

# ***École Willow Point Newsletter    October 2022***

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Autumn is upon us already! Our staff have been working hard assessing students to see where they are at in their learning and to plan instruction to best meet the needs of the students. We continue to be inspired to see how well the staff at Ecole Willow Point work together to make it a place of learning that is focused on the needs of all our students.

On Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> we resumed our annual Terry Fox run and raised a total of \$341.50. Way to go, Ecole Willow Point students! Thank you to all who donated to keep Terry's legacy alive, we know his family would be proud to see the enthusiasm and positive attitude displayed by our school community during this event.

On Wednesday we are celebrating "World Teacher Day" we would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers, and all our staff, who have worked so hard to get this year moving smoothly. This year our start - up went very well and it would not have happened without the teamwork and dedication from the entire staff at Ecole Willow Point. It is quite remarkable to think what has been accomplished since we have been in session and as we head into Thanksgiving, we are thankful to be part of this team.

We are looking forward to seeing parents and guardians coming into the school to meet your child's teacher and see their classroom, for our *Muffin Morning* this Friday.

Have a restful Thanksgiving on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

*Warm Regards,*

*Hendrick Horsthuis and Rachel Black*

# Picture Day is Coming

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PHOTO GRAPHICS



**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5TH**

## Muffin Morning



Please join us for a muffin and come meet your child's teacher on  
Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 8:25am.

When you arrive:

- Please have your child show you their new classroom and introduce you to their teacher.
- Return to the gym and enjoy a muffin and a cup of coffee or tea in the gym.

We look forward to seeing you here.

### PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE

Please do not use the area in front of the school (red & yellow curbs) as a parking area. This area is quick drop off only. If you will be leaving your vehicle, please park in the parking lot. Cars parked in the drop off area cause congestion and danger to our students.

Thank you for your cooperation

# Halloween Carnival

## Volunteer Meeting



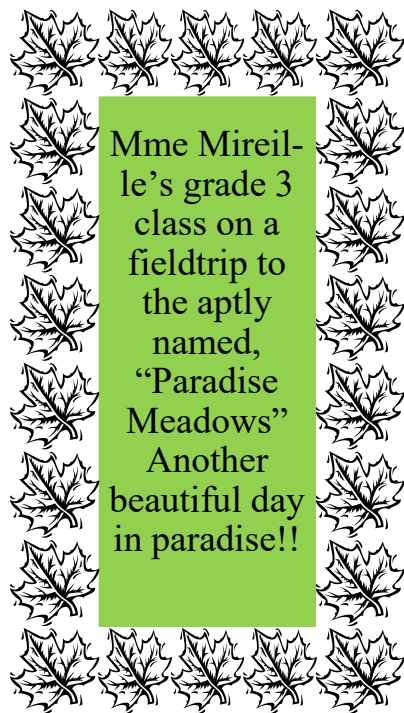
**Thursday October 6 at 6:00pm**  
**In School Portable Building**

If you cannot make the meeting and would like to volunteer,  
please email [ewpepac@gmail.com](mailto:ewpepac@gmail.com) for details!



Event Date: Friday, October 28th  
Volunteers needed from 2:30PM - 8PM  
in 1+ hour shifts options









Students & staff enjoyed a fantastic performance by the “Abby Road Rockers”  
So great to welcome live performances back to our school!







It was great to see the sea of orange shirts on the playground in respect of Truth & Reconciliation Day. The staff at EWP also were decked out in their orange shirts!



## Attendance Notifications

We appreciate very much the phone calls and emails advising us of your child's absence. Please remember to include the **reason** for the absence: (illness, appointment, etc.) as we track illness for reporting to VIHA. If your child will be absent for a block of time, please let us know and we can put the absence in for that period of time and not bother you with phone calls home.

Leaving a message on the attendance line is the best way to notify us of an absence. 250-923-4311

Thank you again!



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAY WISHES!





# October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 <i>Picture Day</i> 	6 <i>Pizza Day</i> 	7 <i>Muffin Meet &amp; Greet 8:00 am</i> 	8
9	10 <i>School Closed</i> <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>PRO D Day Schools closed</i>	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>Halloween Carnival</i>	29
30 	31 	Nov 1st Non-instructional day				



## WHO SHOULD GET THE **SEASONAL INFLUENZA (FLU) VACCINE**

The influenza vaccine protects against viruses that cause seasonal influenza, often called the flu. The vaccine does not protect against other viruses or bacteria that cause colds or stomach illness such as “stomach flu.”

Influenza, often called seasonal flu, is an infection of the nose, throat and lungs caused by the influenza virus. A person with influenza is at risk of other infections, including viral or bacterial pneumonia (infections of the lungs). Influenza spreads easily from person to person through coughing, sneezing, or having close face-to-face contact. The virus can also be spread when a person touches an object contaminated with the influenza virus and then touches his or her mouth or nose.

For more information, or to find out who is eligible for **the free annual vaccination**, please contact: Your Public Health Office

## KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ON HALLOWEEN

Trick or Treating can be a risky time for children. Up to about 10 years of age, children do not have the skills to be safe in traffic.

Here are some tips to help keep your child safe:

- Make sure your child has a light and/or reflective clothing
- Have an adult go with your children, especially if they are under 10
- If your child is not with an adult, make sure she is in a group of at least 3 people
- If you are not with your child, make sure you know where he is and who he is with
- Teach your child road safety rules and to look, listen and think about traffic
- Teach your child about personal safety and to never go with anyone they don't know
- Teach your child not to eat treats until a parent has checked them
- Consider alternatives to trick-or-treating, such as a home party or local community centres or malls



## **LIFE-THREATENING FOOD ALLERGIES AND SPECIAL DAYS**

Special days like birthdays, Easter and end-of-year parties are often times of celebration with friends, family and food. However, for students at our school who have life-threatening allergies, these can be very risky times. You can help to keep allergic students safe by:

- Celebrating with stickers, games or prizes instead of food.
- Not sending or bringing peanut, nut, or other allergen-containing products to school.
- Checking in with the teacher/school ahead of time to find out if any special celebrations are planned.
- Remind students to tell an adult right away when they might be having a reaction.
- Make sure the teacher and school staff know what to do if a student has a reaction.