

Willoughby Elementary School

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	Upcoming Events	BULLYING
January 26- Feb 2:	Family Literacy Week	HERE!
January 28:	Art Starts Performance- Entire School	Cimina Internet
January 29:	Lunar New Year – Year of the Wood Snake	
January 31:	Lunar New Year celebration at school	
January 31:	Colour Day Assembly	
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	



Reminders

Wednesday, January 29, Lunar New Year Friday, January 31 Lunar New Year Dragon Dance Friday, January 31 Colour Day assembly – please wear your Team Colour shirts



Parent Requested Early Dismissal

If you would like to pick your child up during school hours, please email <u>WESAttendance@sd35.bc.ca</u> or call 604-888-6033 and let the office know what time you will be picking your child up. This way we can ensure that your child will be ready for pickup.

Updates from the PAC

Treat Day Krispy Kreme Doughnuts – Feb 21

- Pre-order boxes of one dozen donuts on MunchaLunch, by Feb 14.
- Single donuts will be available on Feb 21 for \$2, after school, at the back of the school.

School Spirit Dance Party – Fri Feb 7

- Get ready to dance, play, and show your team spirit!
- Purchase tickets and pizza on MunchaLunch by Jan 31.

Hot Lunch – Golden Medal Chinese & Cobs – Feb 7

• Last chance to order for this Hot Lunch is Jan 28.

Parking at the church

As you know, the church across from our school is kindly allowing us to use their parking lot during drop-off and pick-up times. We recently had a meeting with the church, and they have expressed some concerns about how the parking lot is being used. We kindly request your cooperation in ensuring that we use this space responsibly.

Please be mindful of the following:

- 1. **Do not park on the exit lane**: This area must remain clear to allow for smooth traffic flow. If this lane is blocked, cars cannot exit, leading to congestion.
- 2. **Avoid parking on the roundabout**: Parking in this area obstructs the exit path for other vehicles.
- 3. Avoid parking in front of the Pastor's residential gate.

We understand that parking can be challenging, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation. We need to maintain the good relationship and privilege of using the church's parking lot for our school community. To help with this, we will soon install signs to indicate the areas where parking is not permitted clearly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for helping us maintain a safe and efficient parking environment.

Parent Education Presentation

Langley DPAC presents Hannah Beach

February 13, 2025, at 7pm Kwantlen Polytech University Free Event, Registration Required Childminding available

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FREE Parent / Caregiver Presentation

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Lunar New Year

Lunar New Year heralds the arrival of spring and the start of a new year according to the lunisolar calendar, which is based on both lunar and solar cycles. Known as the Spring Festival in China and often called Chinese New Year, it is the most important holiday in China and many other Asian countries, each with its own unique customs and traditions. The celebrations span 15 days, featuring family reunions, feasts, fireworks, parties, and parades.

In 2025, Lunar New Year falls on January 29th, marking the Year of the Snake in the Chinese zodiac. While many Asian cultures share the same zodiac animals, each region celebrates Lunar New Year in its own distinctive way. In Chinese culture, the snake symbolizes wisdom, transformation, and growth. It is admired for its ability to adapt and transform, shedding its skin as a powerful symbol of renewal. This act of shedding represents change and the transition from one stage of life to another in Chinese tradition.

