

École Willows School Newsletter

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Principal's Message



The month of September has really flown by quickly. It seems like we just opened our doors to students and families joining us for the 2018/2019 school year, but already the first month has come to a close and the playgrounds will soon be covered with autumn leaves

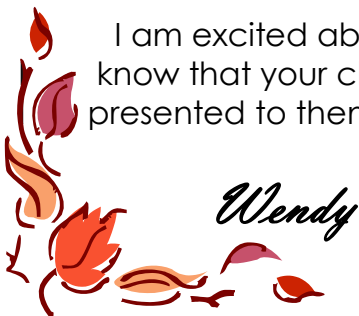
It has been a delight to welcome our new staff members, students, and their families. We have begun not only the academic aspects of our year, but also some of our sports and fine arts programs. We have already had a very successful Meet the Teacher evening and PAC Ice Cream Social.

It was lovely to touch base with so many happy and smiling faces this month – both children and parents. It sounds like most of you had a great rest and are ready for another year.

Again, I can't tell you what a pleasure it is to work with such professional and dedicated staff, enthusiastic students, and parents that want to be involved with their children's learning.

School is an exciting place for children as they learn new things and meet new people. Watching children learn and grow is an incredibly rewarding experience, and I can honestly say, coming to work each day is a pleasure.

I am excited about what this year has in store for all of us, and know that your children will have many exciting opportunities presented to them.



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Dates to Remember

- **Mon. Oct. 8** —
Thanksgiving
- **Thurs. Oct. 18**—
B C Shake Out
- **Fri. Oct 19**—**Pro D**
Day No School in
Session
- **Wed. Oct. 24**—
Photo Retake Day

Ecole Willows School Staff 2018 - 2019



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Mme J. Ross, Fr. Gr. 5

Mrs. D. Coleman, Eng. Gr. 4/5

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Mrs. G. Evans, Music

Mrs. A. Rebstock, Strings

Mrs. L. Powell, Librarian

Mr. R. Dann, Eng. Inclusive Learning

Mme C. Lamont Fr. Inclusive Learning

Mrs. M. Budgell, Counselor

Ms R. Misovic, Physio Therapist

Mrs. J. Alexander, Speech & Language Therapist

Ms. H. McKee, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher

Mrs. A Schultz, Psychologist

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Mrs. H. McRae, EA

Ms. D. Macharia, EA

Mrs. K. Cullen, Custodian

Mrs. L. Griffin, Supervisor

Mrs. S. Gravel, Supervisor

Mr. R. Miller, School Tech

Const. S. Perry, Police Liaison Officer

A Great Team!

Meet the Teacher

Ice Cream Social



Last week the staff of École Willows School welcomed the parents to a new year. We are excited to see so many new faces—both children and parents—and of course we are always happy to see our returning families and talk about the summer's excitement.



We were delighted that so many people came out to say hello to their child's teacher, and as I wandered throughout



the school, children were showing their parents where everything was—the music room, gym, the library, and of course their classroom. For some of our students this is their first year at Willows School, but they felt comfortable and were proudly guiding their parents around. In many classes, teachers were talking with parents about the general running of their programs and classroom management systems. You can see by some of the pictures that there

were lots of people taking advantage of the opportunity to see the classrooms and speak with our teachers.



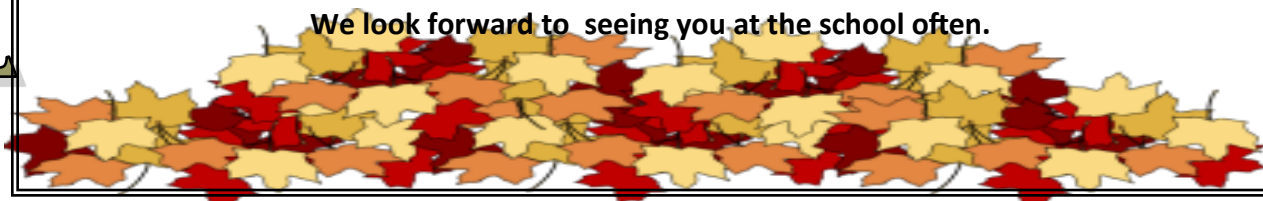
After families had visited the classrooms and were toured



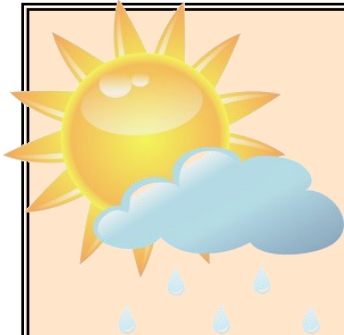
though the school, the next stop was the gym for some ever-popular ice cream, and guessing games for the children. Each year our Parents Advisory Council hosts this event. It is a great way to mingle and meet new people as well as reconnect with friends from last year.

The entire staff wants to extend their thanks to all those parents who took the time to come to the school. This evening was a great way to start the year.

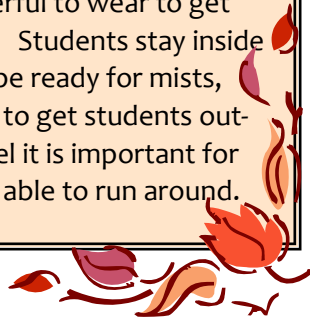
We look forward to seeing you at the school often.



An Attire Reminder



Although the weather right now reminds us of summer, the cool days and rainy weather are not far away. Please ensure that your son or daughter is dressed appropriately for the weather. Once the clouds, rain, and cooler weather begins, students should dress warmly and remember that rain coats, hats and boots are wonderful to wear to get through a damp lunch or recess. Students stay inside for hard rains, but they need to be ready for mists, fogs, and light showers. We try to get students outside as much as we can as we feel it is important for them to have fresh air and to be able to run around.



Cross Country



Mme Lyall and Mme McMillan have begun our Cross Country season. The first meet was on Monday this week and the children did quite well. Practices began last week and will run Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00 am.

If your child is a runner, please make sure they have picked up the permission / information form and have returned it to the school.

The meets are as follows at 3:45 pm:

Monday, Sept 24 – at Clover Point

Monday, Oct. 1 – at Lambrick Park School

Tuesday, Oct. 9 – at Lansdowne Middle School

Monday, Oct. 15— at Gorge Kinsmen Park

The final Jamboree will be held at Beacon Hill Park, on Monday Oct. 22. Races begin at 1 pm.

Good luck to all our runners and thanks to our sponsor teacher for coaching our children. Also a huge thank you to the parents that come out and help with traffic control during practices.



Pizza and Sushi starts in October!

The PAC is happy to offer lunches again for the 2018/2019 school year. Our dates for the year are:

Fri. Oct. 26, Fri. Nov. 16, Fri. Dec. 14, Fri. Jan. 25, Fri. Feb. 22, Fri. Mar. 15, Fri. April 26, Fri. May 24, and Fri. June 14

Orders can be placed as of Friday, October 19. To order go to <https://willows.hotlunches.net>. Use code **WHL**. You will need to register a new account for your family. Follow the steps! For more info and instructions you can also go to <http://www.willowspac.ca/pizza-sushi-days>



Great B.C. ShakeOut

On Thursday, October 18h at 10:00 am Willows will be participating in the Province wide earthquake drill. All over the province people will be 'dropping, covering, and holding on just as we will.

The Great British Columbia Shake Out is being planned for October 18th, and will be the largest earthquake drill to ever take place in Canada. Last year over 800,000 people registered and took part in the drill. We will begin talking about this drill during morning announcements and teachers will be talking about the procedures with their students in class. For some of our students this will be their first earthquake drill so we want to do as much preparation as we can. If you have any questions about the preparation or procedures please check with your child's teacher or the office. If you are interested in learning more about the Shakeout you can get more information by going to www.shakeoutbc.ca.



Dropping Off, Picking Up and Parking.

This is just a reminder that the cul-de-sac off **Tod Road** is **not a safe place to drop off or pick up children**. There is no access to the playgrounds so students are climbing over the fence and this is not safe. The turning area is very tight and not made for large numbers of vehicles. Additionally there is no legal parking on the street or in the cul-de-sac. Parking around the school is limited, however our neighbours have been

very patient and understanding. Let's make sure we are not blocking driveways or making it difficult for our neighbours to get in and out of their homes.



Need Your Help

When you are little you often times get carried away when playing and sometimes you end up in the mud—especially once the weather has turned. We try to have extra clothes on hand for such explorers and athletes, but our supplies are dwindling. So if you are going through your child's wardrobe and find items they have out-grown we would be most grateful if you could put aside any pants, shirts, and socks. We are in need of pants for girls and boys in grades 2 and 3 right now. If you can help us out please bring them to the office.

Any help you can give would be appreciated.

The Office Staff



Swim Club



This year we do not have a **Parent Swim Club Coordinator** and we really need one. For the last number of years Jacquie Lines held this position but has decided to pass the torch. We are hoping that there is another parent who just can't wait to help out. If you are that swimming enthusiast please contact Mme Lamont at the school—250.592.2486.

Thanks in advance.

Anything with Wheels

This is just a reminder to everyone that when you arrive on the playground and blacktop area please make sure you are off your bikes, skateboards and scooters and that your heelies or inline skates are removed. This is for the safety of everyone. **Thank You**



Pack It In - Pack It Out



Remember that Willows is still working to implement a **Pack-In and Pack-Out program for lunches.**

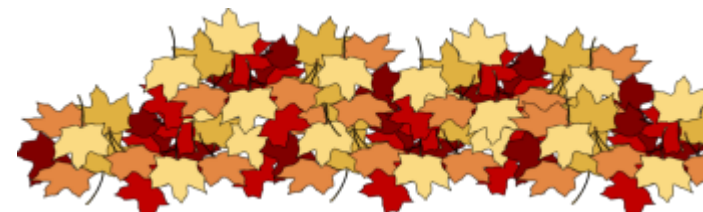
What this means is that if your child brings a yogurt or juice box to school the container will be coming home.

We are encouraging families to use reusable containers when packing lunches so that they can be washed out and used again. Some classes have already taken on the program and it is working very well.

It will take a little bit for us all to get used to this but I know that we can do it if we all work together. Our hope is that our students will learn the importance of re-using food containers, composting organics, and taking notice of the amount of trash we generate.

Our lunch monitors will assist the younger children in repacking their lunch kits.

Together we can make a difference.





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1000 Books by Age Five Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

We can't thank all of you enough for the generous gifts our community has provided for the hundreds of children who received books you bring in. We have been part of this initiative for a number of years and it always surprises me that our pink box seems to have books in it all the time. Thanks and we look forward to another great year of giving.

CPF Canadian Parents for French
Victoria

French Classes for Immersion Parents

- * PRE-LEVEL 1 Course for Parents with no or very little French
- * For parents of children in K-3 French Immersion
- * Learn basic French to support your child's schoolwork
- * Learn strategies to help your child read & write in French
- * Taught by an experienced elementary FI teacher

Location: École Margaret Jenkins

Cost: \$55 with CPF membership*; \$80 without

8 Classes: Wednesday, Sept 26th - Nov. 21st, 2018

Time: 7-8:30 pm (excluding Oct 31st)

*CPF membership = \$25/year



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SUN DIM	MON LUN	TUE MAR	WED MER	THU JEU	FRI VEN	SAT SAM
30	1 X Country at Lambrick Park 3:45	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Thanksgiving no school in session 	9 UVIC Stu- dents visiting the school X Country at Lansdowne 3:45	10	11	12	13
14	15 X Country at Gorge Kins- man Park. 3:45	16	17 PAC Mtg. 7:00 Library	18 PAC Morning Coffee 9 a.m. B.C. Shake-Up 10:00 am	19 Pro D Day No school in ses- sion.	20
21	22 X Country Jamboree Beacon Hill Park 1:00—2:45	23	24 Photo Retake Day 	25	26 Pizza Sushi Day 	27
28	29	30	31 Black and Or- ange Day 	Hallowe'en		