

December 15, 2023 ÉCOLE WILLOWS SCHOOL Update

## <u>Coming up:</u>

Tuesday, December 19—	6:30pm— Performing Arts Winter Showcase (Oak Bay High)
	See below for more information
Friday, December 22—	Learning Updates Home (Report Cards) - on Parent Connect- See below
	Pyjama Day
	Have a wonderful Winter Break!
Monday, January 8—	First Day Back after Winter Break
January 15 to 19—	French Immersion Kindergarten Registration (September 2024)
Janary 29 to February 2 English Kindergarten Registration (September 2024)	

## Performing Arts Winter Showcase

A reminder that we are hosting a Winter Showcase at 6:30 at Oak Bay High on Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30 pm where are students who have been taking part in extra curricular performing arts activities at Willows this term including *Strings (Grade 5), Choir and Dance* will share their learning. To ensure there is space in the auditorium, each student performing can have a maximum of 4 people attend. There will not be tickets for this event.

For students performing, please arrive at Oak Bay High before 6:10 to get ready for the performance.

## Learning Updates (Report Cards) on Parent Connect

Our district has changed the way you will receive your child's learning update (report card) this term. Families will access Willows learning updates report cards via SD61's Parent Connect on December 22. Please <u>click here</u> to go to Parent Connect. If you have not yet had the opportunity to login to Parent Connect, please do so this week and reach out if you have any questions so that you will be able to view your child's report.

To access the report cards, parents and caregivers need to first create a Parent Connect account. For instructions on creating an account, visit our school district website or <u>click here</u>. *Please let your child's teacher or the office know before the last day of school if you would like a paper report.*  Our learning updates year will reflect the new Ministry of Education and Child Care reporting order. The Greater Victoria School District and our school have been preparing for these changes and you will notice that the proficiency scale remains the same as it has been the past few years at Willows.

- Some highlights of the new Ministry of Education reporting order include:
- The use of the Provincial Proficiency Scale from K-9 and letter grades and percentages in grades 10-12
- Descriptive feedback on all report cards from K-12
- Student self-reflection of Core Competencies and goal setting
- Graduation status update for students in grade 10-12 in June

For more information on Curriculum, Reporting and Assessment please <u>click here</u>.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

## September 2024 Kindergarten Registration



Dear Parents of children born in 2019,

We are quickly approaching Kindergarten registration time in the Greater Victoria School District. Please visit our website: <u>https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/kindergarten-</u><u>registration/</u> to find more information about registering your child. Your first step is to identi-fy your school catchment by using the school locator (found on the website above). Early French Immersion registration is January 15-19 and English Kindergarten registration is January 29- February 2. All required documents needed for the online registration are found here: <u>https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/documentation/</u>

We are very excited to meet you and your child.



Welcome to School District 61.