

# École Willows School Newsletter

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Save The Date  
You are invited to  
**Willows'**  
**Heritage Tea**  
Friday, May 31st

There will be  
two sittings -  
12:50 and 2:00

See you there!



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## Dates to Remember

- Thurs. May 16— Blossom Tree Festival 5:30—8:00
- Thurs. May 16—Gr. 5 Transition Day
- Fri. May 17—Pro D Day
- Mon. May 20—Victoria Day Holiday
- Mon. May 27—Class Picture Day
- Tues. May 28—Zone Track Meet
- Thurs. May 30—City Finals



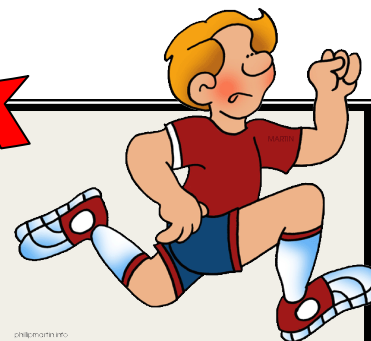
On Friday, May 10th we held our Welcome to Kindergarten for next year's children. It was delightful to meet these eager future students and their families. Thank you to our Kindergarten teachers: Mrs. Grant, Mme Anderson, Mme Hallam, Mrs. Frankson, Mrs. Shearing, Ms Albiston, and Ms Prince for organizing this event format.

Thanks as well to our Inclusive Learning Support teachers Mr. Dann and Mme Lamont, Mrs. Melinda our Counselor, and our PAC Chair, Cindy Rodier for assisting with the mornings very important activities.



## Willows Track

Students will be heading to Oak Bay High next week for a practice on the track. It will be good for them to be able to experience a full size track both for distance and the actual feel of a track. **Thanks Oak Bay High. The grade 3s** will be going to the track on **Wednesday May 22nd at 3:00** and the **grade 4s and 5s** will be going on **Thursday May 23rd at 3:00**.



Our school meet is taking place at UVIC on **Tuesday, May 28th at 10:00 am**. **All students will be travelling by bus there and back. If you would like to volunteer to help out at the track meet on Tuesday please contact the school.**

The City Finals will be held on **Thursday, May 30 at 5:30 pm**. We welcome any parents who would like to join in and support our runners. Thanks to all our coaches.

**If your plans have changed  
and you are not returning to Willows  
please call the school and let us know.**

## Three Minute Drop-Off and Pick-Up Zone

We have a

drop off zone on Musgrave that

parallels the staff parking lot. This area has been set up by Oak Bay so that parents have a place to pull in, drop off children, and leave quickly so that another family can do the same.

When people park in this area it causes problems. Just last

week we had a frustrated driver stop and let a child out. This

is not a safe solution so we are asking everyone to honour the Drop-Off and Pick-Up Zone's time limit during the times posted.

Three minutes is enough time to stop, get the little ones organized to leave the car, and get a kiss goodbye.



## Lost and Found

We have laid out the lost and found in the hallway by the Library. It will be there next week. Please come by and see if anything is yours.

## Gr. 5 Transition Day



Thursday this week our grade 5's are walking to Monterey and Lansdowne. They will leave the school at noon and return by dismissal time.



# Bike to School Week!

We are very fortunate this year to have our **Bike to School Week** organized by our PAC enthusiast, Jacqueline Lines. **June 3—**

**June 7 is Bike to School Week.** We are encouraging all the children and staff to ride their bikes. As usual there will be volunteers outside in the mornings handing out draw-prize tickets to those who ride their bikes. Draws will happen each morning. So let's get out there and show what the students at Willows can do.

## Gr. 4 Bike Road'eo'

Jackie has the help of the Oak Bay Police Department, and North Park Bike Shop again this year for our Road'eo'. The grade 4 students are asked to bring their bikes to school on **Thursday June 6th**. The 'road course' will be set up on the North side of the school, on the basketball blacktop during the lunch hour.

The students always have a fun-filled time and they learn some important things along the way. Many thanks to the North Park Bike Shop for coming out and working with our kids. Keeping them safe on the road with properly tuned bikes and appropriate helmets is a big priority for the Bike To School campaign and the school.



# Whole School and Class Photos



**Monday, May 27th**

**The class photos will start at 9:00 am. Class photos will not be retaken if children are late.**

**Please have your children at school on time.  
There is no cost for class photos or the grade 5 photo.**

# PAC Invites you...



## Blossom Tree Festival

Consider yourself cordially invited to the Willows PAC Blossom Tree Festival on the 16th of May. Come out and have some fun with the family. We will have food trucks - always a big hit every year, and lots of games of all kinds to entertain the children. (As well as those of us who are simply children at heart.) Last year was a wonderful event and this year's planning would indicate yet another fabulous evening. Sit and enjoy some time with other parents of children in your class, watch your children play games and have fun. Eat some good food and relax.

Looking forward to seeing you  
Thursday May 16th.



## Gratitude Coffee and Muffins

On Thursday, June 6th from 8:15—9:00 we invite you to come by our outdoor stations and join us in a cup of coffee and a muffin. YES! We had a great response last year that we are doing it again this year in the hopes of meeting and thanking our parents that just can't get away during the morning. Start your morning off with a cup and conversation.



PAC AGM  
Wed. May 15th  
staffroom @ 7:00.

just a reminder:

Pro D Day  
Fri. May 17th  
No school in  
session.

Victoria Day  
Mon. May 20th.  
No school in  
session.

Pizza Sushi  
Day  
Fri. May 24th



**May 24<sup>is</sup> Rainbow Day at Willows!**

We will be celebrating diversity and bringing awareness to issues connected to our SOGI students, staff, and families throughout the week of May 20th, through stories, classroom activities, and a RAINBOW DRESS-UP DAY on Friday May 24th. Willows is committed to helping everyone in our community feel supported, included, and safe to be who they are.



An invitation to all parents and children of:

**WILLOWS SCHOOL**

**On Saturday, June 1st**

Willows School is entered in this year's

## **Oak Bay Tea Party Parade**

Let's show Oak Bay the tremendous school spirit we have at  
**Willows School.**

**We will gather at Windsor Park at 9:30am with a start time  
of 10:30.**

**Look for the Willows School banner.**

There are ribbons to be won and judging starts at 9:45 a.m., so please be on time so  
that we impress the judges with our enthusiasm.

Wear clothes that show our school colours of  
**red & white**

**Decorate your bike or scooter. Decorate yourself!**

**Remember that we don't use balloons any more as they can hurt our  
environment if accidentally released.**

Parents that are not walking in the parade must pick up their children at the Willows  
Beach Park at the corner of Dalhousie and Beach Drive. This is the designated  
gathering point for the children at the end of the parade route. **All children must have an  
emergency contact number on them to easily connect them with an adult at the end of the  
parade. The parade usually takes about 45 minutes and we look forward to seeing you for  
pick up at 11:30.**

