encompass-supports.com/>

support@encompass-supports.com (604-534-2171)

4. Sources: www.sourcesbc.ca (604-532-5290)

5. Lower Fraser Valley Aboriginal Society (LFVAS): Info@lvas.org (604-427-2664)

6. Langley Food Bank: www.langleyfoodbank.com (604-533-0671)

7. For Provincial support, check out bowinnmamla.ca

8. For Langley-specific supports, check out langleychildren.com

