

NEWSLETTER: September 2022

Ecole Willow Point Elementary
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September 9th, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back, everyone! I hope everyone is returning to Ecole Willow Point refreshed and ready for another school year filled with opportunities and growth. It is my pleasure to be at Ecole Willow Point, and I am very much looking forward to getting to know the school community and working and learning with the students and staff here. It is an honour and privilege to be following Mme Guevremont, and I will learn a lot from the legacy she leaves behind. In addition, I am looking forward to working with Rachel, our Vice-Principal, and all the teaching and support staff at Ecole Willow Point. I would like to welcome Mme Alex, our teacher librarian, and Mme Virginia, one of our educational assistants, who are new to Ecole Willow Point this year. In addition, I would like to welcome back Mme Melissa and Mme Baikie to our school. Finally, I would like to thank the staff for all their time and dedication preparing for the start of this new school year. The school looks and feels great!

Our student numbers have been finalized and students have begun in their regular classes. When composing classes, our goal is to create classes that best meet the learning needs of our students. In addition, classes must meet certain criteria as outlined in provincial legislation. As a result of these implications, we are not able to meet all requests from families and appreciate your understanding in these matters.

As we begin the new year at Ecole Willow Point, it is my goal to create an educationally rich and memorable year for your child. By working together, we can achieve this goal. I am very much looking forward to working with the staff, students, and families of the Ecole Willow Point community.

Warm Regards,

Hendrick Horsthuis, Principal

MEDICAL

If your child has any medical concerns, or is on daily medication, please ensure that all information is updated with the office as soon as possible. If you wish to keep medication at the school for your child, a "Request for Administration of Medication" form **MUST** be completed. **This information must be updated on a yearly basis.** If anything changes during the school year please let us know.

Many children have allergies, however, only a few are life threatening. If you are the parent of a child with life-threatening allergies, we need your cooperation in providing the office with current medical information and assistance in developing a plan to protect your child's health. Does your child have a life threatening allergy? If so (and you haven't already contacted us), please phone the office to discuss the situation.

School & District Calendar

The 2022-2023 calendar is available for download from the district website and all school websites. All of the holidays, Pro-D days, and other dates of note in the school calendar are also populated into each school's website calendar.

Attendance

Please make every effort to ensure that your child(ren) arrives to school on time - school starts for all grades at 8:30 am. If students arrive after their class has been escorted in, they should come in through the main entrance to the office, to sign-in before going to class. Parents should stay outside unless absolutely necessary.

Also, if you know that you will be late, absent, or leaving early, please phone the school at 250-923-4311 to let us know.

Absences may also be emailed before 8:30 each day to: **willowpoint@sd72.bc.ca** . Please state "Attendance + date" in the subject line and the reason for absence.

Office hours are 7:45 am to 3:15 pm, but our answering machine will take calls 24 hours a day! Either way, by phone or email, please ensure that you state the student's first and last name. Also, speak slowly and clearly as phone messages are transcribed.

School Telephones

Our office phone is for emergencies only and should not be used by students to phone after school to make play arrangements.

Please ensure your child is certain about all after school arrangements before leaving each day so that needless, worrisome situations do not arise.

Thank you.



Pick Up & Drop Off/Parking

Please park only in designated areas when picking up and dropping off students. Do not block the crosswalks or park where red lines are, or block busses. Thank you



Class Community Walks

Parents/guardians are welcome to join on class walks within the community, as long as the following protocols are observed:

- ♦ Contact your child's teacher to confirm participation and guidelines.
- ♦ Have an up-to-date Criminal Record Check on file with the school office (CRCs are good for 3 years—contact the office if you require a form or need to check the expiry date of a CRC previously provided).

Signed permission forms are required for students to participate in community walks off the school property. Please check your child's backpack regularly.

Bus Students

Immediately after dismissal, bus students are to proceed to the bus pick up area and place their backpacks in the appropriate line-up. Students often run and play after school while waiting for the bus, and the backpack will indicate that there is someone intending to get on the bus after school. Please review this procedure with your bus student. If your child will be taking the bus and you have not requested a bus pass yet, please contact transportation at: 250-287-8808.

Please write your child's name on his/her sweatshirt/jackets/hats to assist us in returning items to students throughout the year.



Bell Schedule

8:25 am Students gather at designated spot.

10:15-10:30 Recess

12:00 - 12:30 pm (outside)

12:30 - 12:45 (eating time)

2:15 pm - School Dismissal

Student Information Verification

We will be sending home a personal Student Information Verification Form with each student. Please:

- ♦ Carefully review all information on the form
- ♦ Make any required changes in **blue or red pen**
- ♦ Write clearly so that information may be translated and input correctly
- ♦ If there are no changes, write "NO CHANGES"
- ♦ Sign and date the bottom of page 2 of the Form
- ♦ Return the form to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Thank you!

Paperwork Sent Home with Students

With school start-up each year comes a lot of paperwork to confirm and update our records. The following forms will be sent home shortly with your child:

- Student Verification Sheet with Contacts attached;
- District Information Systems Acceptable Use Agreement;
- Emergency Release Form; and
- Student FIPPA / Personal Information Consent Form 2022 - 2023

We appreciate the time it takes to review and update these forms and thank you for returning them promptly to your child's teacher.



Very happy birthday wishes to the following students having a birthday in September .



Presley, Sebastian, Kailey, Otis, Oakley, Brenna, Charlotte, Fox, Joelle, Everett, Amelia, Corbin, Olivia, Hunter, Hazel, Roland, Ledge, Malcolm, Kash, Addisyn, Ireland, Alexander, Isla, Lumynn, Sterling, Jack, Roy,



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18	19 PAC Meeting 6:00	20	21	22	23 Terry Fox Run	
25	26	27	28	29	30 School Closed Truth & Reconciliation Day	Oct 5th Picture Day