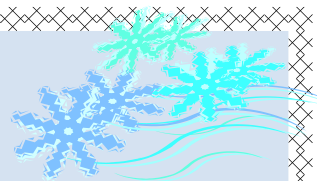




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January 2026

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Dear École Willow Point families,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful and joyful holiday. Our staff is feeling recharged and excited to begin the new year with many fun and engaging activities for our students.

Our annual Used Book Sale, lead by our enthusiastic PAC, takes place this Thursday, January 15. Please remember to send money and a bag with your child on the day of the event. Books are \$1 each, or \$20 for a bagful. This year, we are focusing on quality rather than quantity, so we appreciate your support in donating quality gently used books. Donation boxes will be available outside classrooms from January 7-13.

Later this month, our staff will be visiting many of our local totem poles around Campbell River as part of our learning and connection to our community. We invite families to join in by taking a photo at any of these locations. We look forward to displaying these photos in front of the library!

We are also excited to celebrate Literacy Week during the last week of January. This year's theme is *Make Meal Time Learning Time*, and we encourage families to take part in simple and fun literacy activities at home. We hope you can also join us for our Drop Everything and Read pajama day on January 29 from 8:30-8:45 am.

Thank you for your continued support at school and at home. We truly appreciate our wonderful school community.

Warm regards,  
Carrie La Pierre & Nancy Hwang

### **CROSS CATCHMENT TRANSFER**

Applications for Cross Catchment transfers are due for consideration by the last Friday in February ( February 27th), 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 continuing in the French program at Phoenix.

### **French Immersion Transfer**

Moving a student from one program to another requires careful consideration. The French Immersion program is inclusive of all learners and school teams work to support all students so that they successfully complete the French Immersion program. A student or parent can request to move out of the French Immersion program by speaking with the school principal (or a school counsellor at middle or secondary school).

### ***Kindergarten Registration 2026/2027***

**Kindergarten registration will take place February 2nd—February 6th.**

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. Registrations will be accepted online or at the school. Even if you already have a child at EWP, please register your Kindergarten child by the deadline as well.

**There will be a French Immersion Information session on January 15th, from 5:30—6:30 pm at the School Board Office @ 425 Pinecrest Rd.**







It was another super successful and enjoyable Holiday Concert!

Thank you to Mme Kirstin and all the teachers , staff and students who put on such a great show.





# Bonne Fête!

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### January Birthdays



**Parker 01**  
**Olin 02**  
**Zachary 03**  
**Dane 06**  
**Mason 08**  
**Lucas 12**  
**Ben P 16**  
**Theodore 17**  
**Hayden 18**  
**Errol 24**  
**Hermione 28**

**Jade 01**  
**Anna 02**  
**Elliot 03**  
**Celeste 06**  
**Grey 10 Thys 12**  
**Anna 12**  
**Jonah 17**  
**Rowan 18**  
**Vivian 20**  
**Ellie 24**  
**Rickson 31**

**Ronin/Troy 21 Aubree 22**  
**Elijah 27 Charlie V 27**  
**Ivan 31 Heidi 31**





# **Ecole Willow Point**

## **Annual Used Book Sale**

**Located at the Gymnasium**

**Event on  
Thursday  
Jan 15th  
8am - 530pm**



**\$1.00 PER BOOK  
\$20.00 FILL A BAG  
CASH ONLY SALES**

**WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS  
JAN 7 - 14TH**

**Donate any gently used/ excellent  
condition books**

**Due to space limitations please no magazine or  
damaged / old books. Quality over quantity  
please and thank you**



**All proceeds benefit our little ones at Ecole Willow Point Elementary**



# EWP Library Learning Commons newsletter

JANUARY 2026



## FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

The week of January 26<sup>th</sup> to January 30<sup>th</sup> 2026 is Family Literacy week. This year's theme is **"Make Meal Time Learning Time"**, gathering around the table to talk, share and learn from each other. We will be celebrating at EWP with activities throughout the week and a little contest where three students can win a book!

### MONDAY 01/26 Conversation Starters

Students will be participating in an activity in their classrooms where they are encouraged to use cards containing conversation starters in French, with their classmates while they eat.



## TUESDAY 01/27

Wonderful volunteers from the Rotary Club will come and read a story to most classes in the morning.

## THURSDAY 01/29 Pyjama day and D.E.A.R

Students can come to school in their pyjamas and bring their favourite book. Families are invited to join their child in their classroom for a Drop Everything and Read from 8:30am to 8:45am. Come and start the day on a nice note by reading with your child!

## ALL WEEK DRAW ON FRIDAY 01/30

We will be having a contest in the library to encourage meal time learning. During their library time, students will receive a reflection handout to fill out at home and bring back before Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. This form will enter them into a draw to win a book. Three winners will be selected. Good Luck!



# Liḡwíłdaǵw

## Tourism Guide

### LOCAL INDIGENOUS ART TOUR

As part of our commitment to reconciliation, SD72 employees will be participating in a day focused on Indigenous learning. On Friday January 16<sup>th</sup> we will be attending a district wide conference in the morning and in the afternoon we will be doing a self-guided Liḡwíłdaǵw art tour. We will be taking pictures of the beautiful art we see and posting them on a bulletin board

We would like to encourage families to participate in the learning with this fun activity. Simply follow the route outlined by the following tourism brochure, snap a picture of your child or family with the art and send it to [alessandra.simonut@sd72.bc.ca](mailto:alessandra.simonut@sd72.bc.ca) so we can print it and display it.

The brochure can be found here:

[Tourism Brochure](#)

Or you can pick up a paper copy at the Maritime Heritage Center. Happy touring!

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## UPDATE ON BATTLE OF THE BOOKS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

As some of you may be aware, elementary library programs are being delivered differently. Teacher librarians are now providing prep coverage for classroom teachers, which changes how library time is scheduled and supported. Because of this shift, we will not be running Battle of the Books this year.

We know this news may be disappointing for students who enjoy the program. Battle of the Books has been a valued literacy experience for many years, and we appreciate the excitement it has brought to students and families. Staff will be using this year to explore how the program might continue in the future in a way that is sustainable, including looking at coordination and funding needs.

Battle of the Books will continue in middle schools. Grade 5 students will have the opportunity to participate in Battle of the Books when they enter middle school next year.

Our commitment to literacy remains strong. Students will continue to be supported through classroom learning and library programs that promote reading, inquiry, and a love of books.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.



**Nancy Hwang**  
Principal, École Willow Point Elementary School





## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FEB 2nd-6th, 2026

