

École Willows School Newsletter Update

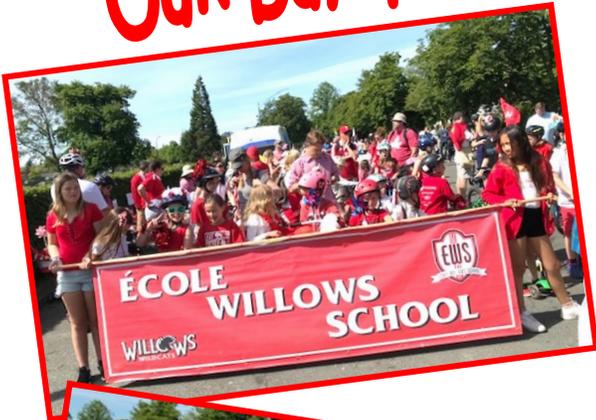
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Oak Bay Tea Party Parade

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On Saturday, June 1st we took part in the parade. The weather was spectacular and so were we. Willows was out in force and the red and white could be seen everywhere. Everyone that took part had a wonderful time. A big thanks to everyone who joined us, and especially to Cindy and the other PAC members for getting the decorations, candy, and music organized.

Dates to Remember

- Thurs. June 6— Gratitude coffee and muffins 8:20—9:00
- Thurs. June 6—Gr. 4 Bike 'Rodeo'
- Mon. June 10—Pro D Day No school in session
- Fri. June 14—Final Pizza/Sushi Day
- Tues. June 18— Fun Day
- Wed. June 19—PAC Meeting in Library 7:00

The Staff - Learning at Willows too!



Yes, it is true that even the staff does a lot of learning at Willows.

People have asked what the staff does on a Pro D Day and I thought this would be a great way to show you.

On our May Pro D Day we had our last session with Misty Paterson, a facilitator from Vancouver. Misty has been working with us in the area of **Inquiry based learning/teaching** and how we can apply these skills to the lessons we teach every day.

As you can see the staff was completely enthralled with both the presentation and the independent centers they worked through. They shared ideas, planned how to integrate what they were learning, and had great fun learning.

Willows Track



On Tuesday, May 28th, over 100 of our students took part in the Zone Meet at the University of Victoria. The children did very well and showed excellent sportsmanship and skill. We were very proud of each and every one of them. A **BIG** thank you to all the staff members that worked so hard with our runners beginning right after the musical. Your time and talents are much appreciated and valued by everyone. We appreciate your commitment to the kids and our school.

On Thursday, May 30th many of our runners participated in the City Finals at UVIC. The meet began at 6:00 and the coaches met them up there and calmed a few nerves. The children, again did an exceptional job of maintaining or improving their personal best. Those staff members who were up at the stadium helping out were very proud of the children and we, along with the parents, cheered them on.

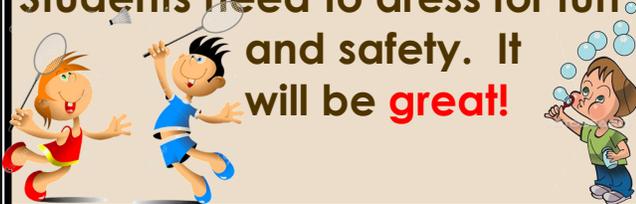
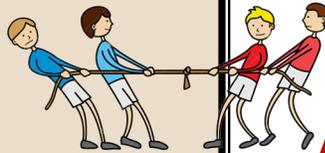


Congratulations Everyone!

Fun Day 2019

JUST A REMINDER

On **Tuesday, June 18th** we will be holding our **FUN DAY**. This is an afternoon where the students move from activity to activity with their friends, enjoying the options teachers have made available. Students need to dress for fun and safety. It will be **great!**



Last Pizza Day Fri. June 14th

just a reminder:

June 10th Pro D Day No school in session

Gratitude Muffins & Coffee Thurs. June 6th from 8:20 to 9:00

PAC Meeting on Wed. June 19th, 7:00 in the library

READ ALL ABOUT Island Parent Magazine



The Island Parent magazine has been delivered to the school and it is full of all sorts of different kinds of summer programs for children. This year we will be sending a magazine home with most of our students. If you don't receive one, and would like one, please pick it up in the office while they last.



Library Buzz

Here are some important dates to remember for the month of June.
Week of June 3rd—students can check out only one book instead of two.

Week of June 10—All books must be returned to the library in order for them to be checked in and shelved. Please look in all those places books can hide.



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1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

Last Chance to Get Books Gently Used Books to New Owners.

We are a community that values and shares literacy and a community that prospers. Every young child who is read to before starting school is more likely to see reading and learning as pleasant and achievable. We thank you for your donations of books for babies and preschoolers.

Summer is fast approaching and this will be our last call for books. Let's try to find any books we no longer need or want at home and bring them to school before the end of the year. They will be packaged up and sent to those much less fortunate than we are to enjoy over the summer.



Gratitude Muffins and Coffee

On Thursday, June 6th from 8:20—9:00 we invite you to come by our outdoor stations and join us in a cup of coffee and a muffin. YES! We are trying something a little different 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.



Calendar for 2019—2020

Schools open on Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Thanksgiving is Monday, October 14, 2019

Remembrance Day Monday, November 11, 2019

The last day prior to the **Winter Break** is Friday, December 20, 2019

Schools re-open on Monday, January 6, 2020

Family Day is Monday, February 17, 2020

The last day prior to **Spring Break** is Friday, March 13, 2020

Schools re-open on Monday March 30, 2020

Good Friday is Friday, April 10, 2020

Easter Monday is Monday, April 13, 2020

Victoria Day is Monday, May 18, 2020

Thursday, June 25, 2020 is the **last day of school** for students

Friday, June 26, 2020 is an **Administrative Day**



Pro. D. Days for the 2019-2020 school year

Monday, September 23, 2019

Friday, October 25, 2019

Friday, November 22, 2019

Monday, January 27, 2020

Friday, February 14, 2020

Friday, May 15, 2020

Bike to School Week!

Don't forget that this week, **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 by the bike racks 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 or scooters 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.

★ Bike Trains Wed. June 5 ★

Did you know that we have **Bike Trains that are led by a Council Member as well as a member of the Oak Bay Police?** *Well we do and we want you to join them.*

The **South Oak Bay Train** will leave **Monterey Middle School at 8:15AM**, and the **North Oak Bay Train** will be leaving **Allenby Park at 8:15AM**, both to arrive well in time for the 8:42 bell.

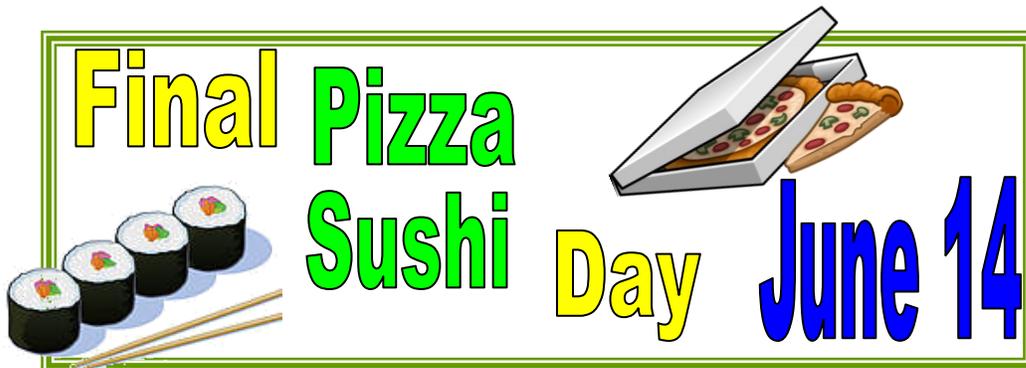
For more information and a map click on the link that is closest to you.

Bike to School Week Allenby Park to Willows School Bike Train:

<http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/fullscreen/95987809/>

Bike to School Week Monterey Middle to Willows School Bike Train:

<http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/fullscreen/95985383/>



**Final Pizza
Sushi Day June 14**

The graphic features a green double-line border. On the left, there are illustrations of four pieces of sushi on a bamboo mat with chopsticks. On the right, there is an illustration of an open pizza box with a slice of pizza being lifted out. The text 'Final Pizza Sushi Day June 14' is written in large, colorful, outlined letters across the center.

What do I wear today?

We have had some inquiries about what students can wear when the weather gets nice and hot. (Hopefully that will continue around the corner.) We have some simple requests to make of all our students and they are:

- ⇒ please come to school ready to take part in all the activities that will, or might be going on that day.
- ⇒ please have a sweater or light jacket incase it gets chilly during the day
- ⇒ shoes must stay on the feet when children are running about outside, so for safety reasons please no flip-flops or Crocs.

We also encourage sun screen and hats when needed. If you have any questions please call the office—250.592.2486.



Grade 5 Farewell

On Tuesday, June 25th, 1:00 pm we will be saying good-bye to our grade 5 students. We will be celebrating their last year and final days during the afternoon.

Parents are invited to attend this event in the gym. This is a special time of year and our grade 5s come through with flying colours. I want to thank the teachers who are working to make this day special. Also a thank you to Mrs. Evans for organizing their song.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

On Monday, June 24th a number of our grade 5 students will be performing in the year end variety show. The students are auditioning now and probably rehearsing already. Each year the other students really enjoy the performance. All classes wishing to attend will have the opportunity in the afternoon. Thanks Mrs. Evans for overseeing this event. **Parents of performers welcome. Start time 1:00**

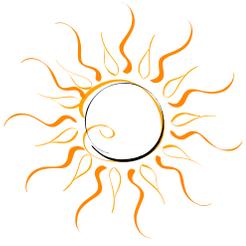
Grade 5 Variety Show

Report Card

Report Cards

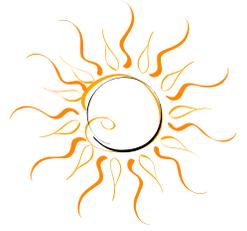
Report cards will be going home on **Thursday, June 27th**. If you are planning on leaving for the summer before that date and wish to receive your child's report card over the summer, please bring a **legal sized, stamped, self addressed** envelope to the office and we will mail the report card to you before we close. Thank you.





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16	17	18 Fun Day 1:00—2:30	19 PAC Mtg. 7:00	20 Rainout day for Fun Day 1:00—2:30	21	22
23	24 Grade 5 Variety Show	25 Grade 5 leaving assembly 1:00 pm	26	27 Last day for students. Reports go home	28 Administration day for staff only	29
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