



May 10, 2024

# ÉCOLE WILLOWS SCHOOL

Update



## Coming up:

*May 13 to 16—Rainbow Week*

*May 13—Wear Red / Orange*

*May 14—Wear Yellow / Green*

*May 15—Wear Blue / Purple*

*May 16—Wear rainbow colours*

*Grade 5 student transition day (afternoon visits to middle schools)*

*May 17—Professional Development Day no school*

*May 20—Victoria Day no school*

*May 23—PAC Fun Lunch*

*May 24—PAC Blossom Tree Festival and Wear Blue to Cure MPS Day*

*May 27 to 31—Go by Bike Week*

*May 31—Welcome to Kindergarten 9:30 am on the Musgrave field*



## Rainbow Week

May 13 to May 16 is Rainbow Week. We will be celebrating the diversity of gender identity and sexual orientation in our families and our community through stories, classroom activities and a Rainbow dress up day on Thursday, May 16. We are committed to supporting everyone in our community to feel supported, included and safe to be who they are.

## Students Moving Away

If you know that your K—4 children will NOT be returning to Willows in September, please contact the office as soon as possible. Knowing how many students we expect in September really helps with our planning for a smooth start in September.

## Student Class Placements for September 2024

Please see the link for more information about our student class placement process for 2024 / 2025. If you have any questions, please reach out to Carey Nickerson, Vice Principal or Brenna O'Connor, Principal.

<https://willows.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/46/2022/04/Willows-Student-Class-Placement-Process.pdf>

## School District 61 Proposed Calendar 2025 / 26 and 2026 / 27

The proposed calendars for the next two school years have been posted to the district website:

[2025/2026](#)

[2026/2027](#)

Feedback can be submitted to [community@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:community@sd61.bc.ca) by Friday, May 31 at 4pm.

### From our Library...

### Please save your gently used books for our Book Binge

This is a great opportunity to encourage your child to keep reading over the summer break!

Gear up for new reading material by simply bringing in your child's gently used books (i.e. fiction, non-fiction, chapter books, picture books, comic books, etc. Please note: board books and toddler books are too young for our students, but they can be donated to the 1000x5 book bin near the office). Students will be given one ticket for each book they bring in (up to 3 tickets per student). Any books brought in over that amount will be donated to the Book Binge. In June, your child's class will come to the library to cash in their tickets and shop for gently used books. The idea is that every student will receive at least one "new" book to keep.

Your child may drop books off to Madame Skinner at the library during regular class visits. Please clearly label any bags with your child's name and teacher/division to be sure they get credit for the books they bring in. If you have any questions please email our Teacher-Librarian, Madame Andrea Skinner at

[askinner@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:askinner@sd61.bc.ca)

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From our PAC...



Willows is celebrating Spring Go By Bike Week during weeks of May 27-31 and June 3-9, 2024!

Students and their families as well as teachers and staff are encouraged to get to school actively. Celebrate each day by placing a sticker on a Log My Ride Poster (by the school library) or log your ride online here: <https://logmyride.gobybikebc.ca/teams/join/3222afd9-bfc2-43f5-879a-30a24ac66628>.

As part of the Spring Go By Bike Week, the Willows PAC is organizing two Bike-to-School routes for Willows students led by Parent Volunteers. Oak Bay Police will assist with traffic control. We warmly invite all students and their families to join us for this fun and active event!

Date: **Friday, June 7th**

Time: **8:15 a.m.**

North Route Meeting Point: **Allenby Park at Dean Ave and Townley St**

South Route Meeting Point: **Oak Bay Marina parking lot on Beach Drive near Currie Rd**

A few important details for the Bike-to-School Ride:

- Safety First: All participants must wear helmets throughout the ride. We highly recommend wearing bright, reflective clothing to enhance visibility. Adhering to traffic rules and riding in a responsible manner is of utmost importance.

- Route and Chaperones: We will take the best routes to school ([Appendix B: Best Routes to School Map p.48](#)). All parents/guardians of participants are encouraged to be present throughout the ride to provide guidance and support.

- Bike Check: Prior to the event, make sure your bike is in good working condition. Check the brakes, tires, and ensure that the chain is properly lubricated.

All active modes of transport are welcome! Feel free to walk, scoot, skate or run alongside on the sidewalk.



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*Bingo Night*

**TUESDAY, MAY 14TH**

**6:45-9:00 PM**

**MONTEREY MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM**



**Tickets on sale now:**

**<https://bit.ly/3UeQbzp>**

**\$12 per person**

***(includes 2 bingo cards)***



***All ages welcome***

***Prizes, drinks &  
snacks***