

# *École Willow Point Elementary*

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## *June 2024*



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Here we are in June already! This is the time where we are preparing for the end of this school year and at the same time the beginning of next year. Soon our Grade 5 students will be heading off to middle school and from our conversations with them, they appear confident and ready for this next challenge. The staff at Ecole Willow Point will continue to prepare them for this transition and we wish our Grade 5 students well. They will be truly missed!

Ecole Willow Point is a very busy place and will be for the month of June. Recently, we hosted our Welcome to Kindergarten event, and it was wonderful to see all the new Kindergarten students and their families attend. In addition, it was great to see many parents attend our appreciation assembly and help with bike to work and school week. It is inspiring to see how many students rode to school!

Jennifer Halliday, our wonderful Kindergarten teacher, has recently announced that she is going to retire at the end of June. I would like to congratulate Mme Halliday on behalf of our entire Ecole Willow Point community for her service and dedication to the students, staff, and school district. Mme Halliday's passion and dedication to French language and success of students in all areas will be missed and she is leaving an amazing legacy (and a lot of love) behind. We wish her all the best in her retirement and are so grateful for our time with her! In addition, Mme Rachel is going to assume her new role at Pinecrest Elementary School as Vice-Principal in addition to her district roles. We are grateful that Mme Rachel will still be a part of Ecole Willow Point as District Vice-Principal of French Programs and are very grateful for her dedication and support to our school community-she will be greatly missed!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to all students, staff, and families of the Ecole Willow Point community. To our teachers, support staff, PAC, and parents, who have tirelessly given their time and resources, thank you for your support with what we do at Ecole Willow Point. Your dedication and enthusiasm are inspiring, and I continue to grow and learn from you and am grateful to you all.

To all our students, staff, and families, have a safe and restful summer.

Sincerely,  
Hendrick Horsthuis



# ***Birthday Wishes / Bonne Fête!***

## ***June , July & August***

<b>GUNNAR</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>GRIFFIN</b>	<b>July 7</b>	<b>LOUELLA</b>	<b>August 1</b>
<b>BENNET</b>	<b>June 3</b>	<b>KEIRA</b>	<b>July 7</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>August 1</b>
<b>CHARLIE</b>	<b>June 7</b>	<b>EVRYN O</b>	<b>July 7</b>	<b>HARRISON</b>	<b>August 3</b>
<b>GABRIELLA</b>	<b>June 9</b>	<b>KEYAAN</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>ISLA</b>	<b>August 4</b>
<b>HOLLY F</b>	<b>June 14</b>	<b>LINCOLN</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>LUISA</b>	<b>August 4</b>
<b>CALVIN</b>	<b>June 16</b>	<b>CHRISTOPHER V</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>AURORA</b>	<b>August 5</b>
<b>TIMMY</b>	<b>June 18</b>	<b>SEBASTIEN V</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>ALEX</b>	<b>August 5</b>
<b>MADELEINE</b>	<b>June 16</b>	<b>ASHER</b>	<b>July 14</b>	<b>BLAKE</b>	<b>August 7</b>
<b>LEHANA</b>	<b>June 18</b>	<b>ELLA M</b>	<b>July 15</b>	<b>GRAYSON</b>	<b>August 10</b>
<b>EVAN O</b>	<b>June 19</b>	<b>EVERLY</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>RYEKER</b>	<b>August 11</b>
<b>JAXXON</b>	<b>June 21</b>	<b>RUTH</b>	<b>July 19</b>	<b>NIEVE</b>	<b>August 11</b>
<b>ASTRID</b>	<b>June 21</b>	<b>AUBREY</b>	<b>July 20</b>	<b>JAC</b>	<b>August 11</b>
<b>PARKER</b>	<b>June 22</b>	<b>OLIVER</b>	<b>July 21</b>	<b>WESLEY</b>	<b>August 13</b>
<b>JOSHUA</b>	<b>June 22</b>	<b>BENTLEY</b>	<b>July 23</b>	<b>BEN C</b>	<b>August 15</b>
<b>HUDSON</b>	<b>June 23</b>	<b>ZOE M</b>	<b>July 24</b>	<b>IZZY</b>	<b>August 16</b>
<b>LIAM</b>	<b>June 23</b>	<b>CHARLIE</b>	<b>July 26</b>	<b>EMMA</b>	<b>August 17</b>
<b>ALFIE</b>	<b>June 24</b>	<b>QUINN P</b>	<b>July 29</b>	<b>MIRI</b>	<b>August 17</b>
<b>THOMAS</b>	<b>June 24</b>	<b>AUTUMN R</b>	<b>July 31</b>	<b>BENJAMIN</b>	<b>August 18</b>
<b>EMILY</b>	<b>June 26</b>			<b>JAX</b>	<b>August 22</b>
<b>GABE</b>	<b>June 27</b>			<b>LEO</b>	<b>August 23</b>
<b>ALYANA</b>	<b>June 29</b>			<b>HENRY</b>	<b>August 24</b>
<b>EMMETT</b>	<b>June 30</b>			<b>SEQUOIA</b>	<b>August 24</b>
				<b>MADLYN</b>	<b>August 26</b>





## SEPTEMBER START UP

**Grade 1 – 5:** School starts on Tuesday September 3rd. Children will come to school for a partial day, times will be updated later this month. In August, we will let you know the program for the first week.

**Kindergarten:** We will be in touch with parents regarding the Kindergarten schedule for the first week.

**Watch for the local newspapers for news about school opening and bussing**

## LOST & FOUND

**Please** come and take a look at the lost and found to see if any of the items belong to your child. All items left after June 28<sup>h</sup> will be taken to the Thrift Store. The amount of clothing in the lost & found is growing daily!



## CLASS PLACEMENT

If there is some information about your child that you would like us to consider when organizing the classes, please click on the link below to complete the form. Due date is June 7th.

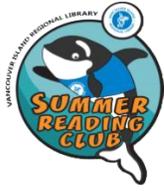
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Please note: this is not at all mandatory and while we will take your information into consideration, requests cannot always be accommodated.

[2024-25 Bulk School Supply Order form.docx](#)

Please click on this link to access the Bulk school supply order form and information. **Deadline is June 20th.**





# WORLD of CURIOSITIES



## Summer Reading Club 2024

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NOTICE

For the last Parent Newsletter in June 2024

### Summer Reading @ Vancouver Island Regional Library

Summer vacation is almost here and your children are no doubt dreaming about fun times and adventures! But in order to keep your children's reading skills sharp, it's also a smart idea to include reading as a part of their summer fun.

Like all skills, a little practice goes a long way. Vancouver Island Regional Library invites kids aged 0 - 12 years to join Summer Reading Club. Participants will embark on a reading adventure at the library with this year's theme: **World of Curiosities!** Summer Reading Club encourages children to read a little every day by providing:

- Fun tools, such as colorful reading records, tattoos, and medals.
- Trading cards – get additional cards throughout the summer to trade with friends!
- Chances to win cool prizes — the more they read, the more chances to win.
- Amazing in branch library programs, performances, contests and activities.

Summer Reading Club officially begins **July 2nd**. You can register by picking up a special package at your local branch starting on **June 18th!** The package includes a reading record to track reading, stickers and other fun stuff.

For more information, call or visit your local branch of Vancouver Island Regional Library or visit [www.virl.bc.ca/src](http://www.virl.bc.ca/src). In remote areas, the program is available through our Books by Mail service. Please call 1-877-415-8475 for information.



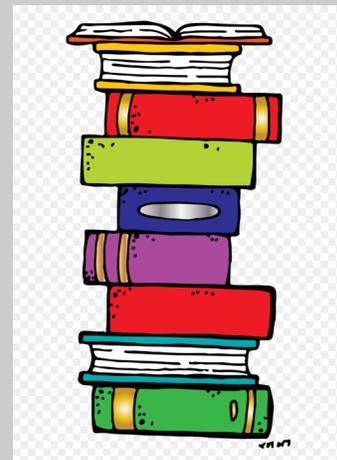
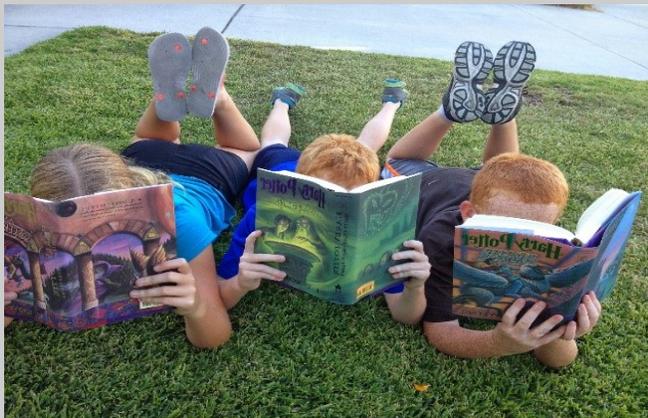
## BEACH DAY

All classes will be going to Miracle Beach on June 24th. Permission slips will be sent home next week please complete and return to your child's teacher. Students should dress in layers and remember to pack sunscreen and wear a hat.



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### Library Update

As our school year begins to wind down, we will start the process of collecting all the library books that are out in circulation. June 10<sup>th</sup> to June 14<sup>th</sup> will be the last week students will be able to check out books from the library. All books must be returned to the library by June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The week of June 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, students in grades 2-5 will be invited to participate in Ecole Willow Point's Summer Library Lending program. Students in grades 2-5 will bring home a permission form inviting them to indicate whether they would like to participate and have your permission to borrow library books for the summer. Every student participating will be given the chance to pick up to 9 books to bring home for the summer. These books will need to be returned to EWP library the first week in September 2024 so your child can start borrowing books from the library again. **If your child is in grade 5, they can return the books directly to EWP, or to Ecole Phoenix or to Southgate libraries and they will send them back to us.**



The grade 4/5 Soccer team had 25 members and they practiced after school on Mondays and at lunch on Wednesday. We hosted a playday on May 22, Ocean Grove and Sandowne came. On May 29<sup>th</sup> the team went to Sandowne where they played against Cedar, Sandowne and Ocean Grove. The students did great! Thank you to Mme Mireille for organizing and coaching.





Our Grade 5 students had a great time at the District Track Meet, Despite some crazy weather!



Mme Kala's class released the coho salmon fry at Simms creek that they helped raise from eggs thanks to the Quinsam Fish Hatchery.



The Profoqua Science workshop on Chemical Reactions was a huge hit with our class. Below: Our Spuds in Tubs potatoes are growing and should be ready to harvest by mid June! Yum





# MERCI!

"We learned a ton!"

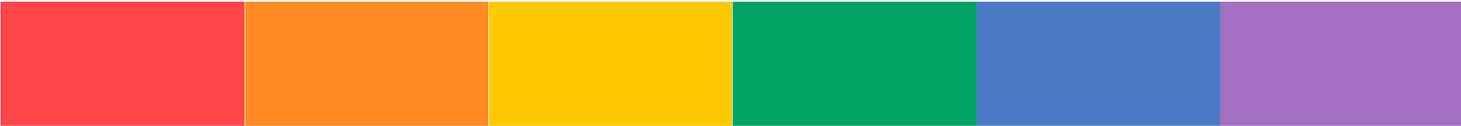


WILLOW POINT BUSINESS  
IMPROVEMENT AREA



**FOR AN AMAZING 3 DAY BIKE  
PROGRAM!!**

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**PRIDE**

**CELEBRATION**

**WED. JUNE 19TH**



**1:30PM -2:00PM**

Outside, in front of EWP  
There will be pride tattoos and bracelets  
distributed to every class and we will have festive  
music and art.

**STUDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO COME  
DRESSED IN RAINBOW COLOURS OR IN  
SOMETHING THAT THEY FEEL GOOD**

**WEARING.**



# JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<p>GO BY BIKE WEEK June 3-June 7th</p>				<p>Grade 5's to Strathcona Lodge</p>		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					<p>Grade 5 Fare- well Assembly @ 1:00 pm</p>	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		<p>Pizza lunch</p>		<p>Sports Day</p>		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	<p>Beach Day</p>	<p>Back up Sports Day</p>		<p>Assembly 10:15am Dismissal @ 11:15 Last day of school</p>	<p>Administra- tion Day</p>	
<p>HAVE A GREAT SUMMER! FIRST DAY BACK IN SEPTEMBER IS SEPTEMBER 3rd</p>						



## BE SUN SMART

Too much sun exposure and especially sunburns in young children can cause eye damage and can increase the risk of skin cancer in later years. Sun damage is cumulative, which means that the damage builds up with each exposure.

Those at highest risk of skin cancer are those with:

- ◆ Fair skin and blond or red hair
- ◆ Skin that burns and freckles easily and doesn't tan easily
- ◆ Lots of moles or large and unusual moles
- ◆ History of severe sunburns

The good news is that skin cancer is almost totally preventable.

From late spring to early fall, avoid unprotected sun exposure between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If your children are outdoors between these times, teach them to:

- ◆ **SEEK** out the shade
- ◆ **SLIP** on clothing that covers arms and legs
- ◆ **SLAP** on a wide brimmed hat and sunglasses
- ◆ **SLOP** on sunscreen with SPF #30 or higher
- ◆ **SLURP** lots of water

For more information contact:

- ◆ HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1 (a free call) or [www.healthlinkbc.ca](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca)
- ◆ Health Canada [www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/sun-sol/index-eng.php](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/sun-sol/index-eng.php)
- ◆ [www.dermatology.ca/skin-hair-nails/skin/sun-safety/](http://www.dermatology.ca/skin-hair-nails/skin/sun-safety/)

