



Willoughby Elementary School

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Upcoming Events

January 6:	Kindergarten Registration Began
January 6-14:	Dance P13Y Program Sponsored by the PAC for all students
January 10:	Hot Lunch: Earl of Sandwich
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
January 29:	Lunar New Year – Year of the Wood Snake
February 7:	Hot Lunch and Colour the Night Winter Party – PAC
February 10:	Pro D – No students in attendance
February 10:	Stay Safe course for students – PAC
February 14:	Spirit Day: Pink, red, and white Day
February 17:	Family Day – No school
February 21:	Hot Lunch & Treat Day – Krispy Kreme
February 24:	Design and Assessment Day – No students in attendance
February 25-28:	Respect and Diversity Week
February 26:	Pink Shirt Day



* IMPORTANT REMINDERS *

- January 6: Kindergarten Registration opens**
- January 10: Hot Lunch**
- January 14: Last day to order Pink Shirts – Order on Munchalunch**
- January 20: PAC Meeting 6:30 PM in the Learning Commons**



Welcome Back and Happy 2025!

We hope you had a wonderful winter break! As we welcome the New Year, we extend our warmest wishes to all our new and returning families for a happy, healthy, and prosperous year ahead.

The upcoming months are crucial for our students' academic growth. We encourage you to support your child in developing and maintaining good study habits, reading regularly, and ensuring they arrive at school on time, well-rested, and ready to learn.

We are excited to continue our partnership with you and your children, and we wish you all a successful and fulfilling remainder of the school year!



Kindergarten Registration 2025-26

Kindergarten and new student registration across the Langley School District run from January 6 – February 18, 2025. If your child will be five years old by December 31, 2025, or if your family is moving to the catchment for the 2025-26 school year, you will be able to register online. Please see our website for more information: [K-Registration -Willoughby](#).

For information on what documents, you need and instructions on how to register, please see below or visit the District Kindergarten webpage here: <https://bit.ly/3aiqfNF>. *To learn more about Kindergarten in the Langley School District, read our brochure [here](#).*

Middle School Registration

For families of our current Grade 5s, all students will be automatically transitioned to the appropriate school for next year based on their home address. There is no need for you to do anything.

Weather and Appropriate Clothing:

INCLEMENT
WEATHER
INFORMATION



The weather forecast for the coming weeks is quite different from what we have experienced recently. We wanted to remind you to ensure your children are appropriately dressed for the cold and wet days that are now upon us. Please be advised that we send our students outside for fresh air, even during rainy and snowy days. We know you would agree that fresh air and exercise are good for children, but they need to be dressed appropriately (e.g., boots, toques, gloves or mittens and warm jackets with hoods). We ask that ALL students have an extra change of clothes (shirt, pants, and socks) in their backpacks in case they get wet during recess or lunchtime play. **We also ask that you label your child's clothing jackets/sweaters/coats with his/her first name, so we can return lost items (our Lost & Found is always overflowing!)** We appreciate and thank you for your attention to this matter.

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 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. Updates are also posted to X (formerly Twitter) @LangleySchools and Facebook at 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 6:30 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.



It's Flu Season



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 illnesses:

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

PAC Monthly Newsletter

The latest news and updates for parents of Willoughby Elementary

Happy New Year and welcome back from the Winter break.

As we ring in 2025 we would like to thank you for your continued support of PAC fundraisers and events. All of these are possible because of volunteers and support from Willoughby families! We are excited about this new year, filled with more fun events and initiatives, so stay tuned on how you can continue volunteering and getting involved at our school!

- PAC Executive Team (willoughbypac@gmail.com)

Pink Shirt Day

Shirts now on sale!

Anti-Bullying Day is February 26. Our Grade 5 students have designed a special Pink Shirt. Purchase your Pink Shirt online on MunchaLunch by January 14.



MOVIE NIGHT

Despicable Me 4 - January 17, 6:00pm
Purchase movie tickets and pizza on MunchaLunch.

DANCEPL3Y



Coming to Willoughby Elementary January 6-14.

This program will take place in the Gym and is sponsored by the PAC. All classes will participate multiple times during the week

DANCEPL3Y's unique interACTIVE class style is paired with a positive coaching philosophy where every student can claim their "Bubble of Awesome" and embrace their uniqueness. Participants learn simple moves from a variety of dance styles from around the world (Hip Hop, Urban, Ballroom, Bollywood, Lyrical, Jazz/Funk, and more!) while developing physical literacy.

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, MAY 9

Fun Fair

Email us to:

- Join the planning team
- Learn about volunteering
- Learn how to become a sponsor or vendor

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JANUARY 2025

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 Jan 20 at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons

UPCOMING DATES

Jan 6 Return to school from Winter break

Jan 6-14 Dance PL3Y Program sponsored by PAC

Jan 10 PAC Hot Lunch: Earl of Sandwich (order by Dec 31)

Jan 17 PAC Movie Night: Despicable Me 4

Jan 20 PAC Meeting

Jan 23 Duffel Bag Theatre Performance

Jan 24 Spirit Day: House Team Colour Day

Jan 24 PAC Hot Lunch: HiFive Chicken (order by Jan 14)

Jan 28 Art Starts Performance

Feb 7 PAC Hot Lunch: Golden Medal Chinese & Cobs (order by Jan 28)

Feb 7 PAC Event: School Spirit Dance Party

HOT LUNCH

Order here:

munchalunch.com/schools/willoughby



WILLOUGHBYPAC@GMAIL.COM

WWW.WILLOUGHBYPAC.CA

FACEBOOK.COM/WILLOUGHBYELEMENTARYPAC

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Pink Shirt Day



\$12 - YOUTH
\$17 - ADULT

Sizes:
Youth XS - XL
Adult S - 2XL

Our Grade 5 students
have designed a pink
shirt to raise awareness
for Anti-Bullying Day
(Pink Shirt Day) on
February 26, 2025.

Deadline to Order:
January 14

\$2 from each shirt purchased will be donated to CKNW Kids' Fund (Pink Shirt Day charity) For more information about Pink Shirt Day in BC, please visit www.pinkshirtday.ca

ORDER ONLINE: MUNCHALUNCH.COM/SCHOOLS/WILLOUGHBY/

