



# Willoughby Elementary School

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## Upcoming Events



February 18:	SIC Bookings open
February 21:	Hot Lunch & Treat Day – Krispy Kreme
February 24:	Design and Assessment Day and SIC Prep Day (Students do not attend)
February 25-28:	Respect and Diversity Week
February 26:	Pink Shirt Day
March 2:	SIC Bookings closes
March 3- 7:	SIC & Scholastic Bookfair
March 5:	2-hour Early dismissal 12:30 PM
March 6:	Full Day conferences – start at 9 AM
March 14:	Last Day before Spring Break
March 14:	Spirit Day (anything but a backpack) & Hot Lunch & Pop Corn Day
March 31:	Schools Re-open after Spring Break

## \*Important Reminders\*

- February 18:** SIC Bookings open @ 8 am
- February 21:** Hot Lunch Friday
- February 24:** Design and assessment Day and SIC Prep Day– No Students in attendance
- February 25-28:** Respect and Diversity Week

**Student Inclusive Conferences March 3 – March 7 (Bookings close March 2)**

Please book your appointment with your child's teacher at <http://willoughby.schoolappointments.com>



*Schedule Your*

**APPOINTMENT**

Please note that School Messenger does not have a reply feature. Please email the school directly if you need any further information included in the newsletter. Thank you



## Grade 5 Entrepreneurs Sale – Friday, February 21

During the past few weeks, our Grade 5 students have been having fun gaining real-life career experience and exploring the world of business through a young entrepreneur educational program. This program helps students develop an entrepreneurial mindset. Our students have been building their own independent business ventures, setting and achieving goals, acquiring confidence, and developing practical life skills.



The Grade 5s will be putting their plans into action at Willoughby's second Entrepreneurs Sale on February 21<sup>st</sup>. This will be a dynamic event where they will interact with customers and earn money. Students will be showcasing and selling the products they have created (e.g., soaps, bookmarks, keychains, wallets, candles, scrunchies, picture frames, etc.) Products will range in price from \$1 to \$5. All K – Gr. 4 classes will have an opportunity to visit the sale in our gym. With your permission, we are suggesting your child brings up to \$5 to spend at the show (please send money in a Ziploc bag labelled with your child's name and division. Part of the proceeds the Grade 5 students earn will be donated to charity. Thanks for supporting our young entrepreneurs!



**Pink Shirt Day:** Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 26 when Willoughby Elementary and British Columbia hold our annual Pink Shirt/Anti-Bullying Day. Pink was chosen because it was the colour worn by two students in Nova Scotia who donned pink t-shirts to show solidarity with a boy who had been bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school. Bullying is a sad reality, and it happens in more places than just schools; it happens in workplaces, homes and on the Internet. Participating in Pink Shirt Day is one way we

are trying to help. We want to support everyone by raising public awareness about how we can all be part of the solution. Wear pink on February 28 to symbolize that we will not tolerate bullying anywhere. Please see the page below for an infographic which explains the difference between “rude” and “mean” behavior and bullying.



## Diversity and Respect Week: February 25 – February 28

**Tuesday:** Who Are We? Who We Are Jar: Individual or class jars: Students draw or write what represented them or their culture, e.g., draw a picture of them and their family, food, clothing. All these items are “placed” in a jar to display.

**Wednesday:** We are respectful. **Pink Shirt Day:**  
Discussion: What does it mean to be respectful?

**Thursday:** We are diverse.

Discussion: What is diversity?

Multi-lingual stories <https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/>

Learn hənqəmihəm <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/programs-initiatives/aboriginal-program/learn-henqeminem/>

**Friday:** We all belong. Wear what makes you happy.

Discussion: What does it mean to belong? How can you help others to feel like they belong?



### Updates from the PAC



#### Treat Day Krispy Kreme Doughnuts – Fri Feb 21

- Single donuts will be available on Friday for \$2, after school, at the back of the school.

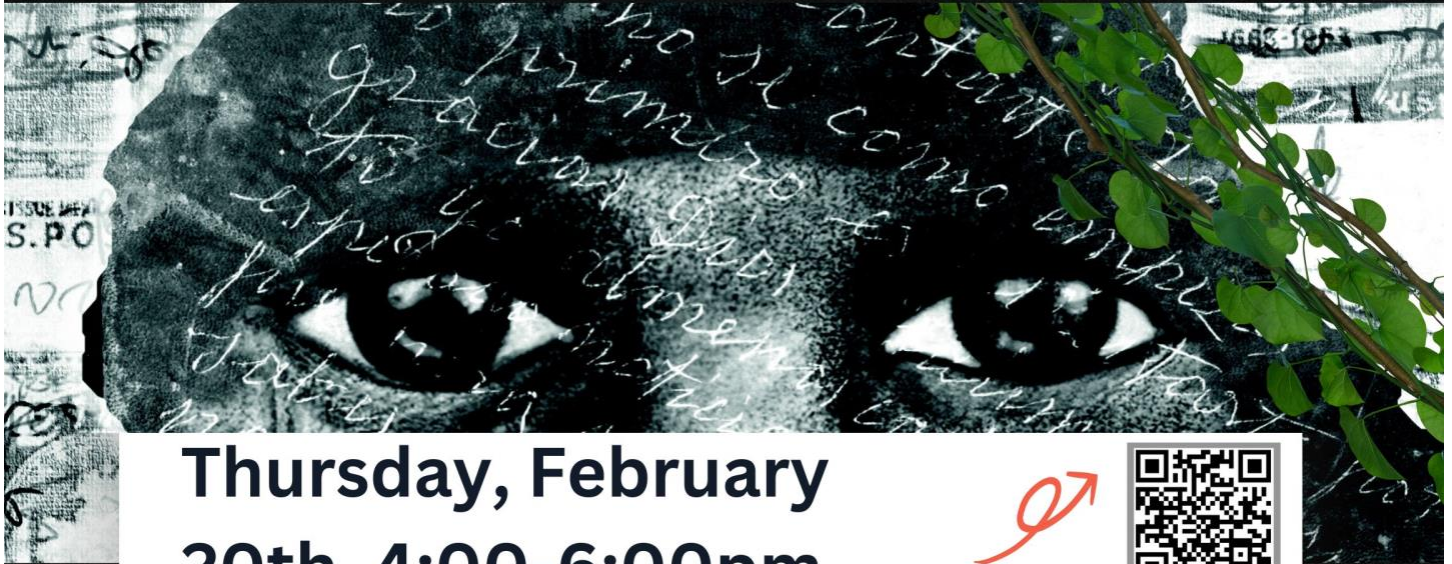
#### Hot Lunch – Volunteers needed

- The next hot lunch is on Fri Feb 21
- From about 11:45am – 1pm parent volunteers organize and distribute the lunches to the students’ desks (during lunch recess).
- Please email [hotlunchwilloughby@gmail.com](mailto:hotlunchwilloughby@gmail.com) if you can help this week, or at future hot lunches.

**FREE! Families are invited to a Oral Storytelling Event! Join us for a fun-filled time where you can listen to captivating stories, create a story and share with others. We will have a variety of unique materials and art supplies available to help bring your stories to life!**

**Food provided to participants. Details in registration.**

# **Gather in the Garden**



**Thursday, February  
20th, 4:00-6:00pm**



Register here!



**Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary**