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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER



What a wonderful start to the school year! Our hallways and classrooms are once again filled with familiar faces, new friendships and lots of energy. We are thrilled to welcome back our returning families and give a very special bienvenue to our new Kindergarten students, new families, new students, and staff who are joining the École Willow Point community.

It has been wonderful to see our students settling in, reconnecting with friends, making new friends and getting excited about all the learning ahead. We are looking forward to a year filled with curiosity, creativity, laughter, and lots of opportunities to learn together.

We will kick off the school year with our annual Terry Fox Run on Thursday, October 1st from 1:15–1:45 p.m. Students will be running laps around the field as we come together to celebrate Terry's incredible spirit and commitment to making a difference. Families are invited to join us and cheer on our runners or even better, run a few laps alongside them!

Once the run is finished, we hope you'll stick around for our Meet the Teacher event from 1:45–2:30 p.m. Come by your child's classroom, meet their teacher, see where they spend their days and connect with other members of our school community. Before you head home, make sure you stop by the main office. There may just be a little surprise waiting for our students!

We are so excited about the year ahead and feel very fortunate to share it with such a wonderful school community. Thank you for helping us make École Willow Point a place where students feel welcome, supported, and excited to learn.

Bonne rentrée!

Warm regards,
Nancy Hwang & Carrie La Pierre



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 2026-2027 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, or email the teacher or the office.

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 in designated areas. The Red curb in front of the school is for quick drop off only.

Please do not leave your car parked there. Do not block busses or crosswalks. Staff parking lot is for staff only.

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.



TERRY FOX RUN & MEET THE TEACHER!!

The Terry Fox Run will be held on Thursday, October 1st from 1:15-1:45 pm. Afterwards, please join us to meet your child's new Teacher from 1:45-2:30 pm in their classroom.

Please stop by the main office when you leave as we have a treat for the students!



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.

The Marathon of Hope Continues....

Terry Fox School Run

Thursday, October 1 • 1:15–1:45pm



On Thursday, October 1st from 1:15–1:45pm, 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 and families to bring in a donation starting now and continuing until October 1st. 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.

All funds raised through our event will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation to support cancer research. By joining together, we can honour Terry Fox's legacy and help support the ongoing fight against cancer. We hope you will join us in this important cause!

As part of our fundraiser, on the afternoon of Thursday, October 1st, students will be running with their class in an organized route on the school field. The route and overall setup of the run will follow all safety precautions. The run will take place rain or shine, please have your child dress appropriately and bring a water bottle. **The run will be followed by our Meet the Teacher event from 1:45-2:30pm, where you can meet your child's teacher in their classroom.**

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

TOONIES FOR TERRY

Donations accepted from now until October 1st

Peanut and Tree Nut Aware School

We are a tree nut and peanut aware school. This means we are allowing these foods in the school, however, if a child in the class has a tree nut or peanut allergy, we are asking parents to avoid sending their child to school with tree nuts or peanuts. We would appreciate you reminding your child to wash their hands after eating these items as we have anaphylactic students in our school with tree nut and peanut allergies.



Bell Schedule

8:15 am—supervision starts
8:25 am - morning bell
8:30 am—school starts

10:15-10:30 am—morning recess
12:00- 12:30 pm - lunch recess
12:30 - 12:45 pm - lunch
2:15 pm - Dismissal
2:30 pm—After school supervision ends

Before and After School Supervision

Before school supervision: 8:15-8:30am

After school supervision: 2:15-2:30pm

For the safety of the students, it is important that students are dropped off no earlier than 8:15am (please stay with your child until you see a supervisor) and are picked up by 2:30pm at the end of the day.

Student Information Verification

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

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 have been sent home with your child, please return promptly.

- Student Verification Sheet
- District Information Systems Acceptable Use Agreement;
- Emergency Release Form; and
- Student FIPPA / Personal Information Consent Form

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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 & October .



SEPTEMBER:

Otis 05, Zoe 05, Oakley 07, Micha 09, Killian 10, Swayze 10, Samuel 12, Scarlett 12, Everett 16, Eberly 21, Roland 21, Eddie 21, Finnley 22, Norah 24, Malcolm 24, Arturia 25. Iris 26, Evalynn 26, Clayton 27

OCTOBER:

Silas 01, Rosie O 01, Clarity 03, Samantha 03, Aubriana 04, Chloe 05, Greta 05, Oki 05, Kyleigh 05 William D 06, Everly 07, Emiliano 10, River 11, Colin 11, Roselyn 12, Rowan 12, Benjamin 15, Juliana 20, Fletcher 22, Rosie S 23, Colter 24



EWP LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

WELCOME BACK!

I hope everyone had a great summer! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Alex Simonut and I'm the teacher librarian at EWP. This is my fifth year here and I love this community. Classes started their weekly library visits last week and I was so happy to see that students are eager to get reading library books! Most classes will start signing out books this week. The new Kindergartens will have an orientation for the next couple of weeks and will hopefully be ready to start signing out books sometime in the month of October.



CONTACT

Email: Alessandra.Simonut@sd72.bc.ca

Hours: Tues., Wed AM, Thurs. and Fri.

BOOK EXCHANGE

Your child's library day is listed below. **Please help your child remember to put their books in the return bin the day before their library day** so they can get new books.

BOOK EXCHANGE FOR EACH CLASS

- Mme Kala -- Thursday
- Mme Ross -- Thursday
- Mme Harrison -- Wednesday
- Mme Megan -- Tuesday
- Mme Dallaire/Davis -- Tuesday
- Mme Jayme -- Wednesday
- Mme Baikie/Davis -- Friday
- Mme Melissa -- Friday
- Mme Alice -- Thursday
- M. Remy/Mme Flora -- Thursday
- Mme Mireille -- Tuesday
- Mme Bruinsma/ Alex -- Friday

D.E.A.R.

To celebrate Library month we will be having a D.E.A.R event on **Tuesday, October 20th, 2026**. You are invited to join your child and to **"Drop everything and read"** with them in their classroom from 8:30am to 8:45 am.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic book fair will be running from **October 27th to November 3rd, 2026**. It will be set up in the English room in the library. **Volunteers are needed. Please contact Mme Alex if you would like to help.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- DEAR: October 20th
- Scholastic Book Fair:
October 27th-November
3rd



SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 PAC Meeting 6:00 pm	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 X-Country @ Southgate 3pm	29 Orange Shirt Day	30 Truth & Reconciliation Day No School			

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Terry Fox Run 1:15-1:45 Meet the Teacher 1:45-2:30	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Photo Day 	10
11 1	12 		14	15	16	17
18	19 PAC meeting 6pm	20 Drop Everything & Read 8:30-8:45am	21 Take Me Outside Day	22 Halloween Carnival 	23 Provincial PRO D Day No school	24
25	26	27 Scholastic Book Fair (until Nov 3)	28 Photo Retake Day	29	30 Halloween School Celebration	31

Newsletter

Welcome to
Music Class
2026-2027!



Bonjour, my name is Mme Kirstin and I am the music teacher at Ecole Willow Point. Welcome to music class! I'm really looking forward to this schoolyear, reconnecting with students from last year, and meeting new ones too! We will have so much fun creating, moving, singing, dancing, playing, listening, performing, and sharing. I love teaching music and helping students learn and grow.

A few fun facts about me:

- I'm in a band called Sound Factory
- I have two kids who are in university
- I have two cats and a dog
- I love to go to dance class and to the beach!





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Music Class Info

This year each class gets 30 minute music classes twice a week. We also have our intermediate choir continuing with one 45 minute class per week, and our grade 3 choir starting after spring break. Our Grade 5 guitar club/rock band will start in January, and we are planning various assemblies and musical events.

Please feel free to email me at any time with questions, my email is kirstin.liske@sd72.bc.ca.

Thank you and I can't wait for a wonderful schoolyear of making music!

Warmly,

Mme Kirstin 😊

