



DECEMBER 2024

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Dear École Willow Point families,

There is a lot of excitement at school this month as we prepare for holiday festivities. The PAC is presently setting up the gym for this week's Santa's Workshop event. A reminder to cut and fill out the gift tags with your child and to take this opportunity to talk about the gift of giving. Santa's Workshop will take place on Friday, December 13th and everything will be sold for \$2!

As of Friday, we will start collecting gently used books for the Book Sale on Thursday, January 16. There is a contest between the classes to see who can bring in the most books. Please place used books in the box outside of your child's classroom.

As in years past, we are also collecting non-perishable goods for the Knights of Columbus. This year, we seem to have very few donations. If you are able to, please send donations by December 13th.

Our annual winter concert is coming up soon. On December 19th, families have the opportunity to choose if they would like to attend the 9am or the 1pm concert. This year, we are looking for parents to help put up decorations in the gym on Tuesday, December 17th at 8:30am. If you are able to help out, please let the office know. Many hands make light work!

Lastly, to ramp up our school spirit, the grade 5 Spirit Day Leadership Committee is organizing a school-wide "festive day" on Friday, December 20th. We are encouraging students to dress up in festive clothing and accessories for the last day of school in December.

We look forward to seeing students in January, refreshed and excited for all our enriching activities we have planned for the rest of the school year. On behalf of the staff, we wish you a safe and happy holiday.

Warm regards,

Carrie La Pierre & Nancy Hwang



Knights of Columbus Hamper Drive

The Knights of Columbus delivers food hampers to over 1100 families in Campbell River each Christmas. 2024 will be the 51st consecutive year. As in previous years our school would like to help out and we are asking families to donate non-perishable food or cash donations by **December 13th.** (they will not be taking toys this year) eTransfers to: willowpoint@sd72.bc.ca can be used to make cash donations. Cheques should be made out to École Willow Point.

The Knights of Columbus make their deliveries to families in need on December 21st. Hampers are delivered to seniors, families with children and individuals who often are working but just don't have the extra funds required at this time of year to fill stockings or have a festive Christmas dinner. Hampers also go to people with disabilities and those on low and fixed incomes. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Collection boxes will be set up outside the front entrance. Our schools generosity was amazing last year, let's do it again!!



WINTER CONCERT SAVE THE DATE!

Date: Thursday, December 19th,
Time: 9:00 am & 1:00 pm, we are offering these two times as our Gym cannot accommodate all our families at once. Please choose a time that works for you.

We are looking for parents to help decorate the Gym and stage on December 17th, starting at 8:30 am. Please contact office.



LOST & FOUND



There are MANY items in lost & found: Mitts, hats, coats, water bottles, shoes, etc.

Please check the lost & found for any of your child's belongings. It is located just inside the front doors.

Anything left on the last day before Winter break will be taken to the Salvation Army thrift store.

Our Gr 4/5 Volleyball Team had a great season!
Thank you to Jason for helping Mme Mireille out
with the Team.

Great Teamwork everyone!



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Grade 3

Canadian Authors

2024-2025








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Ciniva Poster by MMorrow, 2024
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BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Grade 4

Canadian Authors

2024-2025








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BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

In mid-February, we will have a school competition with one winning team from each grade representing EWP at a Zone Battle of the Books event.

If a team from our school wins at the Zone competition, they will go on to compete at the District Battle of the Books on the afternoon of March 6th, 2025.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Grade 5

Canadian Authors

2024-2025








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DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BOARD



Ava 08	Quinn 10	Emersyn 13	
Sophie 13	Nyla 16	Avery 17	Raeya 20
Gus 21	Brittany 22	Aurelie 24	Wynne 28
Franciso 29	Landon O 30	Gage 31	



**ÉCOLE WILLOW POINT
2024 WINTER CONCERT**

**CÉLÉBRONS
L'HIVER
À L'ÎLE DE
VANCOUVER**

**HOLIDAY FUN ON
VANCOUVER
ISLAND**

**PLEASE JOIN US
DECEMBER 19, 2024
@ 9:00AM AND 1:00PM**



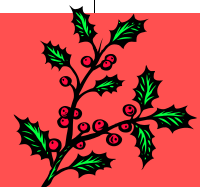
December 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Knights Of Columbus Food Hamper Donations Nov 25- Dec 16						
1	2	3	4 Santa Photo's & PJ Day	5	6 Young Entrepreneur Fair	7
8	9	10	11 	12	13 Santa's Workshop 	14
15	16 Used Book Collection begins for Book Sale in January.	17	18	19 Winter Concert 9:00 am & 1:00 pm	20 Last day of school before winter break. Xmas Attire Day! 	21
22 /	23	24	25 	26	27	28
29	30	31 				



*Winter Break Dec 21- Jan 6th
School re-opens on January 6th
Happy Holidays*





KINDERGARTEN IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

Public Health offers immunization clinics throughout the year for Kindergarten aged children.

The following are the most common vaccines given to children at this age. Some children may be missing some vaccines and have not completed their childhood immunizations. Public Health Nurses or Family Physicians can ensure that your child is fully immunized against the following vaccine preventable diseases.

Vaccine	Vaccine Schedule
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio (given in one poke)	Most children in kindergarten are due for this vaccine.
Varicella (Chickenpox)	Most children in kindergarten are due for a second dose of this vaccine.
	Children who have had chickenpox disease or shingles when they were over one year of age do not need this vaccine.
	Children who had chickenpox disease when they were younger than one year of age OR who have never had chickenpox disease should have already been given 1 dose of this vaccine and now need a second dose. If the second dose is necessary, it can be mixed with the measles mumps and rubella, so the child will be getting only one poke.
Hepatitis B	Most children in kindergarten should have already been given 3 doses of this vaccine.
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (given in one poke)	Most children in kindergarten should have already been given 1 dose of this vaccine. Most children in kindergarten are due for a second dose of this vaccine. In kindergarten it can be mixed with chickenpox vaccine so children will be getting only one poke.
Meningococcal C	Most children in kindergarten should have already been given 2 doses of this vaccine.

All of these vaccines are provided free of charge by the health unit or your family doctor. To check your child's immunization status or to make an appointment, phone your local [Public Health Unit](#).

For more information:

Your local [Public Health Unit](#)
[HealthLinkBC](#) or dial 8-1-1 (a free call)
[HealthLink BC Files](#)



BC HEALTHY KIDS DENTAL PROGRAM

Basic dental coverage is available for children through the

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Healthy Kids Program. Dependent children under 19 years of age may be covered for dental care if the family is approved to receive premium assistance for BC Medical Services Plan (MSP).

Children are eligible for up to \$2000 of basic dental services every two years. This includes services such as exams, x-rays, fillings, cleanings and extractions. Some services are limited. For example, the program does not cover orthodontic treatment. Healthy Kids may not cover all of the costs and there may be additional charges for each visit. Before treatment begins, confirm that your dentist is accepting children covered by the BC Healthy Kids Program, and what part of the services will be covered.

To use the services, take your child's BC Care Card to the dental office and they will confirm coverage before each appointment.

To find out if your child is covered call:

- **1-866-866-0800** (have your child's Care Card Number handy)

Or access the [Healthy Kids Program](#) website.

For more information:

- Island Health, Public Health - Dental:
Comox Valley Health Unit 250-331-8520
Campbell River Health Unit 250-850-2110
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