



Willoughby Elementary School

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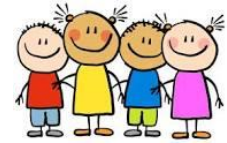
Vice Principal: Mrs. Lara Gray

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Mya Bainbridge



Upcoming Events

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

- Please sign up for your child's conference next week – Bookings close on Sunday at 12 noon
- Early dismissal on March 5 at 12:30 PM & non-instructional day on March 6
- Scholastic Bookfair March 3-7
- Wanted: Grade 5 Baby Photos – please send to kmuuren@sd35.bc.ca if you haven't already done so.

Student Inclusive Conferences

Our students are so excited to share their learning with all their parents. We would like to thank you for making an appointment with your child's teacher to celebrate their learning. Just a reminder to please bring your child to the conference with you.



Raising Digitally Resilient Kids - Parent Workshop/Resource

The *Raising Digitally Resilient Kids* parent workshop outlines how parents and guardians can support children's well-being and help them balance the risks and benefits of digital media. Based on insights from MediaSmarts' research with youth, the workshop provides an overview of online risk categories and provides resources and essential strategies that participants can take to manage these risks. You can find all of these resources at the link below:

https://mediasmarts.ca/digital-media-literacy/workshops/raising-digitally-resilient-kids?mc_cid=cadc5a99de&mc_eid=43f3fb04f2

LEAP (Langley Environmental Awareness Program)

Just this week, students at Willoughby, Richard Bulpitt, and Donna Gabriel Robins elementary schools received a visit from the Travelling Outdoor Education Roadshow. This exhibition was geared towards intermediate students and participants were able to rotate through multiple hands-on and nature inspired stations, as well as Q&A with current LEAP Outdoor Education Student Ambassadors. Unfortunately, our traveling roadshow team is not able to visit all elementary schools across the District, but we would like to extend a special invitation to intermediate families from throughout the District to attend a targeted parent information evening. This information session is for families interested in intermediate enrolment for the 2025-2026 school year (grade 5-7 students).



Please join us on Wednesday, February 26th at 5 pm in the Fort Langley Elementary School Library (8877 Bartlett Street in Fort Langley).

Screenagers - Elementary School Age Edition: Community Screening and Expert Q&A - April 9, 2025

Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston examines the growing impact of screen time on young children, exploring the challenges families and educators face in managing digital use. Through personal experiences, expert insights, and the latest research, the film addresses key issues such as social media pressures, video gaming, screen time limits, and the effects of early exposure to technology.

Offering practical strategies for fostering healthy digital habits, Screenagers: Elementary School Age Edition is a must-watch for parents, teachers, and caregivers looking to guide children toward balanced tech use. View trailer: <https://youtu.be/EzzzeCny6oU>

FREE EVENT: Join other Langley parents and caregivers for a 55-minute documentary screening followed by a Q&A with expert panelists.

Eventbrite ticket page: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/screenagers-elementary-school-age-edition-tickets-1234161352829?aff=ebdsshcopyurl&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=organizer-profile&utm-share-source=organizer-profile>

Facebook event

page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1140497717607292>



Pink Shirt Day: Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 26, when Willoughby 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 26 to symbolize that we will not tolerate bullying anywhere.

This week we will be celebrating **Diversity and Respect Week**.

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 represents them or their culture, e.g., draw a picture of them and their family, food, clothing, or flag

Wednesday: We are respectful. **Pink Shirt Day:**

Discussion: What does it mean to be respectful? Differences between being rude and mean and Bullying.

Thursday: We are diverse.

Discussion: What is diversity?

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?



Fun Fair Planning Committee

- Our school Fun Fair is the evening of Friday, May 9.
- Parent volunteers are needed to help plan the various aspects of this fun school and community event!
- We are meeting on Monday, March 3 at 6:30pm for our first official planning meeting.
- Please email the PAC for more information and for meeting location details: willoughbypac@gmail.com.

BOOK FAIR HOURS

MARCH 4TH> 2:33 - 3:30 PM

MARCH 5TH> 12:30 - 7:30 PM

***5:15 PM DINNER BREAK**

MARCH 6TH> 9:00AM - 4:00PM

***12PM LUNCH BREAK**

MARCH 7TH> 12:00 - 12:33 PM

***STUDENTS ONLY**

Contact Mrs. Weber (jweber@sd35.bc.ca) for any questions

Difference Maker of the Year Awards

**Nominations for the 2024-2025
school year are now open!**

**Nominate a youth or youth group/classroom by
April 6th, 2025 at 11:59 pm PT.**

**Individual award recipients will each receive \$500
and classes and youth groups will receive \$1,000 to share.**

Nominate an individual youth or group/class of youth
that positively impacted accessibility and inclusion in the
classroom, school, and/or community for persons with vision,
hearing, and/or mobility disabilities.



Scan here to learn more

Or visit:
RickHansen.com/Difference-Makers



'intheknow'

Connect and Learn

For families and caring adults who
are parenting a child or youth with
mental health and/or substance
use challenges.

EVERY MONTH, WE HOST EVENTS FOR FAMILIES
CALLED 'IN THE KNOW'. WE WATCH A VIDEO AND
SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES THAT HELP IN
THE HARD MOMENTS. WE HELP FOCUS ON
STRENGTHENING OUR UNDERSTANDING AND
CONNECTION WITH OUR KIDS.

Explosive Behaviour in Teens: Strategies to Empower Families

When our teens are showing up in explosive ways, we sometimes blame ourselves. Discover with us as a therapist explains some causes of explosive behaviour and strategies that support parents and teens.

Join Victoria Keddis as she hosts a conversation with Kirk Shields-Priddy, MSW/RSW Group and Family Therapist with Fraser Health START Program.

Come together and watch a video presentation and stay for a facilitated conversation by our Family Peer Support Workers.

Cost: Free of Charge

Date(s):

Tuesday, March 4th at 6:30pm (Most of BC)

Wednesday, March 5th at 6:30pm (Most of BC)

Tuesday, March 11th at 6:30pm (Most of BC)

Wednesday, March 12th at 12:00pm (Most of BC)

Tuesday, March 25th at 6:30pm (Most of BC)

Registration required:

www.familysmart.ca/events

