


# ÉCOLE WILLOWS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER UPDATE

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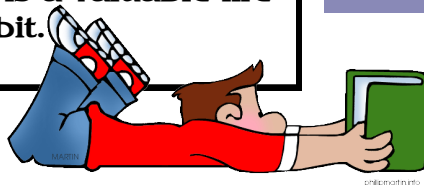
Join us and **"Drop Everything And Read"**

**Where:** Wherever you are.  
**When:** Mon. Oct 24. 11:00 am.  
**How:** Stop whatever it is that you are doing and just read.  
**Why:** Because the love of reading is a valuable life long habit.

**Photo Retake Day**  
**Thursday**  
**October 27**

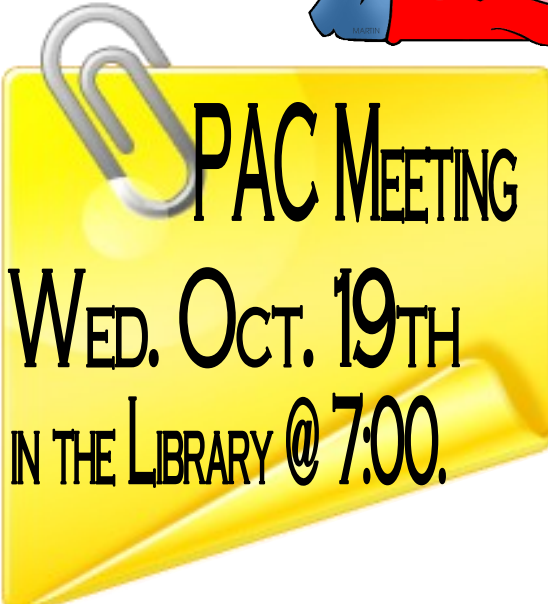
Please make sure you have your first set of photos back to school as soon as possible.

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### Dates to Remember

- Oct. 19 PAC Meeting 7:00 Library
- Oct. 20 Earthquake Drill 9:45
- Oct. 21st Pro D Day—No School in Session
- Oct. 24 Cross Country Final meet
- Oct. 27th Picture Retakes
- Oct. 28th Pizza Day
- Oct. 31st Black and



**PAC MEETING**  
**WED. OCT. 19TH**  
**IN THE LIBRARY @ 7:00.**



**Pro D. Day**  
**Fri. Oct. 21st**  
**No school in session**

# Grade 4/5 Boys' and Girls' Soccer

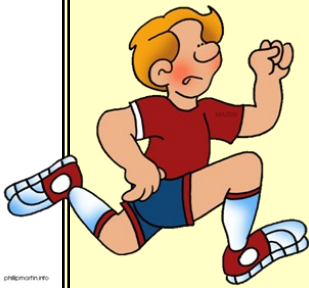


Both the Boys' and Girls' soccer teams have been active with practices and games. Enthusiasm for the sport has grown each week as the students have listened to their coaches and guidance and strategy.

There are more games coming up so please look for notices coming home indicating time and place. There will be home and away games coming up.



## Cross Country



Our Cross Country season is about half over now and the children are more determined than ever to do the very best job they can.

Each time they run another race their goal is to try to do better than they have done before.

Practices are well attended and the early morning excitement can be contagious. They are looking forward to the final race on Monday and then their Jamboree at Beacon Hill Park. The Jamboree is a great way to end the season. More information about the Jamboree will be coming out soon.

### Races to come

Monday, October 17 Lambrick Park  
 Monday, October 24 Beacon Hill Park  
 ( This is the final jamboree which will run from 1:00—2:45.)

## From the Office



Now that Fall is in the air and the moisture is in the ground we are having our share of accidents during the day. We have asked

that parents pack extra clothes in their child's backpack for emergencies and that is helping out a lot. However we are running out of 'lendable' items for those little ones that fall down and get wet or muddy and do not have any extra clothes with them. If you have any clothes that your children have grown out of and are willing to donate them to the school, it would be very much appreciated. We are in real need of **pants, socks and new underpants.**



## PIZZA /SUSHI DAY

ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28TH WE WILL BE HAVING OUR FIRST PIZZA/SUSHI DAY. THANK YOU TO MS TANYA UNGER FOR ALL HER HARD WORK IN MAKING THIS POSSIBLE. WE WILL REALLY ENJOY THE DAY.



# Our Kindergarten Classes are Making A Difference



## World Food Day Drive

## October 16th



The Kindergarten students undertook another community service project by mounting Willows 3rd Annual Food Drive.

In support of United Nations World Food Day, the Kindergarten classes collected non-perishable food items for the Mustard Seed Food Bank.

They collected and counted—wow did they count. They reached the grand total of

**920 items**

They want to thank all those who helped them with their project.

This donation will go a long way to making others in our community smile as brightly as the children in this picture. Little folks can do big things. The food was picked up by the Mustard Seed Friday afternoon.



## Spirit Day - Orange and Black Day

On Monday, October 31st, we will be having our annual Orange and Black Day. In the past, this has been extremely successful in allowing students the opportunity to dress up a little and have some fun on Halloween. We encourage everyone to wear black and/or orange clothing. In the past some students have used black and orange face makeup and hair spray. We would ask students to leave their costumes at home so that they are not damaged or lost during the day.





## O.B.F.D.'s Annual Fire Drill

On Wednesday, October 12th we participated in the annual fire drill that the Oak Bay Fire Department holds as part of Fire Safety Week. Once again Sparky, the wonderful mascot, was at the school, and while this caused a little bit of excitement for the new kindergarten children we all got out quickly and safely. The Firefighters were pleased with how well we exited the building.

## Great B.C. ShakeOut

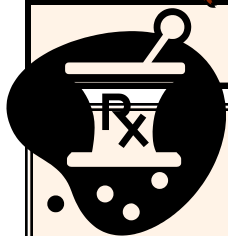


On Thursday, October 20th at 9:45 am Willows will be participating in a Province wide earthquake drill. The province will be 'dropping, covering, and holding on' at 10:20. **We are holding our drill at 9:45 as 10:20 in right in the middle of recess.**

The second British Columbia ShakeOut is being planned for October 20th, and will be the largest earthquake drill to ever take place in Canada. Beginning this week we will be talking about this drill during morning announcements and teachers will be talking about the procedures with their students. For some of our students this will be their first earthquake drill so we want to do as much preparation as we can. If you have any questions about the preparation or procedures please check with your child's teacher or the office. If you are interested in learning more about the Shakeout you can get more information by going to

[www.shakeoutbc.ca](http://www.shakeoutbc.ca).

## Medications at School



School staff are not able to administer any medications to students at school unless the proper authority is provided. Long term medications require a form that is to be completed by the family physician and reviewed by our school's public health nurse. Any medications provided

must be in original packaging that is properly labeled with child's name and correct dosage. Short term medications, such as antibiotics, can be given at school as long as a staff member agrees to take on the responsibility. Parents must provide staff with written permission, clear directions and medication in an original prescription bottle.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school. If your child requires any special medical attention, (allergies, medical conditions) **please make sure** that the school is fully aware of the situation and that any necessary medications along with necessary forms are at school.

Thank you

# Parking Reminders



Here are just a few concerns that have been brought to the office's attention.

1. Please remember that **Drop-Off Zones** are the areas for a very short period of time. These are not parking spots for extended time in the school.
2. Areas with **yellow lines** are not parking spots at all and no one should leave their cars. This is the 'kiss and go' areas.
3. Please respect our **neighbours' driveways** and do not block their access. They are very patient during our busy times.
4. The area of the **Tod Road cul de sac** is not a safe place to drop off, pick up, or wait for children. At the moment there seems to be quite a number of vehicles, competing in the cul de sac; turning, reversing, honking, idling and driving off while children are on the road. There is no safe access to the school grounds from the cul de sac so please do not use this area to drop off your children.



*Thank You* We have just learned that Monday, October 17th will be Mrs. Murphy's last day with us at Willows. It is difficult saying good-bye to someone that has done so much for us in such a short time. We will miss her dedication to our school and we know the children will miss her kind, calm manner when they come into the office with a scrape or bang. We wish her all the best in her new position with the District.

*Au revoir*



## Call for Participants

On Wednesday, October 19th we will be calling a meeting for any students who would like to be involved in the Flag Ceremony for our November 10th assembly.

This invitation is open to those currently involved in Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies or Sparks.

Listen for the announcement regarding time and place.



# 1000 x 5 - A Success by 6 Project



Many families do not have the resources for a nightly reading routine. Let's take an early look in our closets and on our bookshelves and donate extra **early reading books, suitable for children ages 0-5 year olds** with families in the Greater Victoria area. This project is based upon the belief that if a child hears 1000 books by age 5, he or she is much better prepared to enjoy and succeed in learning.

Let's see what we can do to help young children whose families cannot afford the wonderful books our children

have had read to them.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of this important work.

