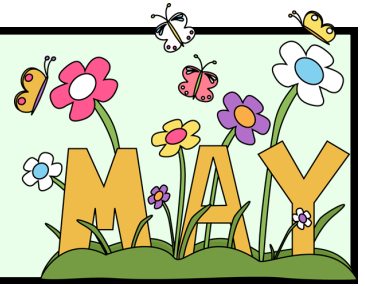


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May is brimming with meaningful opportunities for our École Willow Point students and families to connect, celebrate learning, and share in the joy of community.

Our students have been engaging in the art of public speaking, with many reciting poems and delivering speeches. On Thursday, May 2 at 9:30 a.m., our Grade 4 and 5 students will attend the *Paroles Puissantes* public speaking event at École Phoenix. We are proud that some of our students will be presenting their speeches at this special gathering. Everyone is invited to attend and support our young speakers.

Throughout the past few weeks, all classes have been participating in energetic and creative hip hop lessons with Buddy from Dance Xtreme. This exciting learning experience will culminate in a school-wide performance on Wednesday, May 14 at 11:00 a.m. We invite you to join us and celebrate the students' hard work and enthusiasm.

During the final week of May, students in grades 3-5 will take part in the Swick Kids Bike Program. This program encourages a love of cycling and promotes safe riding habits. Students are asked to bring their bikes and helmets—please ensure they are in good working condition. Following this, we encourage families to participate in *Go by Bike Week* (June 2-6) by biking to school together.

Looking ahead, we are excited for our whole school field trip to Miracle Beach on Monday, June 9. Families are more than welcome to join us for this outdoor adventure.

As we move into the final months of the school year, we are embracing the warmer weather and aiming to take more of our learning outside. With so many events and experiences planned, we hope you will be able to join us and share in the spirit of community that makes École Willow Point so special.

Carrie La Pierre & Nancy Hwang

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



MAY BIRTHDAYS

BONNE FÊTE

John	May 2	Makena	May 2
Rylen	May 8	Aven	May 9
Juno	May 9	Gavin D	May 10
Hattie	May 13		
Louisa	May 14	Alexis	May 17
Kennedy	May 19	Leo	May 21
Atticus	May 21	Finnegan	May 21
Caydence	May 21	Soren	May 23
Morgan	May 27	Rhiannon	May 28
Gracie	May 29	Avery	May 31



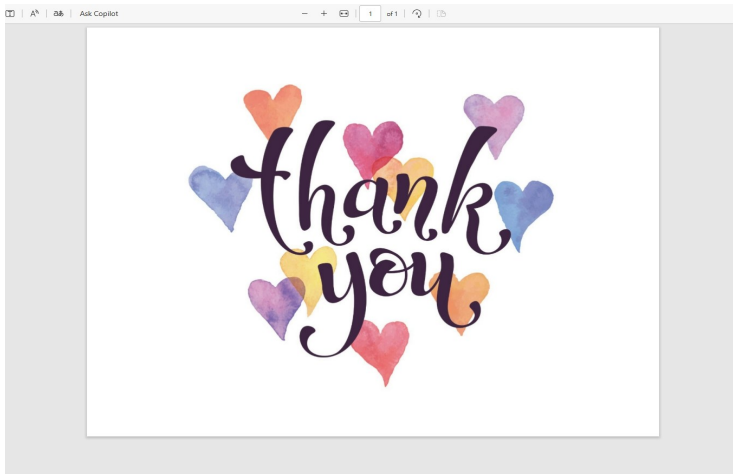
REMINDERS

Morning drop off: Please do not drop your child off before 8:10 am in the morning as there is no supervision until that time. After-school supervision is until 2:30pm, please pick your child up by this time.

Lost & Found: Please check the lost & found while at the conferences on May 1st, items will be donated after this date.

Welcome to Kindergarten: This will be held on May 21st, 12:35–2:00 pm

Please RSVP to the school and send in the questionnaire that was sent.



A big “thank you” to the Willow Point Business Improvement society for the very generous \$500.00 donation to our Bike Education program that will be coming up at the end of May.

2025 EWP ONLINE AUCTION

Monday, May 5th through Wednesday, May 7th

EWP PAC is hosting an exciting online auction to support and raise funds for a variety of school activities and programs. This includes acquiring new sports equipment, organizing enriching field trips, and facilitating other engaging experiences that help create a vibrant learning environment for our children.

Here's what you need to know:

- **Auction Dates:** The auction will go live on **Monday, May 5, at 8:00 AM** and will end on **Wednesday, May 7, at 8:00 PM**. Bidding will be open for 3 days Monday through Wednesday.

Auction Link: Click here to access the auction. <https://www.32auctions.com/EWP2025>

- **Sharing is Caring:** We would greatly appreciate it if you could share the link with your family and friends in the local community. The items won by bidders will need to be collected at the school.

Easy Access to Auction Items

To easily access the auction and preview items as they become available, please register in advance and follow the steps outlined in the attached poster.

We sincerely appreciate your involvement and generosity. Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm!

share with family and friends

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SAVE THE DATE

ONLINE AUCTION

EWP 2025 FUNDRAISER

OVER 30 ITEMS FOR BID

for easy access register now!

- 1 Click on the link provided
- 2 Click the three lines in the right corner then "Login"
- 3 Click "Create an account"
- 4 Fill in and click create an account
- 5 When the auction goes LIVE... YOU CAN NOW BID!

CLICK HERE

ÉCOLE WILLOW POINT LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025

Happy Spring!

As we enter the month of May, the library has some news to share. This June might look a little different than other years. As we will be switching over to a new circulation system starting this June. Some of the impacts of this change are outlined below.



- The last day students will be able to check out books from the library will be May 22nd and all books will be due back to the library the week of May 26th to May 29th, 2025.
- The library will be closed starting on June 2nd 2025 and will reopen back on normal schedule, at the start of the 2025-2026 school year in September.
- Unfortunately because of the system change this year, we will not be able to have a summer lending program at EWP. You will receive information about the VIRL summer reading program instead. I encourage all students to join, it's a lot of fun!
- Thank you for your patience while we go through this transition.


The library is looking for volunteers to help with some organizational tasks during this transition. If you know anyone who might enjoy being around books, please have them contact Mme Alex Simonut (alessandra.simonut@sd72.bc.ca) or call the school at 250-923-4311



A few of our students practicing their guitar skills outside on a great day.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Student Led Conferences	2 Parole Puissantes @ Phoenix 9:30 am	3
4	5	6	7	8 Hot Lunch I-Wok	9	10
11	12 PAC AGM Meeting 6:00 PM	13	14 Hip Hop presentation 11:00 am 	15 Hot Lunch Fatburger Gr.5 Track & Field @ Phoenix	16 Jump Rope for Heart 	17
18	19 	20	21 Welcome to Kindergarten 12:50-2:00 pm	22 Hot Lunch Boston Pizza	23	24
25	26	27	28 Swick kid Bike Program GR. 3-5 28-30th	29 Hot Lunch Katies rice box/Booster juice	30	31
	June 2-6 Bike to school week. 	3	4	5	6	

KEEPING ACTIVE CHILDREN HYDRATED

When children are playing they may need to be encouraged to drink to prevent dehydration

Water is the best choice to keep children hydrated.

Recommended: Water, milk, fortified soy, almond or rice beverage

Not Recommended: Sports drinks*, energy drinks

(*Sports drinks are high in sugar and are only for those exercising and sweating for longer than an hour.)

Keep active children hydrated:

Offer water often, especially during activity.

Provide water or milk and watery snacks like watermelon, cucumber or smoothies after activity.

Avoid juice and give fresh fruit instead.

Is your child's water bottle safe?

Use stainless steel bottles or plastic bottles that are designed for reuse. Disposable plastic bottles that are filled with water, pop, sports drinks, etc., should not be reused.

Wash water bottles every day!

Wash water bottles well by hand each day. Dishwashers do not clean all parts of the inside of the bottle. Recycle any bottles that show signs of wear such as scratches, dents, or a cloudy, cracked appearance.

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)
[What's in the Bottle? From Sports Drinks to Vitaminized Water](#) (PDF)
[Sip Smart! BC](#)



PROTECTING YOUR CHILD'S HEARING

Some hearing facts...

Children have more trouble hearing in noisy environments than adults!

This is because their nervous systems are not mature. Children learn best in quiet, both at home and school.

Noise or loud music can hurt your child's ears! Firecrackers are really dangerous – they can cause sudden permanent damage. Power tools, lawnmowers and even loud music can damage the delicate inner ear. When your child is around loud noises, protect them with earplugs or earmuffs or better still, avoid the noise.

Do you have concerns about your child's hearing? Contact a [Public Health Unit](#) Hearing Clinic to arrange a hearing test for your child.

For more information contact:

Your local [Public Health Unit](#) Hearing Clinic: Courtenay **250-331-8526**





PLAY IT SAFE WITH YOUR SMILE

Every year, sporting accidents cause broken teeth and injury to children's mouths. Mouth protectors help prevent injury to teeth and lips during sports such as ice and field hockey, baseball, basketball, soccer, lacrosse and rugby.

Adults can be good role models by wearing helmets and mouth guards to prevent sports injuries and encouraging children to do the same.

Mouth guard kits are available at sporting goods stores for under \$20.00. Ask the store about the best guard for the particular sport. These mouth guards are quick and easy to fit, but are not suitable for use over braces or other oral appliances. For a custom fit mouth guard, contact your dental office.

Accidents can happen. If a tooth is knocked out, there may be blood. This is upsetting to the child and the adult attending to the emergency. Reassure the child, take a deep breath yourself, then:

- Find the tooth if possible, hold by the crown and place in milk or water
- Rinse the mouth with warm water and apply cold compress
- Call a dentist immediately

Play it safe with your family's smile.

For more information:

- Island Health, Public Health - Dental:

Comox Valley Health Unit	250-331-8520
Campbell River Health Unit	250-850-2110
Port Hardy Health Unit	250-902-6071