



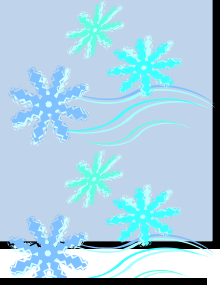
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The New Year is a season of reflection and action. Our actions have a huge impact on our lives and those around us. This is especially true in education. Parents, teachers, and educational assistants significantly influence children's lives each day.

We all have an awesome privilege and responsibility to work with our children because young people are our greatest resource. Making a positive impact in the lives of our students is vital because we know that their learning influences their future.

At Ecole Willow Point we will continue to promote a growth mindset where we learn from our mistakes and take the necessary actions to correct them. Research is showing us that when we have this type of mindset there is much more growth in the brain than when we just "get it right" the first time. In other words, learning to work through challenges and struggles help our brains to grow and help us to face future challenges with perseverance and resiliency.

We are continually inspired by the students, parents, and the entire staff that make up the Ecole Willow Point community and we are really looking forward to 2023. As we work together, our primary goal at Ecole Willow Point is to fully meet the academic and social needs of all our students. With your continued support, we can make a great impact on every child attending Ecole Willow Point. We should always behave as if what we do makes a difference - because it does!

All the best as we head into 2023 - a new, exciting year of learning!

Hendrick Horsthuis and Rachel Black

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

CROSS CATCHMENT TRANSFER

Applications for Cross Catchment transfers are due for consideration by sometime in February, (exact date to be determined) Please note that students must be registered in their area school before applying for a Cross Catchment Transfer. The forms can be found on the District website. This also applies if your child will be going into the English Program at Phoenix or Southgate rather than French.

French Immersion Transfer

If you are considering a transfer of program for your child (i.e. from French Immersion into English), please review our French Immersion exit protocol . You need to request a meeting with us prior to registering your child in another school. Do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Exit Protocol link: <https://www.sd72.bc.ca/Programs/FrenchImmersion/>

Kindergarten Registration 2023/2024

Kindergarten registration will take place January 30th - February 3rd

Please pass this on to anyone you know with a Kindergarten age child. You will need a Birth Certificate, Care Card and proof of address.



Warm Clothing

With Winter in full swing, we would like to ask that you ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the unpredictable Campbell River weather. It is very important to keep little hands, feet, and heads warm. If your child tends to get wet outside, please consider packing an extra set of clothing in their backpack. We will send the students out in all weather at recess and lunch unless extremely bad.



PAC NEWS AND DATES TO NOTE

January 9th, PAC meeting , 6:00 pm

Daycare available

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We had another very successful Hamper Fund campaign. Our food & gift donations filled the back of an SUV and we also received \$145.00 in cash donations to hand over to the Knights of Columbus, as well as almost \$1000.00 from the PAC from the Santa's Workshop. Thank you so much to everyone for the generous donations.

ABSENCES

If your child will be absent from school, please call the attendance line @ 923-4311 and leave a message. Please be sure to leave the REASON for the absence. We need to track all sickness absences so this is very important information.



HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP WITH FOOD

Want your child to feel good about themselves, enjoy eating healthy foods and have a healthy body weight? Help them develop a healthy relationship with food.

A healthy relationship with food means trusting children to know how much they need to eat in order to grow the way nature intended.

Ways to help your child develop a healthy relationship with food:

Serve meals and snacks at about the same time each day so children know what to expect.

Offer a variety of healthy foods. Offer your child the same foods as the rest of the family.

Let your child decide how much to eat from the foods offered. Offer him small portions and provide more if he is still hungry.

Trust your child to know how much to eat. If your child refuses to eat, remove uneaten food without comment. A skipped meal will not harm a healthy child.

Never force or bribe your child to eat.

Do not withhold food as punishment or offer it as a reward.

Healthy foods served in a relaxed family atmosphere are the best way to help children develop a healthy relationship with food:

Sit down and eat with your child

Turn off the TV, cell phones and other devices

Keep family meals positive and supportive

Enjoy food together

For more information:

Your local [Public Health Unit](#)

[HealthLinkBC and Dietitian Services](#) or dial 8-1-1 and ask to speak to a Registered Dietitian (a free call)

[Healthy Families BC](#)

[Better Together BC](#)

www.ellynsatter.com

[Canada's Food Guide](#)



Pictures from our amazing Winter Concert!

Mme Kirstin above leading our fantastic Choir

The concert narrators below, Santa is checking out that “Naughty & Nice List!!







M Hendrick & Mme. Kirstin,
Congratulations to all staff and students, the Winter
Concert was an entertaining success!

Bonne Année from Mme. Louisels' class!!
HAPPY★NEW★YEAR



Bonne Fête! January Birthdays

Parker 01	Jade 01
Ivy 02	Julian 06
Mason 08	Leah 08
Lucas 12	Anna 12
Greyson M 15	Ben P 16
Rowan 18	Evie 18
Caeden 19	Ronin/Troy 21
Ellie 24	Monroe 26
Bianca 26	Elijah 27
Declan 30	Heidi 31



Former Ecole Willow Point Students do well !! The Phoenix Mountain Bike Club is celebrating Eli Pechter's win to become the Canadian champion in U13 cyclocross. Fellow clubmates, Cameron Meldrum and Ben Pechter also came in 6th and 9th respectively in the U15 category. The cyclocross nations were held on November 26 in Victoria. Congratulations Eli, Cameron and Ben!





January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 K-Dental Screening	6 Hot Lunch Subway	7
8	9 PAC Meeting 6:00 pm	10	11	12	13 Hot Lunch Boston Pizza	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Hot Lunch Taco Del Mar	21
22	23	24	25	26 	27 Hot Lunch Pita Pit	28
29	30	31				
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION JANUARY 30th– FEB 3rd 2023						



EWP's Rainbow Club

Why?

Our province and district have LGBTQ2S+ anti-discrimination policies. Having a rainbow club at Ecole Willow Point is one way of putting these policies into practice. Studies have shown that supportive schools and supportive adults make a very positive difference in the lives of students.

For whom?

The purpose of this club is to include everyone, regardless of how they identify (gay, straight, trans, genderfluid, Two-Spirit, etc.). At this time, we will invite our grade 4 and 5 students to be part of the club. Participation in this peer-led group will always be voluntary. Students will be invited to drop in and there is no expectation for ongoing attendance.

What's the purpose?

To create a safe space for every student, regardless of how they identify. It will be about finding new friends and developing leadership skills within our students.

Hosted by whom?

Alexa Bruinsma (Grade 2&3 Teacher) and Rachel Black (Learning Support Teacher & Vice-Principal) will be hosting this club.

Where and When?

We will be meeting in the Learning Support Room once a week over the lunch break.

What can families do if they have questions about this club?

You can email Rachel or Alexa. Rachel.Black@sd72.bc.ca
Alexa.Bruinsma@sd72.bc.ca