



Willoughby Elementary School

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Upcoming Events

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
January 31:	Lunar New Year celebration at school
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



Reminders

January 17 PAC Movie night

January 20 PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons

January 14: Deadline to order Pink shirts



Mental Health Information (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 mental health. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.



fraserhealth

Better health. Best in health care.

Support Your Child's Mental Health

Mental health is a key component of healthy child and youth development, and it has an impact on their relationships and their performance in school.

How Can Parents Support Positive Mental Health?

Parents can help support positive mental health by forming strong and caring relationships with their children.

- Connect – talk and listen to their feelings and experiences.
- Be active together – take a walk and build physical activity into family time.
- Take notice – encourage and praise the positive behaviours and choices your children make.
- Keep learning – encourage your child to learn from both positive and negative experiences.
- Give – your time, your words, and your presence.

Sometimes, parents feel like they don't know what to say or how to interact with their youth. Learn more about **[tips for how to talk to your child or teen about mental health](#)**.

Get more information about positive mental health for children and youth: **[Positive mental health for children - Fraser Health Authority](#)**.

Find out what services, programs and resources are available for your child and/or youth: **[Child and youth mental health - Fraser Health Authority](#)**

TALK WITH ME, PLAY WITH ME, LEARN WITH ME

Family Literacy Program - Langley Literacy Network

Talk with Me, Play with Me, Learn with Me is an engaging family literacy program designed for kindergarten students and their caregivers. This program fosters emotional and social bonding while inspiring a lifelong love for learning. Held Saturday mornings from January 25th to March 15th at the Raphael House in the City of Langley, each session provides families with stories shared together and interactive activities that support early literacy and connection. Participating families will also receive eight brand-new books for home! Registration is now open online for the January and April programs.



INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION



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.



Langley Schools

SD35 Career Education

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

Exploring Langley School District's Trades & Career Opportunities

Join us for this family information evening as we highlight the district's career programs and pathways to post-secondary success!

WHEN: February 4, 2025
6:30 pm- 8:00 pm

WHERE: Langley Events Centre
7888 200 Street, Langley

Contact your Career Advisor for more information!



- Automotive
- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Hairstylist
- Landscape Horticulture
- Piping/Plumbing
- Professional Cook 1
- Welding
- Intro to Health Science
- Early Childhood Education
- Biomedical & Health Science

LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR FUTURE!!

CONNECT WITH POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS!!

PARENTS & STUDENTS WELCOME!!



PAC Meeting – January 20 at 6:30pm in the Learning Commons

- All parents are welcome to attend.
- Please see the meeting agenda, below.

Pink Shirts on sale – order by January 14

- Please order on MunchaLunch.

Movie Night – January 17

Despicable Me 4

- Purchase tickets online on MunchaLunch.
- Limited tickets will be available at the door.
- Concession including pizza will be available, starting at 5:45pm.

School Spirit Dance Party – February 7

- Get ready to dance, play, and show your school spirit!
- Tickets are now on sale on MunchaLunch.

Dance PL3Y fun!

- The final class was this Tuesday. The students danced, learned new moves, played fun dancing games, and learned about their “Bubble of Awesome!”

MOVIE NIGHT

DESPICABLE ME 4
JANUARY 17 | 6 PM
IN THE SCHOOL GYM

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

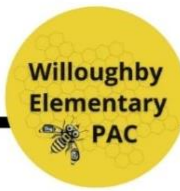
TICKETS AVAILABLE ON MUNCHALUNCH.COM.
ON SALE NOW UNTIL JAN 13.

WEAR YOUR PJS.
**BRING YOUR PILLOWS/
BLANKETS FROM HOME.**
**ADULT/PARENT
SUPERVISION REQUIRED.**

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



Willoughby
Elementary
PAC



Willoughby Elementary School PAC Meeting Agenda

Date: January 20, 2025

Time: 6:30pm

Location: School Learning Commons

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Introductions
 - a. Adoption
 - b. Agenda
 - c. November 2024 Minutes
3. Principal's Report
4. Chair's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Present and pass financials and Gaming and General for November-December 2024
7. DPAC Report
8. Committee, Events, and Fundraising Reports
 - a. Hot Lunch
 - b. School Spirit Dance Party (Feb 9)
 - c. Stay Safe course (Feb 10)
 - d. Treat Day (Feb 21)
 - e. Movie Night (Apr 4)
9. Old Business
 - a. Pancake Breakfast
 - b. Spirit Wear/Pink Shirt
 - c. Movie Night (Jan 17)
 - d. Added treat day in Winter- confirmation
 - e. Play area shade
 - f. Intermediate Playground
 - g. PAC Kitchen upgrades (faucet)
 - h. Parent businesses sponsoring events
 - i. Volunteer recruitment plan (parents to lead events and committees)
10. New Business
 - a. Staff and teacher requests
 - b. Staff Appreciation Lunch (May- Shireen)
 - c. Grade 5 Farewell
 - d. PAC AGM (May 26)
 - i. Election committee
 - ii. Positions available
 - a. PAC 2024-2025 Draft Calendar
11. Fun Fair discussion
12. Open Discussion

Next Meeting: Monday, April 28, 2025, at 6:30pm in the Learning Commons
