

ÉCOLE WILLOWS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER UPDATE

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Vice-Principal's Message

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Where did the month of September go?! It seems just yesterday that we opened our doors to students and families joining us for the 2011/2012 school year but already the first month has come to a close and the playgrounds are covered with autumn leaves.

Full Day Kindergarten has come to Willows! We have welcomed 107 students into our French and English Kindergarten classes. Any parents who have been on the school grounds during recess or lunch are sure to have seen the brightly coloured T-shirts worn by our K students. These shirts help the students identify other members of their "team" and help the rest of us know to which class each student belongs. Our newest and youngest students have settled in well, thanks to excellent preparation by our team of Kindergarten teachers. We are also very appreciative of the fine work being done by our team of Grade 5 monitors who help out in the lunch rooms and on the Primary playground.

We are a large dual track (English and French Immersion) school with 590 students in 25 divisions. Every classroom in the building is in use! Despite our size, we pride ourselves in caring for each student's individual needs. Our goal is to make it possible for every child to succeed academically and socially.

Willows parents are an integral part of the Willows family. We look forward to another year of working together with you to support your children's education.

Gillian Lawson



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Dates to Remember

- Oct. 3 Food Drive begins
- Oct. 10 Thanksgiving
- Oct. 19th PAC Mtg. 7:00
- Oct. 21st Pro D Day—No School in Session
- Oct. 27th Picture Retakes
- Oct. 28th Pizza Day
- Oct. 31st Black and Orange Day

École Willows School Staff

2011 - 2012



Ms. W. Holob , Principal

Mme G. Lawson, Vice-Principal

Mme S. Hallam, Teacher

Mrs. H. Grant, Teacher

Mme L. Kremler, Teacher

Mme G. Lyall, Teacher

Mme L. Owen, Teacher

Mrs. L. Frankson, Teacher

Mme J. Desjardins, Teacher

Mme E. Henry, Teacher

Mme N. Davis, Teacher

Mrs. L. Nonen, Teacher

Mr. M. Wardell, Teacher

Mme S. Deblois, Teacher

Mrs. J. Achtem, Teacher

Mrs. L. Westby, Teacher

Mr. M Kiernan, Teacher

M F. Bucher, Teacher

Mme S. German, Teacher

Mme A. O'Rourke, Teacher

Mrs. K. Conrod, Teacher

Mrs. B. Skillings, Teacher

Mme M. Fox, Teacher

Mrs. K. Connelly, Teacher

Mme S. Showers, Teacher

Mrs. J. Sainsbury, Teacher

Mme T. Foster, Teacher

Mr. D. Masini, Teacher

Mr. B. Walker, Teacher

Mme J. Caplette, Teacher

Mme C. Makaroff, Learning Support Teacher

Mrs. L. Goorachurn, Librarian

Mr. R. Dann, Learning Support Teacher

Mrs. G. Evans, Music Teacher

Mrs. B. Eadie, Strings Teacher

Mr. Jason Sall, Counselor

Ms. J. Fox, Reading Recovery Teacher

Ms. B. Bourcier , Administrative Assistant

Mrs. J. Murphy, Accounts/ Secretarial Clerk

Mrs. L. Turpin, Educational Assistant

Mrs. J. Olson, Educational Assistant

Ms J. Dogue, Educational Assistant

Ms S. Piercey, Educational Assistant

Mrs. C. Van Nerum, Educational Assistant

Mrs. V. Whitehead, Supervisor

Mrs. R. Parker, Supervisor

Mr. J. Riches, Computer Technologist

Mr. W. Ridley, Custodian

Mr. M. Harrison, Custodian

Dr. J. Duckett, District Psychologist

Mrs. B. Person, Public Health Nurse

Mrs. V. Verigin, Speech and Language Pathologist

Ms S. Booth, Occupational Therapist

Mrs. P Guilbault, Teacher, Hearing Impaired

Ms M. Hill, Crossing Guard

Mr. J. Rohrschneider, Crossing Guard

Const. D. Junio, Police Liaison Officer

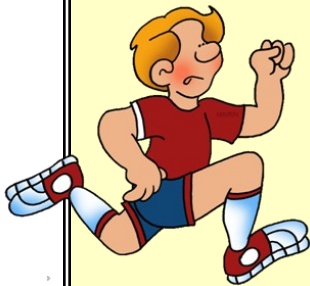


A Great Team!

Grade 4/5 Boys' and Girls' Soccer Begins



Mr. Masini, Mme Lawson, and Ms Holob have begun organizing this year's soccer team for students in grades 4 and 5. Boys' practices are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 pm—4:00 pm. Girls' practices are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00 pm—4:00pm. Many thanks to Roger Stewart for offering to coach the girls team. Loose fitting clothing and shin pads are recommended. Cleats are not necessary but we do encourage their use. We also expect students to come ready to play and try their best. Having fun is an important part of learning the game and how to work as a team. Game days have not been announced



Cross Country

Our Cross Country season has begun and the students are off to a great start. They are so dedicated that they are running in the morning rain or shine. Student practice are on Wed. and Fri. mornings at 7:55. Please meet on the Musgrave Field. Runners are expected to wear shorts, T-shirts, and running shoes with adequate arch support. The school will provide School jerseys to be worn for races.

Thank you
Mr. Walker

Races to come

Monday, October 3 Lambrick Park
Tuesday, October 11 Clover Point
Monday, October 17 Lambrick Park
Monday, October 24 Beacon Hill Park (This is the final jamboree which will run from 1:00—2:45.)

Dressing for the Autumn



Although the weather right now reminds us of summer, the cool days and rainy weather is not far away.

Please ensure that your son or daughter is dressed appropriately for the weather. Students may need rain coats, hats and boots that can last them through a damp lunch or recess. Students stay inside for hard rains but they need to be ready for mists, fogs, and light showers. We try to get students outside as much as we can as we feel it is important for them to have fresh air and to be able to run around.



Our Kindergarten Classes are Making A Difference



Terry FOX Run

On Friday, September 30th, the Kindergarten students and teachers in the school took part in a Terry Fox Run to raise funds for cancer research. Kindergarten students were invited to



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bring a loonie or toonie to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation. At 2:00 p.m. the classes assembled in the gym to watch a video about Terry Fox. Then on to the Cadboro Bay field. Plenty of parent helpers were there to stamp the students' hands as they completed circuits of the field and to help out, where necessary, to keep track of the T-shirt clad students. Kindergarten students ran and walked around the Cadboro Bay field from 2:00 until 2:30.



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Participating in the Terry Fox Run provided Kindergarten students with an opportunity to show their empathy for those with cancer and demonstrate their belief that a cure will be found. We thank our Kindergarten students and teachers for providing such a powerful example of how we can make a difference.



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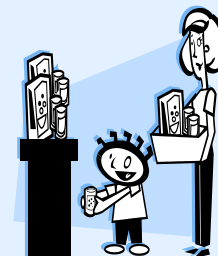
World Food Day Drive

October 16th

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

In support of United Nations World Food Day, the Kindergarten classes are collecting non-perishable food items for the Mustard Seed Food Bank. Collecting will begin on Monday October 3rd, and continue until Friday October 14th.

We thank you in advance for your support in this worthwhile endeavour.





Fire Safety Starts With You

Fire Prevention Week 2011 – October 9-15

Fires are real, not just events in the news or movies. Fire is fast, extremely hot and spreads rapidly. It creates thick black toxic smoke that is even more deadly than flames! When fire strikes, seconds are important! There is no time to stop and think. Everyone needs to know what to do! Smoke alarms provide the early warning of the problem and a home fire escape plan will provide time to escape safely. Although we hope you never have to use it, planning and practicing your home escape plan may one day save your life and the lives of your loved ones.

The 2010 Fire Prevention Week Campaign is “**Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With**”, and focuses on educating the public about the importance of installing, maintaining and testing smoke alarms. Additionally, the campaign focuses on how to plan and practice escaping from a residence, should a fire occur.

Smoke Alarms

- Make sure everyone in your home can recognize the sound of the smoke alarm and knows exactly what to do when it sounds.
- Install working smoke alarms near sleeping areas and on every level of your home. For maximum protection also install smoke alarms in bedrooms.
- Smoke alarms should be tested and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions. Alarms should be tested once a month by pushing the test button and listening for the alarm.
- For battery operated smoke alarms, replace batteries at least once a year, or for extended life batteries, according to the manufacturer’s instructions. Batteries should also be replaced when the smoke alarm makes a chirping sound.
- Smoke alarms should be cleaned at least every 6 months, by gently vacuuming the exterior.

Smoke alarms do wear out and should be replaced at least every 10 years

Home Fire Escape Plans

- Create a home fire escape plan showing 2 ways out of every room. Practice your plan with your entire family by having a home fire drill at least twice a year.
- Choose a family meeting place located a safe distance away from your home. All family members should be taught to report to the family meeting place after leaving the home.
- One person should then go to a neighbour’s house or the nearest phone in a safe location to contact 9-1-1.

Thank you for making fire safety a priority in your home!
Oak Bay Fire Department



Please read the information below.



Medical Conditions

1. If your child has a medical condition that the school should know about, please make sure all medical forms have been completed and turned into the office.
2. Letters regarding allergic reactions have been sent home already and if one is needed for your child we will send it out as soon as we have your information.

Signing In and Out

1. Students are reminded that they should sign in if they arrive at school late. The sign in sheet is on the little desk in the main hall.
2. Parents, if you are bringing your child to school well after the bell has gone, taking your child to an appointment, or bringing them in from one, please sign in and/or out at the office.

Extra Clothing

1. As in the past, we ask that parents put an extra pair of pants / shirt in backpacks—especially for the little ones. Children do slip and fall and having a change of clothing is a comfort to them.

After School Pick-Up

1. We have supervision outside only **until 3:10** everyday. Please ensure you are here to pick up your child by then. If you are running late please call the school. Children worry if there is no one to pick them up. When the bell goes at 3:10 students not picked up should come to the office to wait.
2. Please arrange with your son or daughter a 'pick-up spot' outside so they know where to wait for you.

Dogs

1. Please remember that dogs must be on a leash at all times and must wait in the designated spots only—near the flagpole at the front and on the dirt/chip area by the basketball courts at the back.





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