

ÉCOLE WILLOWS SCHOOL

Update

A message from the Principal

I would like to thank the students, staff and families of École Willows School for welcoming me to the community and the school. I have enjoyed getting to know the students and many of the families. It has been a wonderfully busy start to the school year. I would like to thank all the parents that volunteered during our PAC lunch days, Family Dance, and the City Finals in x-country. It was great to see so many of our students participate in our Remembrance Day assembly this last week and to hear our choir perform. As we are getting closer to December, please check the calendar and emails for events coming up.

Important links

Please note the following links on our school website:

[Parent Calendar](#)

[School Safety Plan](#)

[Reunification plan](#)

Thank you to families from Willows from Tour de Rock

Dear École Willows Elementary Families,

On behalf of the entire 2019 Tour de Rock Team, the Canadian Cancer Society, and most importantly the children and families that are helped as a result of fundraising from Tour, thank you for the support you showed this year!!!! The money raised from Tour will help fund pediatric cancer research and will help send children who are affected by cancer, and their families, to Camp Goodtimes..... where kids get to be kids. Because of you Tour raised over 1.136 million dollars this year. Once again, THANK YOU!!!

Regards,

Sandrine (Cst Perry)



Rainy Days

Despite a break, the wet weather is here and will likely stay for several months. Please make sure your child has west-coast appropriate coats and footwear for the cold and the water. Students go outside for morning and lunch recess most days – we keep them in only when it is very wet. They need a good waterproof coat and warm, dry footwear. Do remember that a fabric hoodie may be warm to start, but without something waterproof to go with it, it will not keep the cold out. Mittens or gloves and a hat are also good ideas

Looking for Homestay Families

The Greater Victoria School District's **International Student Program** is seeking caring families to provide homestay accommodation to international students studying in the District's middle and secondary schools. It is a great opportunity for an intercultural exchange of ideas, food, and life.

We offer the following to our host families:

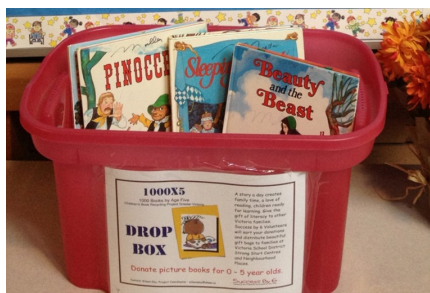
Orientation, on-going support, homestay manual, remuneration of \$975 per month, short and long term students

To find out more about our homestay program or apply please visit our **website**:

www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay or contact Lukas Hahn (Homestay Manager)

email: lhahn@sd61.bc.ca **Tel:** 250-592-6871

3 Books = 1 Gift Help top last year's drive of 4000 books



This is the third year of the three book challenge. As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. Every month 1000X5 pops 3000 books in 1000 gift bag: three books for each receiving child.

If each child in Willows Elementary School brought in 3 gently used books for babies and preschoolers, we would collect 1800 books, **Let's make it happen.**

Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin in the in front of the office

Head Lice Awareness



Head lice are common in BC communities. Although they are a bother, **head lice are not a health risk.**

Head lice spread quickly by close, head-to-head contact. Lice cannot live on furniture or carpet, and they cannot jump or fly. There may be few or no symptoms, but itching may occur.

You can help by:

- Checking your child's head with the wet combing method of detection once a week throughout the year.
- Review the pamphlet [Wet Combing – How to Get Rid of Head Lice](#), available online, at your school and [Public Health Unit](#)
- Encouraging your child to wear their hair tied back.
- Treating if you notice live lice on your child's head.
- Reminding family and friends about the importance of routine head checks, using the wet combing method.

For more information:

- Your local [Public Health Unit](#)
- Read the HealthLink BC File on [Head Lice HealthLink BC File #06 Head Lice](#)

Information on Regulation 1155

From time to time a concern may arise in our educational community. To help resolve these issues, the Greater Victoria School District uses a complaint process to ensure that an individual's concern will be given respectful attention while upholding the integrity of the educational system. This process uses clear procedures for the communication and resolution of any concern held by a member of our education community.

If you would like to review the Complaint Process for a Resolution of Concerns you will find it on [our website](#) or you can contact your Principal or Vice Principal and we would be happy to provide you with a copy.

Thank you and please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Regards,

Brenna and Dianne