

# École Willows School Newsletter

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## Carnaval - Alive and well at Willows



On Friday, February 1st our French Students had fun building an ice village as a culminating event for our Carnaval Week. During their weekly PE block all students participated in mock Carnaval activities as French music played in the background. Thanks to the French staff who worked hard to bring Carnaval into their classrooms and to Mrs. Achtem for extending the experience into the PE blocks. Willows.

A special thank you to the teachers who picked up the 'snow' at Oak Bay Rec this morning and shoveled it from truck to blacktop.



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### Dates to Remember

- Feb. 14th—Red and White Day
- Feb. 15th—Pro D Day
- Feb. 18th—Family Day
- Feb. 20th—PAC Meeting 7:00 in the library
- Feb. 27th—Pink Shirt Day
- March 1st—Skip-a-thon

## Student Transfer Process

### Regular K-12 Student Transfer Process

The annual K-12 Student Transfer Process facilitates requests from students in **Kindergarten to Grade 12** to *transfer to schools outside of a designated catchment*. To apply for a transfer request you must provide all required documentation and complete a form at the **student's current school** in the week of **February 19-25, 2019**.

For students who are **not in catchment and looking to follow their school pathway** at the time of transition from elementary to middle and middle to secondary (Grades 5 and 8), **will now have to apply for a transfer request. Non-catchment students no longer automatically follow their current school pathway.**

In the event, a school receives more transfer requests by grade than the number of seats it can accommodate, the waitlist order of transfer requests will be determined by lottery in accordance with our student enrolment priorities. Therefore, **there is no advantage of submitting your transfer request first. Please submit your request at your convenience during the communicated dates.**

### School Pathway and Transition Information

Each school belongs to a Family of Schools. The school family groupings consist of school pathways where in-catchment students follow a determined school pathway through their transitions from elementary to middle and middle to secondary.

In the event space is limited and a middle or secondary school cannot accept all non-catchment student requests, **priority will be given to those non-catchment students already in the determined pathway of schools**, over other non-catchment, non-pathway students. The student enrolment priorities apply to new registrations, transfer requests and student transitions between elementary and middle, and middle and high school for English and French programs.

In the past, all students would automatically follow the pathway of the school family group. Due to increasing enrolment and new student enrolment priorities, Non-catchment Grade 5 and Grade 8 students will no longer automatically follow the pathway of schools. **They will be pre-transitioned to their catchment school based on their home address.**

Letters will be sent home from schools with pre-transition catchment school and transfer information before the transfer period. Non-catchment Grade 5's and Grade 8's will have to apply for a transfer during the K-12 Student Transfer Process if they wish to continue in a non-catchment pathway.

The student enrolment priorities will be applied to elementary to middle and middle to secondary transitions—please see below

1. Re-enrolling students
2. a catchment area sibling
3. a catchment area child
4. a non-catchment sibling
5. a non-catchment child
6. a non-school district child

## Skip Club is starting! Let's support the Heart and Stroke Foundation and get fit too.

Dear Willows Families,

February is Heart Month! Mme Deblois will be organizing a Skip Club held in the gym at lunch recess for interested students. Students in Kindergarten and grade 1 will meet on February 5th and 7th, students in grades 2 and 3 will meet on February 12th and 14th and students in grades 4 and 5 will meet on February 19th and 21st

Students are encouraged to bring their own skipping rope from home or they can borrow one from the school.

In addition, a special Skip-a-Thon will be organized for all students from kindergarten to grade five on **Friday March 1st**. All students will skip for 30 minutes to up-beat music. Our goal is to promote healthy hearts with endurance skipping, and to have fun while learning new skipping skills. Please remind students to wear comfortable clothing and running shoes for these activities.

In order to support the Heart and Stroke Foundation, a small donation of a loonie or toonie would be greatly appreciated. You can send a loonie or a toonie to school or donate on line at [www.heartandstroke.bc.ca](http://www.heartandstroke.bc.ca) . For more information about the Heart and Stroke Foundation, please refer to their website.

Thank you for your support and happy skipping!

Mme Deblois



**On Wednesday, February 14th it will be another Willows' Spirit Day. We would like everyone to wear all the RED and WHITE you have to show your school spirit.**



*Don't forget:*  
**Friday February 15th  
Pro-D Day  
No school in session**

*Don't forget:*  
**Monday February 18th  
Family Day  
No School in Session**

## Family Dance/Danse familiale

With/avec

French Canadian Folk Dancers

### 'Les Cornouillers'

Thursday, February 21st, 2019

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Willows School Gym

\$3/person - \$6/family - \$2.50 per slice of sugar pie

Please use the School Cash Online link on the Willows website

<https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com/> to purchase your entrance to the

Dance and/or pie. If you would rather pay by cash/cheque please bring the order form and payment to the office.

**Please pay online or return order forms by  
Tuesday, February 19th.**

**No tickets will be sent home!** On the night of the dance please find the designated Division table, get your hand stamped, receive your pie coupon and then dance the night away. **You can also pay on the night for the dance and for pie — until they run out.**

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### French Family Dance Order Form

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name / Division: \_\_\_\_\_

We would like:

\_\_\_\_\_ individual entrance price (\$3.00/person) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

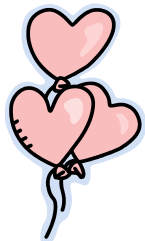
\_\_\_\_\_ family entrance price (\$6.00/family) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ piece(s) of sugar pie (\$2.50/piece) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

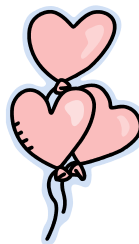
Please return the ticket order form to the *school office* and make cheques payable to  
Willows School.

Watch for the  
order form  
coming next  
week.



# FEBRUARY 2019

# FÉVRIER 2019



SUN DIM	MON LUN	TUE MAR	WED MER	THU JEU	FRI VEN	SAT SAM
					1 Lice Check	2
3	4 Intermediate Assembly	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 French Dance Lessons	12 Ready Set Learn 4:30— 6:00	13	14 Red and White Day 	15 Pro D Day No School in Session	16
17	18 Family Day no school in session	19 K-12 transfer week until Feb 25	20 7 pm PAC Meeting in the library	21 Family Dance	22 Pizza Sushi Day	23
24	25 Last Day K-12 transfer	26	27 Pink Shirt Day 	28	1 Skip-a-thon all day	2