

Weekly Update for Friday September 27th

Hello Willows Families

Your children did an exceptional job being respectful participants in our Orange Shirt Day Assembly the morning. Bravo et merci to our students who were brave to lead us in Patrick Aleck's 'Equality Song' and Drumming along with Mr. Fraser, Mme Hallam, Mme Anderson and Mme Walker. Our hope is that your child will be able to give a simple explanation as to they are not in school on Monday.



During the School Based Professional Development Day, our staff met with District Literacy Support Teacher, Lisa Mulvihill and discussed Reading and Writing Assessment tools as well as the steps required to prepare for a School Wide Write. We will be focusing on improving various aspects of Writing Skills across the grades this year. Lisa has also offered to return and lead our staff in using loose parts to create and retell stories which is a wonderfully rich way to tap into many pre-writing skills.

The Terry Fox Fund Raiser: Thank you for the donations that have come in this past week. We have one more week ahead of us to try and reach our **Goal** of at least \$568 dollars... and we are getting there! Our students will appreciate having an extra recess break if we meet our goal!

Thank you to those folks who are making a great effort to keep your dogs back from the groups of students and families at drop off and pick up times. We appreciate it.

What's Happening Weekly at Willows?

Monday 30th	Tuesday 1st	Wednesday 2nd	Thursday 3rd	Friday 4th
No School	Go By Bike week starts Grade 5 Lunch Buddies Start this week	Gr. 3-5 X-Country 8:00 Gr. 5 Strings 8:00	Bike Trains at 8:00 Gr.3-5 Choir Practice- Lunch	Gr. 3-5 X-Country 8:00
Gaga Ball Gr. 4-5	Gaga Ball Gr. 2-3	Gaga Ball Gr. 4-5	Gaga Ball Gr. 2-3	Gaga Ball Gr. 2-5

Upcoming dates to note

Monday	Sept. 30	National Truth and Reconciliation Day No School is session for staff or students	All day
Thursday	Oct. 3	Individual Student Picture Day with Edge Imaging	Starting with Ks, ending with 5's
Monday	Oct. 14	Thanks Giving No School in Session for staff or students	All day
Wednesday	Oct. 16	First PAC meeting School Library – All Welcome	7:00 start
Friday	Oct. 25	Provincial Professional Development Day No School is session for students	All day

From the PAC

The Willows PAC is celebrating Fall Go By Bike Week at École Willows Elementary!

Activities are planned for **October 1st to 4th**. Everyone in our school community is encouraged to get to school actively by biking, walking, scooting, or skating.

Sticker Wall: Celebrate your active trip to school by placing a sticker on the trip tracker poster by the school library.

Log Bike Rides Online: Log your bike trips online with [BC's Go By Bike Society](#) with prizes from [Capital Bike](#).

Bike Trains & Celebration Station: Join a bike train on **Thursday, October 3rd** with Oak Bay Police escorting us to school. Students and their families are welcome to join the trains. There will be a celebration station at the school with music and goodies from 8:20 to 8:45am. All are welcome to celebrate!

Bike trains meet at 8:00AM at starting points, leaving at 8:10AM. Starting Points:

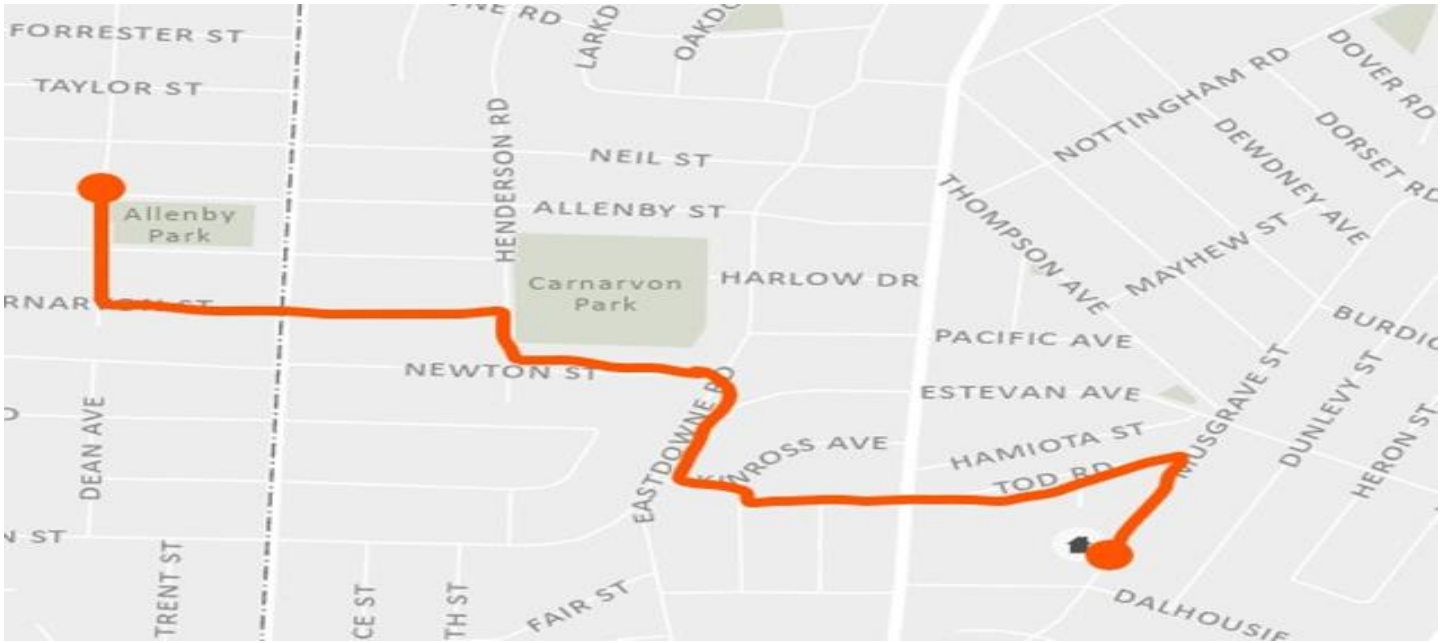
- West Bike Train: Allenby Park (Dean Ave and Allenby St)
- South Bike Train: Windsor Park (Windsor Rd at Transit Rd)

Feel free to join the train along the route; bike route maps are shown below. Trains aim to arrive at the school at 8:30AM.

Parent Volunteers Needed!

If you would like to volunteer to help with the bike train, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DA9AA2EA3FEC07-51750634-gobybike>

West Bike Train Route



South Bike Train Route

