

September 24, 2021



ÉCOLE WILLOWS SCHOOL

Update



Monday, September 27	Tuesday, September 28	Wednesday, September 29	Thursday, September 30	Friday, October 1
Professional Development Day No School		Picture Day	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation No School	Orange Shirt Day

Coming up:

October 8—Terry Fox Run

October 11—Thanksgiving

October 20—Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting 7 pm on Zoom

October 22—Professional Development Day

October 27 / October 27—early dismissal 1:35 / Parent Teacher Conferences

October 28—Picture retakes

Important links

Please note the following links on our school website:

[Code of Conduct](#)

[Parent Calendar](#)

[Daily Health Check](#)

[School Safety Plan](#)

[Reunification plan](#)

[Notice to Parents—VTRA](#)



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SNAPSHOT

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS BY SUPPORTING THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM

September 2021 Snapshot for Parents



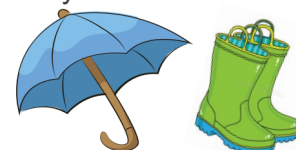
[Preparing for School: Resilience, Connection and Skills for a Successful September](#)

Meet the Teacher

As welcoming parents into the school to visit classrooms is not possible in person at this time, teachers will be sending out information about their class and pictures of classrooms to families the week of September 28. Stay tuned for an information about your child's teacher and important classroom routines. We will be having Parent Teacher Conferences on October 26 and 27 by Zoom or phone.

Daily Health Check

Students and staff must stay at home if they are sick. It is the responsibility of parents to assess their child (ren) with a daily health check before they come to school each day. The most recent daily health check form is on our [website](#). Please contact us if you have any questions.



Rainy Days

This year we will again be planning for increased outdoor learning and students will be going outside for morning recess and lunch recess most days. Please make sure your child has west-coast appropriate coats and footwear for the cold and the water. They need a good waterproof coat and warm, dry footwear. It is a good idea to have a change of clothes at school so children are able to change if they get wet.

Process for Resolution of Concerns

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 <https://willows.sd61.bc.ca/parent-info/process-for-a-resolution-of-concerns/>. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Parent Connect

Our school district is excited to provide assessed digital/online tools to supplement your child's classroom learning. Your informed consent is required prior to signing up and using any district-approved digital/online tool. This is provided through our [Parent Connect](#) online tool for students in grades K-8. For more information about signup and use of Parent Connect, please visit <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/parent-connect/>. Please review the consent items in Parent Connect from previous school years and to check the portal for new items that may need your review. You and your child have the choice to grant or revoke consent at any time for each of the digital tools based on the privacy considerations for each tool.

If you have any questions regarding the use of digital/online tools, please reach out to your child's teacher, Brenna or Dianne.

Student Reports Proficiency Scale

Willows will be involved in piloting a provincial initiative for the 2021 2022 school year where all classroom teachers will use the Proficiency Scales to communicate student learning. For more information, please see our website <https://willows.sd61.bc.ca/parent-info/proficiency-scale-student-reports/>