



September 20, 2023

# ÉCOLE WILLOWS SCHOOL

Update



## Coming up:

*Thursday, September 21—Meet the Teacher 6pm to 7pm*

*Friday, September 22—Professional Development Day (no school for students)*

*Thursday, September 28—School Pictures (individual photos)*

*PAC Fun Lunch <https://www.willowspac.ca/funlunch>*

*Friday, September 29—Orange Shirt Day*

*Saturday, September 30—National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*

*Monday, October 2- No School (National day for Truth and Reconciliation observed)*

*Thursday, October 5—Tour de Rock stop at Willows*

*Monday, October 9—Thanksgiving Day (no school)*

*October 16—October 20- Go by Bike Week*

*Wednesday, October 18—Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting in the library 7pm*

## Meet the Teacher Evening—September 21

We are so excited to welcome our families to the school to visit classrooms and meet their new teachers! Meet the teacher will be tomorrow evening from **6pm to 7pm on Thursday, September 21**. Please bring your child(ren) so they can introduce you to their new teacher and show you their new classroom(s). Thank you to our PAC for providing treats!

## Important links

Please note the following links on our school website:

[Code of Conduct](#)

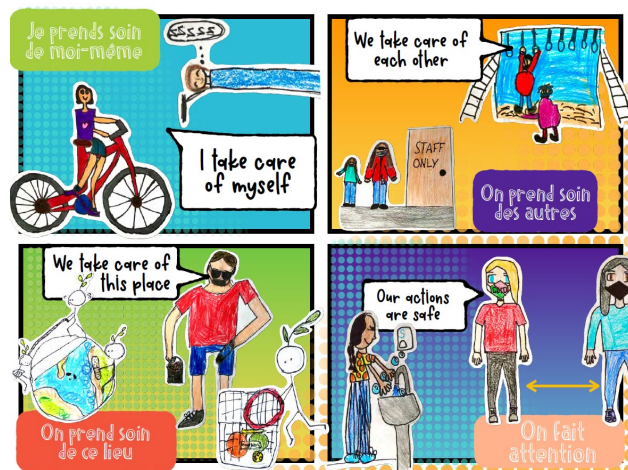
[Parent Calendar](#)

[Printable Calendar](#)

[School Safety Plan](#)

[Reunification plan](#)

[Notice to Parents—VTRA](#)



## Congratulations Mrs. Evans!

Congratulations to Mrs. Evans, our music teacher, on her retirement! We would like to thank her for all of her amazing work in our Willows community. Students have had so many wonderful opportunities to participate in the performing arts. We have loved our Willows Choir and the Musicals over the years where we have celebrated with our community.

## National Week For Truth and Reconciliation

There will be no school on Monday, October 2 as we observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. *We invite our students to wear orange on Friday, September 29.* Students and staff at Willows will be adding to the hearts on our fence to show that as a community we stand with those who are most deeply affected by the children who did not return home from Residential School. We invite families to add to these hearts as well.



## Picture Day

Picture Day is Thursday, September 28 and picture re-takes have been scheduled for Friday, October 27.

## Parent Connect

Parent Connect is the Greater Victoria School District online service used for signing digital forms and providing consent for use of digital tools in the classroom. Please log in (or sign up if you haven't done so already) to Parent Connect and review the consent items where action is required. Additionally, you are encouraged to review items that you have previously consented to by selecting "Forms" in the menu. Consent for all forms and digital tools rolls over from year-to-year.

[Parent Connect Signup and Login Resource](#)

## 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.

## Student Agendas

Please note that our student agendas will be late arriving this year due to a fire in First Class Planner's Warehouse. They are doing their best to get them to us. We will send out more information when they arrive.

## Parking

Pick up and drop off times are busy at Willows! For safety purposes, ***please do not drop off children or walk through the staff parking lot area.*** Please consider dropping students off a block away and walking. Our crossing guards Linda and Suzanne are happy to help your children cross safely.

Please note that there should be no parking at the loading zone (white curb) in front of the school

We do have two accessible parking spaces in our staff parking lot. Please do not use these spaces (for either bikes or cars) unless you have a parking pass and require use of this space to come into the school. Thank you for supporting us with this.

## Combined Classes

Each year at Willows several of our classes are combined classes (two grades in a one classroom). During the next PAC meeting (*October 18 at 7pm*), staff will share information about the organization of our classes, how we place students in classes and teaching and learning in combined classes. This is an opportunity for parents to ask questions. Please see the information on our website.

<https://willows.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/46/2019/09/Combined-Classes-Elementary.pdf>

## A message from our PAC fun lunch coordinators

### Fun Lunch Volunteer Opportunity

Sign up to distribute Fun Lunches in your child's class. It's a great way to get involved in the classroom and it takes under an hour of volunteer time.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848AAAB2AA1F4C25-44485423-willows#/>

If you have any questions please email us at [willowsfunlunch@gmail.com](mailto:willowsfunlunch@gmail.com)