

École Willows School Update

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Fire Safety House

On Monday we will have the Oak Bay Fire Department here with their **Fire Safety House** conducting their annual training with our grade three and four classes. As in previous years the students will have a presentation in their classrooms and then they go out to the safety house to practice their escape routes. The children always enjoy the experience and having a small house to 'escape' from always leads to a good time. When children know what to do it can help save lives.



Do you have escape routes from your home that you use as a family? If you don't, work with your children to establish them. They will be happy to help you figure out the best avenues for safety.



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Dates to Remember

- Fri. Apr. 12—Pro D Day—No school in session
- Sun. April 14—Cast and crew rehearsal 1:00-4:30 p.m.
- Mon. Apr. 15—Thurs. Apr. 18- Musical Performances—see inside for details
- Fri. Apr. 19—Good Friday—No school in session
- Mon. Apr. 22—Easter Monday—No school in session.
- Wed. Apr. 24—PAC Meeting 7:00

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to Remember

Don't FORGET!

Pro D. Day

Fri. Apr. 12th

No school in session

PAC Meeting
Wed. Apr. 24th
in the Library @ 7:00.
Or join us on Thurs. Apr. 25
for coffee in the staffroom @ 9:00.

Dear Willows Parents and Families,

It is with mixed emotions that I write this letter to all the parents and families of students at École Willows School. I wanted to let you know personally about my decision to retire at the end of this school year. You may have already heard rumors to the effect, but I wanted to make an official announcement about my retirement as the school's principal.

This decision is bittersweet, I am sad to be leaving but excited about the opportunities and adventures that lie ahead.

When I first entered this building 11 years ago, little did I know I would have the opportunity to work with a community that believed instilling a love of learning in the children was a key to success. I would be remiss if I didn't say there were times during our seismic upgrade I wanted to run from the building screaming, but here we are safer and stronger than ever.

When I was appointed principal in 2007 I gladly took the reins. I had so many ideas and dreams for this school and am happy to say I have seen many of them to fruition. It has been a great honor and a defining part of my life to be your principal.

May I say it has been a pleasure partnering with you, and the staff and students that made my tenure here such a pleasure. I truly believe that we have gathered a group of very talented and passionate teachers, educational assistants and staff that together make up this school. I am just one part, not a bigger part nor a smaller part.

I appreciate the many, many memories I have made together with you over the years. I will always feel a part of the Willows family. Finally, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to work toward the success of each and every child at our school.

As always, I thank you for your support of our school and our mission.

Sincerely

Wendy

Musical Reminders



April has already been a very busy month for students who are in the Junior or Senior Choirs. They are busy preparing for this year's musical, "Of Mice and Mozart" **Have you marked your calendars for the week of April 15th? There will be 6 performances in all:** We suggest you bring toddlers and other family and friends to one of our two in-school performances where no tickets will be required:

Mon. April 15, 1: 00 p.m. (Orange cast, Chatham & Estevan Junior choirs, Senior choir)

Tues. April 16, 1: 00 p.m. (Green cast and Discovery Junior Choir, Senior choir)

Evening Performances:

Wed. April 17 at 6:00 p.m. Orange cast, Chatham & Estevan Junior choirs, Senior choir

Wed. April 17 at 7:15 p.m. (Orange cast, Discovery Junior Choir, Senior choir)

Thurs. April 18 at 6:00 p.m. (Green cast, Discovery Junior Choir, Senior choir)

Thurs. April 18 at 7:15 p.m. (Green cast, Chatham & Estevan Junior choirs, Senior choir)

There is also a very important rehearsal for Senior Choir Cast members and Crew on Sunday, April 14 from 1 – 4:30 pm. Attendance for this rehearsal is mandatory for all Senior Choir Cast members with on-stage roles and all those who are backstage crew.

Ticketing information and order forms were sent home with all choir students this week. Please take time to complete the form and ensure you pick the performance that you children are in. If you have a children in the Jr. **and the Sr.** Choirs choir there will be one show where they will perform together.

If your children are not in the choirs, but you would like to attend the performance, you are welcome to attend the afternoon performances. Extra tickets will be made available for the evening once all performers have received theirs.

If you would like evening tickets and do not have a student in the performance please contact the office at 250.592.2486. We will be keeping a list, as tickets will be handed out on a first come first served basis.

See You There