

# ÉCOLE WILLOWS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER UPDATE

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## Dates to Remember

- Fri. Nov. 18 Lice Check
- Mon. Nov. 21 Pro D Day
- Fri. Nov. 25 Pizza/Sushi Day
- Fri. Dec. 2 Reports come home
- Fri. Dec. 2 Holly Tree Festival.

**Pro D. Day**  
**Mon. Nov. 21st**  
**No school in session**

→ Don't FORGET!

Thank you to all of our students who took part in our Remembrance Day assembly. They all gave up so much of their free time to keep our tradition alive. I was so impressed with how seriously the children took their responsibilities and carried them out.

To Mrs. Evans and Mme Fox for their work with our choirs. Their efforts on behalf of our school community are much appreciated.

Our Remembrance Day assembly was an excellent way for the staff, students and parents to remember, and show our respect for those who gave their lives for our freedom. The Flag Pageant is a tradition that is special to Willows, and brings to life the multicultural aspect of our school and community. It is a very important part of what makes our school a special place to learn and grow.

It was wonderful to see so many special guests with us this year. It was especially meaningful to us to see how much our Veterans and those from Oak Bay Lodge appreciated the efforts of the children. One lady from Oak Bay Lodge commented, "It was nice to see that the little children are learning about what we did. They took it all so seriously."

Wendy and Gillian



# Update

## CLEAN HANDS



Washing hands can go a long way to keeping us all healthy. We are now coming into cold and flu season and it does hit the children quite hard at times. If your child is sick we ask that you keep them home as there are just some things that we don't want to share with our friends. This year's flu is reported to be worse than last year.

## Pizza

## Sushi

## Day

## Nov. 25

# Chess Club

The first meeting of the Chess Club was held two weeks ago with Mr. Dann. The Chess Club is open to all students interested in playing, or learning to play chess.  
**The club meets each Monday at 12:15 in Mr. Dann's room.**

## Spelling Bee Club



Once again this year Mrs. Goorachurn is calling for all students interested in participating in the Canwest Spelling Bee to meet with her this week. They meet on a regular basis to practice. Students in grades 3,4 and 5 are welcome to join, however, the competition is for grades 4 and 5 students only. We want to wish our young spellers all the best as they work on improving their skills and having fun at the same time.

**Well Done!**

## Christmas Concert

This year we will not be able to provide evening performances of our Christmas Concert. We will be holding our Christmas Concerts during the day. Performances will be held on:



**Wednesday, Dec. 14th.**

at 1:00 pm

Senior and Discovery Choirs

**Thursday, Dec. 15th**

at 1:00 pm

Senior and Chatham Choirs



More information on which concert the Grade 5 Strings will be performing at will be available soon.

There will be two school performances on **Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 9:00 - Senior and Discovery Choirs and at 1:00 - Senior and Chatham Choirs.**

We encourage those who would like to bring young family members to a performance to choose one of the Tuesday shows.

Thank you

# Gr. 4 & 5 Book Club



*The first meeting of the Gr. 4 & 5 book club was held in the library at noon on Monday. From all reports it was a huge success and the children are looking forward to their next meeting in two weeks. This club is really giving the children who excel at reading an opportunity to share their love of reading and their favourite book.*

# A Message from the School District

*We are now approaching the season when inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students. In particular, snowy weather has the potential to cause school closure or some School District 61 services to be suspended.*

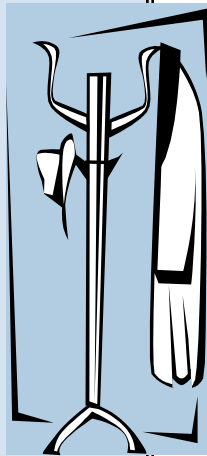
*During inclement weather, information about schools will be updated continuously on the Greater Victoria School District 61 website at <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/>.*

*Within the Greater Victoria School District, the Superintendent of Schools will provide media outlets with information about the status of our facilities and transportation services by 6:30 a.m.*



## Coats for Kids

Once again the families of École Willows School are rising to the challenge. We have already been able to deliver 80 coats to the children at George Jay Elementary. Being able to take them to a school in our community makes this project very real. They are in need of more coats, so if you have coats at home that you no longer need or that no longer fit to please drop them off in the office. We are still accepting children's, teen's, and adult sizes. Thank you Mrs. Sainsbury and her class for taking up this worthwhile opportunity.



## SWIM CLUB

Swim Club notices were handed out to students interested in joining the swim club. If your son or daughter has not brought one home, and you know they would like to be part of the team please contact the office. Students must be able to swim two lengths of the pool to be part of the club. Practices are Thursdays from 4:00—5:00 pm at Oak Bay Pool. Parents are responsible for getting their children to and from the pool. We look forward to a wonderful year. Thanks to our sponsors, Mme Lawson, Mme O'Rourke.



On Sunday November 6 a group of parents gave up a good part of their day to come in and check out our earthquake supplies. One group went through each classroom's



earthquake backpack to make sure that everything that was supposed to be there was indeed there.

Another group emptied and refilled



all the water containers that sit in the grey metal boxes on the Musgrave field. And the

last group emptied the kiosk and inventoried everything in there. They



took out the shelters and put them up to ensure all the pieces were there; they took out the

stoves and lit them to make sure they worked; checked all the supplies to make certain the things we count on are all there. We owe these folks a big thank you and to Craig Mount, our coordinator, thanks for all you do to keep our kids safe.

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## Willows PAC

# Holly Tree Festival

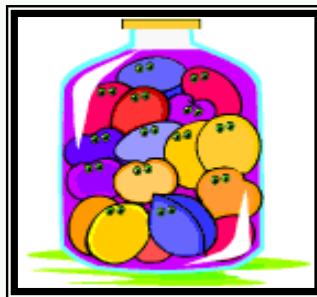
Friday, December 2nd, 2011  
6pm - 9pm



### **VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!!!**

Dear Willows families,

The Holly Tree Festival is just around the corner and we are still looking for volunteers to help make it a super successful one! Please give an hour or two of your time for this fun and special event. **We are especially in need of help during the later shifts of 7pm to 8pm and 8pm to 9pm and of course Clean-Up, so please fill out those green volunteer forms (extras can be found in the office) and hand them in to the office.**



## BOITLE BONANZA

**Also, we would like to remind everyone to bring in your jars and bottles filled with goodies as soon as possible. There is a box labelled "bottle bonanza" outside your child's classroom in which to leave them.**

**Remember, our goal is have each student in the school who attends the Holly Tree Festival receive a jar. There are also siblings who attend, so the more each family brings in, the better! Have fun and be creative! All the children love the Bottle Bonanza and it can't happen without your support. Simply put some 'fun stuff' in a clean jar and tie a bow around it. Then bring it to school.**

**TO NOTE: Please make sure that the bottles/jars are thoroughly cleaned before filling and we ask that there are no nuts or unwrapped food.**

Thank you  
Your Holly Tree Committee



### LOWER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION'S PRO-D DAY SOCCER CAMP

for 7 – 11 year old Boys & Girls  
NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2011

HALF DAY - 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. - \$35.00

FULL DAY – 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. - \$60.00

LOCATION: Tyndall Field and Clubhouse



Here is a great opportunity for your soccer enthusiast to spend the Pro-D day or half/day improving their soccer skills, learning fitness, playing games and having fun with great coaches from the Lower Island Soccer Association. Head Coach, Andrew Latham will lead the clinics with other highly qualified L.I.S.A. coaches. There will be a break for a supervised lunch (bring your own) from 12:00 – 12:45 for full day participants. For more information and on-line registration, go to the link below. Don't be left out, register now!

**Tyndall Full Day:**

[http://lisa.soccerregistrar.com/index.php?  
fuseaction=league.form&league=Tyndall\\_fullday&season=2012](http://lisa.soccerregistrar.com/index.php?fuseaction=league.form&league=Tyndall_fullday&season=2012)

**Tyndall Half Day:**

[http://lisa.soccerregistrar.com/index.php?  
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## One Woman Circus

At the end of October we were fortunate enough to have with us Sand Northrup. She turned our gym into the **big top** as she entertained the children with her expertise. She had students helping out and taking part in a number of different and exciting activities. Students in kindergarten through grade 3 were invited and from all reports thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



## Grade 3 Dance Club

We have been very lucky to have Mme Elise as a student teachers for the past 8 weeks. She has been a wonderful addition to our staff and has really 'gotten into the swing' of things around here. She loves dance and offered to sponsor and coach a grade 3 dance club. Twice a week the gym erupted with Latin music (the song "Para el Buzz" from Toy Story 3) as the children learned the Meringue. The students practiced at lunch time and then performed for all of us at our November assemblies. The children really enjoyed the experience and as you can see from the picture were fully involved. They followed the assemblies with a final meeting on November 16 where there was much dancing and eating of tortilla chips and salsa! Thanks Mme Elise, we will miss you.



# DECEMBER 2011

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				1 Homework Club 12:15 Swim Club 4:00 OB Rec	2 Holly Tree Festival 6-9 Report cards go home Spelling Bee Club 12:15	3
4	5 Assemblies at 11:00 and 1:00 4/5 Book Club 12:15	6	7	8 Story Theatre 11:00 Swim Club 4:00 OB Rec "White Christ- mas" McPherson Theatre. 7:40 pm. Homework Club	9 Spelling Bee Club 12:15	10
11	12 4/5 Book Club 12:15	13 School Per- formances of concert at 9:00 and 1:00.	14 Christmas Concert at 1:00 pm	15 Christmas Concert at 1:00 Swim Club 4:00 OB Rec	16 <b>Last Day of classes</b> <b>Pizza/Sushi day.</b>	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>Seasons Greetings</b>						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 

