



2024



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September 2024 Newsletter

Welcome back to all returning families of École Willow Point Elementary! A special welcome to our kindergarten families and other new families and staff to our school community. The students seem to be settling in well with their new teachers and classrooms. You should have received a welcome letter from your child's teacher. If not, please let your child's teacher know.

On Thursday, September 19, from 8-8:30am, the staff is hosting a Meet the Teacher event. Be sure to drop by for a coffee and muffin at the main entrance, on your way to visiting your child's teacher in their classroom. Don't forget your reusable mug!

Following our Meet the Teacher event, at 8:30am, the school will be taking part in the Terry Fox Run. We would love to have you join us on this run before you head out.

To get to know our staff better, come by and check out our "C'est qui?" bulletin board with all our staff photos when we were in elementary school and see if you can guess who we are.

Lastly, as we are both new to the school this year, please be sure to introduce yourself to us (more than once) as we are very excited to connect with our school community.

We look forward to your involvement this year and hope to see you regularly around the school.
Bonne Rentrée!

Warm regards,
Nancy Hwang & Carrie La Pierre
(Principal & Vice-Principal at Ecole Willow Point)

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 2024-2025 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.

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.

Please call the attendance line before 8:30 am to let us know if your child will be absent. 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, and your child will be coming home with one the first week of school. Please check your child's backpack regularly.



MEET THE TEACHER!!

Thursday, September 19th, 8:00 - 8:30 am, please join us for coffee and muffins for the adults and meet your child's new Teacher.



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. All bus students "must" have a bus pass.



Please be aware that while the school can not guarantee that it will be peanut or nut free, we do need to be aware of any nut allergies that your child may have. Please let the office or your child's teacher know if your child has any kind of serious allergy.

Bell Schedule

8:25 am Students gather
at designated spot.
8:30 Classes begin

10:30-10:45 Recess

12:05 - 12:35 pm (outside)

12:35 - 12:50 (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 (not black please)**
- ♦ Write clearly so that information may be translated and input correctly
- ♦ If there are no changes, write "NO CHANGES" across the front
- ♦ 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 2024 - 2025

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, Otis, Zoe, Enzo, Killian, Oakley, Samuel, Fox, Joelle, Everett, Amelia, Olivia, Hunter, Roland, Malcolm, Kash, Iris, Alexander, Lumynn, Jack, Roy,





The marathon of Hope continues....

On **Thursday, September 19th at 8h30 am** EWP students, staff and families will participate in our annual Terry Fox School Run. Our school is proud to play a role in supporting cancer research. Through our participation in the Terry Fox School Run, we hope to encourage leadership in our students and create positive agents of change in our wonderful school community.

We encourage students to bring in a donation starting the week of **September 16th-20th**. You can donate by submitting cash to your child's teacher. Our focus will be Toonies for Terry, but we happily accept any amount that families would like to donate.

Please submit funds by **Friday, September 20th**. All funds raised are donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. We are very excited to be a part of this year's Terry Fox Run. This is our opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those suffering from cancer. We hope you will join us as our school community bands together in the fight against cancer.

As part of our fundraiser, on Thursday, September 19th, students will be running in their cohorts in an organized route on the school grounds. The route and overall setup of the run will follow all safety precautions. Rain or Shine, so please dress appropriately and bring a water bottle. Our event this year is happening after our morning "Meet the Teacher" event to help encourage our families to cheer on the students and join in as they would like. A big thanks to Div 9 for leading our warmup and getting us ready to run.

Thank you for your support! See you at the run.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

PHOTO DAY

OCT 2

After photo day, a take-home flyer containing instructions & information will be provided for every student.

www.islandlifephotographics.ca



Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) FAIR NOTICE FOR PARENT COMMUNITY

What Parents and Students Need to Know

- any threat must be reported to the school principal
- investigation may involve the student services counselor, the police or other community agencies
- investigation may involve locker or personal property searches
- interviews will be held with the threat maker and other students or adults who may have information about the threat
- parents of students who are directly involved will be notified
- threatening behaviour may result in disciplinary action
- an intervention plan may be developed for the student making the threat and a support plan developed for any individuals targeted by threats

What is a threat?

an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something
may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet or made by gesture.

Duty to report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, students and community members must report all threat-related behaviours to the school principal.

What is the purpose of a student threat assessment?

The purposes of a student threat assessment are:
to ensure and promote the emotional and physical safety of students, staff, parents, the student making the threat, and others
to ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat
to understand the factors contributing to the threat maker's behaviour
to be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the threat maker
to promote the emotional and physical safety of all.

What behaviors warrant a Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment to be initiated?

A student threat assessment will be initiated for behaviors including, but are not limited to
serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill
verbal/written threats to harm/kill others (clear, direct, and plausible)
online threats to harm/kill others
possession of weapons (including replicas)
bomb threats (making and/or detonating explosive devices)
fire starting
sexual intimidation or assault
gang related intimidation and violence.

Collection Notice

The School District is subject to personal information privacy laws, and will undertake the collection of this information in compliance with the requirements of such laws, including by limiting collection to information that is relevant and necessary to address a risk or threat and by ensuring that information is collected from online source is only obtained from open source sites. The School District will not collect information as part of a threat assessment unless there is reason to believe that a risk exists. Information collected as part of a threat assessment may be provided to law enforcement authorities in appropriate circumstances.

Sincerely,

Nancy Hwang

Principal, Ecole Willow Point Elementary School

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 <i>Assembly 1:00 pm</i>	12	13	14
15	16 <i>PAC Meeting 6:15 PM</i>	17	18	19 <i>Meet the teacher 8:00am Terry Fox Run 8:30- 9:30</i>	20	21
22	23 <i>Gr 4/5 Volleyball 2:15 pm</i>	24	25 <i>Gr 4/5 Volleyball 12:05 PM</i>	26	27 <i>Orange Shirt Day</i>	28
29	30 <i>Truth & Reconciliation Day No School</i>		Oct 2 <i>Photo Day</i>			

*Ecole Willow Point teaching staff for
2024/25 school year.*

First Name	Last Name	Position
Alessandra	Simonut	Teacher Librarian
Alice	Cabille	Teacher Gr. 2/3
Allison	Joyce	Bilingual Education Assistant, Education Assistant
Ann	Strebel	Teacher Gr. 5
Anne	Atwood	Bilingual Education Assistant, Education Assistant
Carly	Whitmore	Teacher & Learning Support, Gr. 3/4
Carrie	La Pierre	Vice-Principal & Teacher Gr. 3/4
Desiree	Dallaire	Teacher Gr. 1/2
Flora	Wood	Learning Support Teacher
Gail	O'Brennan	Education Assistant
Jayme	Cloet	Teacher Gr. 2/3
Jeannie	Wernig	Administrative Assistant
Jessica	Davis	Teacher Gr. 1/2
Joyce	Theriault	Custodian
Kala	Murray	Teacher Gr. 1
Kim	Koopman	Student Supervisor
Kirstin	Liske	Music Teacher
Lindsay	Harrison	Teacher Kindergarten
Maria	Varga	Bilingual Education Assistant, Education Assistant
Megan	Johnston	Teacher Gr. 1
Melissa	Johnstone	Teacher Gr. 5
Mireille	Vinnedge	Teacher Gr. 4/5
Nancy	Hwang	Principal
Nathalie	Jasinski	Bilingual Education Assistant, Education Assistant
Nicole	Ross	Teacher Kindergarten
Remy	Mabeyt	Teacher Gr. 3/4
Stan	Mackala	Custodian
Wendy	Smoliak	Casual Education Assistant, Education Assistant