



January 30, 2023

# ÉCOLE WILLOWS SCHOOL



Update

## Coming up:

February 1—PAC Fun Lunch <https://www.willowspac.ca/pizza-sushi-days>

February 3— Dress as your favourite book character day

February 6 to 10—2023/24 Greater Victoria School District K–12 transfer process  
2023/24 Registration open for new Grade 1–12 students

February 14—Pink / Purple / Red Day

February 15—PAC Fun Lunch <https://www.willowspac.ca/pizza-sushi-days>  
PAC Meeting 7pm Willows Library

February 17—Professional Development Day (No School)

February 20—BC Family Day No School

February 22—Pink Shirt Day

## Happy Lunar New Year

It is the Year of the Rabbit. Happy Lunar New Year to all of our families who have been celebrating! Here is some learning from around our school.



## Welcome two more New Staff

We have two new staff members to welcome to Willows.

Thomas Sorensen is our new music teacher on Thursdays and Fridays. Mr. Gronotte has accepted a classroom position at Rockheights.

We would also like to welcome Amy Laorattanavech, our new Education Assistant as Anna Kato has accepted a position with our district as a Teacher on Call.



## Parent Volunteers for Willows Musical

Mrs. Evans along with teacher volunteers are beginning practices for this year's musical! We are excited that our children will have the opportunity to perform in person this year. We are looking for parent volunteers to help with sets, props and video editing. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Evans at [gevans@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:gevans@sd61.bc.ca).

## Cell Phones at School

If possible, please do not send your child with a cell phone to school. Students are always welcome to come to the office to call their parents. However if it is important for you to be able to communicate with your child before and after school, please remind your child that cell phones need to be turned off and in their backpack at all times during the school day. It is also not appropriate for students to watch YouTube videos, take pictures of other students in the morning while waiting for the bell and after school while waiting to be picked up.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!



## 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](#),
- 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](#)