

École Willows School Newsletter

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Welcome Back

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I want to welcome everyone back to school. It is so nice to have our hallways full of excited children, busier than usual teachers and support staff. We were fortunate to move into classes on our first full day and the children have been busy ever since.

As of today we have 595 children enrolled with us, and we are excited to work with each and every one of these students. We have a number of new grade 1—5 students attending Willows this year and we welcome them and their families to our community. In addition we welcome our new Kindergarten children and families as they begin their new learning adventure.

I am also pleased to tell you that we have a few new teachers joining us and I know that they will love working with our children, our parent group and our teaching and support staff. They will be introduced in our next newsletter.

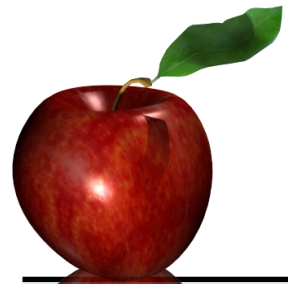
A huge thank you goes out to Mrs. Cullen and her crew for making sure that the school was clean and shiny when we all got back after the summer. Let's remember to keep it looking great.

There will be a more in-depth newsletter coming at the end of the month but we wanted to get some important information out to everyone as soon as possible. Newsletters can also be read on our website.

On Monday the Student Verification and Emergency forms will be coming home. Please complete them and return them to the school as quickly as possible.

We are really looking forward to an exciting year of exploration and learning. The teachers are excited, as are the children I have talked to. École Willows School is a wonderful place to work, learn and grow. We are now settled in classes and the children are making new friends and work partners.

Wendy and Dianne



Dates to Remember

- Mon. Sept. 17— Pro D Day
- Wed. Sept. 19— Individual Photo Day
- Thurs. Sept. 20— Meet the teacher 6:15—7:15 and PAC Social 7:00—8:00.
- Fri. Sept. 21— Terry Fox/1:10—2:50
- Fri. Sept. 28— Orange Shirt Day

Coming Up Quickly



Terry Fox Run

On Friday, September **21st** we will be having our annual run for cancer research. This year our fundraising will go towards the work supported by the **Terry Fox Foundation**.

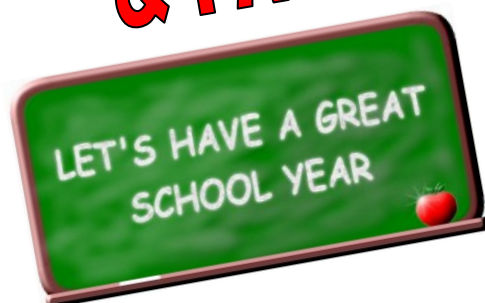
Our fundraising efforts will begin on **Tues. Sept. 18th** and continue through **Fri. Sept. 28th**. **Please send your donations with your child to their classroom teacher or bring it directly to the office. For cheque donations of \$25.00 or more a tax receipt will be sent to you.**

The Willows community has always come together to support our annual run and I know we will once again. Supporting cancer research is so close to all our hearts that I know we will be able to proudly present our contribution to the riders when they arrive.

Our older students will start running on the Cadboro Bay Field about 1:15pm and will be joined by our younger students shortly thereafter. **Kindergarten students** will start their run on the Musgrave Field about 1:45pm and will join the other students on the Cadboro Bay field at 2:20pm for the wrap-up. Students are asked to come to school in appropriate clothing with running shoes and a water bottle. Parents and Guardians who wish to run with students are welcome to join us.

Working together to outrun cancer!

Meet the Teacher & PAC Social



On Thursday, September 20th please come and meet your child's teacher, take a look at the classroom, and hear a little about what's in store

for this year. It's a great way to start the year and you get comfortable with where everything is at the school.

From 7:00—8:00 the PAC will be hosting their ice cream social that so many of us enjoy each year.

Meet the Teacher from 6:15—7:15
and the Social runs from 7:00—8:00.

If you can volunteer please contact the PAC at:
willowspac@gmail.com





Fire Drills

Next week we will begin practicing what we do when the fire bell rings. As we have new Kindergarten students in the school we like to initiate them slowly. Teachers will talk with their class about the important things to remember and we will give warnings before we ring the alarm so that teachers can prepare children who may be sensitive to the loud sound.

We will be participating in the Annual Oak Bay Fire Departments Drill early in October.

Dogs Coming to School

We know how much fun it is to walk to and from school with your dog, but we want to remind everyone that we have spots designated for dogs to wait. **We have many children on the playground in the morning and after school and lots of them are uncomfortable around, and scared of, big and little dogs.** We are asking that dogs not be in the midst of the children so **please wait with your dogs in the designated areas.**

One is by the flag pole on the Primary Playground and the second one is by the trees at the back of the basketball courts.

Thank you for your help to make our playground safe.



Medications at School

It is very important for you, as parents and guardians, to know that school staff is not able to administer any medications to students at school unless the proper authority is provided.

Long and short term medications require a **Medication Administration Form** to be completed by the family. Any medications provided must be in original packaging that is properly labeled with child's name and correct dosage.

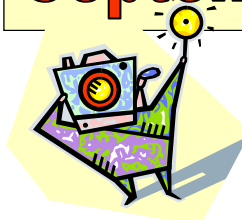
If your child requires any special medical attention, (allergies, medical conditions) **please make sure** that the school is fully aware of the situation and that any necessary medications along with necessary forms are at school.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school office at 250.592.2486 and we will be happy to help you.



→ DON'T FORGET! Pro D. Day
Mon. Sept. 17th
No school in session

Photo Day
Wednesday
September 19, 2018



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**Thanks to our
PAC Members**

We would like to extend a big thank you to our PAC members who organized our school supply orders and had them ready for the start of school. ALSO for their help showing our new kindergarten families where their new classes were. Members had on their bright, colourful shirts and were so helpful. All in all it was such a friendly way to begin for so many people.

