

École Willow Point Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Heartfelt thanks! Last year, each class planted a tree or plants in the front of the school, including our e-Hub class. During the summer, **Fox and his family** watered them on a weekly basis. Thank you so much for taking care of our trees while school was not in session. They survived the hot and dry summer thanks to you!

Student Illness: A reminder that you are responsible to assess your child **daily** for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other respiratory illness before sending them to school. You are invited to use the K - 12 Health Check app that is on the district website.

Please phone our attendance line to report your child's absence and please, **state the reason** (illness, injured, appointments, trip, event, etc). We must keep track of and monitor the number of students away due to illness. Thank you for your cooperation.

Emergency Drills: During the year, we usually have three kinds of emergency drills: fire drill, earthquake drills (drop, cover & hold) and lock down drills. We already had an earthquake drill and a fire drill, and we will participate in the Great BC Shake out on October 21st. Teachers prepare their students by reviewing the procedures for each drill. The purpose is for everyone in the school to learn and practice what to do in case of an emergency.

Halloween Students have an opportunity to celebrate the event at home or in the community. However, at school, some of the traditional activities dysregulate students and create a challenging climate in the school. Therefore, we are scaling down our celebration and plan activities that focus on learning. Teachers will share with you what they are planning for their class. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Finally, we are aware children receive lots of candy during trick or treating. We appreciate them keeping the sweets and candy at home as we are trying to promote healthy eating. Thank you for supporting us having a safe Halloween.

Term Plans We completed our reading screening and teams of teachers have looked at the screening data and created literacy plans with the help of Carly Whitmore. We also completed our class reviews and will allocate the resources based on students' needs in each class. Teachers have planned instruction around the five main elements of literacy: phonological awareness, phonics, fluency and accuracy, vocabulary and comprehension and selected the resources and the structure (e.g. small group, whole class, one-on-one) they will use to implement their literacy plan. In November, we have student led conferences which we are hoping to be able to do in person. We will let you know when we receive further direction.

Thank you, parents for your cooperation and adapting quickly to the new safety protocols that were implemented last week.

Respectfully,

Louise Guèvremont and Rachel Black

MME LANYON'S MUSIC ROOM

Happy September and welcome back! 🍁 We are settling into our routines nicely at EWP. In all classes we have begun working on beat & rhythm, and we have been reviewing zones of regulation and the Tribes four agreements. Ask your son or daughter what he/she has learned about this 😊

In all classes we are also starting a unit based on the book *Your Name is a Song* (see link). Students listen to the story, sing a song in English & French to go with it, and complete an art project. We have teamed up with Mme. Nathalie to create an art project/poster that will involve the whole school! We are very excited to see how it turns out. I'll keep you updated as we go along! Take care 🎵

<https://youtu.be/RETE1eKpUpw>

Thank you!

Kirstin Lanyon

*Music Teacher
Ecole Willow Point and Ripple Rock
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MICROSOFT 0365

Tips for using 0365 at home

Office.com

To access your Office account from home, type office.com into your browser. Then click "sign in."

Use your full email address to sign in. The format is:
firstname.lastname@stu.sd72.bc.ca
Your password is the letter/number combination that starts with a capital S and ends with 00!

Insignia OPAC

This is the online library catalogue. Once you are logged into 0365, use the waffle icon (top left) to locate Insignia OPAC. Your login information is the same as for your 0365 account.

Use OPAC to reserve books, create lists and access SD72 digital content. Use the library menu to select Ecole Willow Point.

SORA

Once you are logged into 0365, use the waffle to locate SORA. The Sora app has replaced Overdrive in SD72. Your login information is the same as for your 0365 account.

The Sora app can be downloaded for free, or you can listen on a browser. There are lots of ebooks and audiobooks available for free.

TEAMS

When you sign into your 0365 account, you can select Teams from the app menu. You will only be able to access a class team if your teacher has enabled Teams.



ONEDRIVE

Onedrive is the cloud based storage used by 0365. Any documents created by students at school will be found in the cloud icon, in the 0365 app menu.

New documents can be created in Onedrive by clicking the "new" tab.

Questions?

If you have trouble logging in, using the catalogues or technology, please feel free to email the Teacher Librarian at Ecole Willow Point.

lila.armstrong@sd72.bc.ca

My password is: S _ _ _ _ 00!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Miranda	01	Beatrix	02
Clarity	03	Eva	04
Greta	05	Autumn	07
Emiliano	10	Christopher	13
Charles	17	Dalton	28
Makayla	28		



This month's Birthday Board was so cute!!

Thanks again to Shelley Jepps for another charming design.

Merci





EWP LIBRARY **PODCASTS & AUDIOBOOKS**

Each month, I will aim to share a few new resources to help families have fun with literacy.

I love listening to podcasts and audiobooks with my kids, so I'm starting with these!

PODCASTS

PARENTS MAY WANT TO PREVIEW THESE FOR CONTENT

- Greeking Out: Greek Mythology by Nat Geo
- Brains On: Science podcasts for kids
- Of Fae and Fiends: Spooky mystery 7+
- Maman, j'ai râté l'actu: French news podcast
- Petits curieux: quick Q & A podcast
- Les petites histoires: short stories in French
- Le français illustré: quick chats with sound effects

Most podcast apps allow you to slow the playback speed, a handy tip when listening in French!

AUDIOBOOKS

Look for your favourite audiobooks in SORA, the SD72 app. Sign in with your O365 credentials. There are lots available through the VIRL (Libby is the app). Some of our favourites include: Max and the Midnights, Harry Potter, Wayside School, Wings of Fire, Pax, Revenge of Magic, and Land of Stories.

We always have a book on the go!



Would you like help or more suggestions? Email me: lila.armstrong@sd72.bc.ca

BATTLE IS BACK!

(TITLES WILL BE RELEASED SOON)



**Fivetitles for
grade 3**




**Each grade has
a O365 Team to
make comms
easy**



**Six titles for
grade 4 and 5**



**The themes are
Adventure and
Fun**



**Battle
activities will
encourage
creativity and
thinking**



**There will be a
traditional
Battle.**

Students may opt out of the Battle aspect and still participate. However, once a student is committed to a team, they will be expected to stay with that team until the end. Please have a chat with your child about this.

If you have questions, please email me: lila.armstrong@sd72.bc.ca



October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Happy Thanksgiving 	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 PAC Meeting 6:00 pm	19	20	21 Shake Out BC.	22 PRO D Day No School	23
24	25 Drop Everything & Read	26	27	28 Photo Retakes 	29	30
31 	Nov 1 Pro D Day No School		Nov 3 Pizza Day 			

WHO SHOULD GET THE **SEASONAL INFLUENZA (FLU) VACCINE**

The influenza vaccine protects against viruses that cause seasonal influenza, often called the flu. The vaccine does not protect against other viruses or bacteria that cause colds or stomach illness such as “stomach flu.”

Influenza, often called seasonal flu, is an infection of the nose, throat and lungs caused by the influenza virus. A person with influenza is at risk of other infections, including viral or bacterial pneumonia (infections of the lungs). Influenza spreads easily from person to person through coughing, sneezing, or having close face-to-face contact. The virus can also be spread when a person touches an object contaminated with the influenza virus and then touches his or her mouth or nose.

For more information, or to find out who is eligible for **the free annual vaccination**, please contact: Your Public Health Office

KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ON HALLOWEEN

Trick or Treating can be a risky time for children. Up to about 10 years of age, children do not have the skills to be safe in traffic.

Here are some tips to help keep your child safe:

- Make sure your child has a light and/or reflective clothing
- Have an adult go with your children, especially if they are under 10
- If your child is not with an adult, make sure she is in a group of at least 3 people
- If you are not with your child, make sure you know where he is and who he is with
- Teach your child road safety rules and to look, listen and think about traffic
- Teach your child about personal safety and to never go with anyone they don't know
- Teach your child not to eat treats until a parent has checked them
- Consider alternatives to trick-or-treating, such as a home party or local community centres or malls



LIFE-THREATENING FOOD ALLERGIES AND SPECIAL DAYS

Special days like birthdays, Easter and end-of-year parties are often times of celebration with friends, family and food. However, for students at our school who have life-threatening allergies, these can be very risky times. You can help to keep allergic students safe by:

- Celebrating with stickers, games or prizes instead of food.
- Not sending or bringing peanut, nut, or other allergen-containing products to school.
- Checking in with the teacher/school ahead of time to find out if any special celebrations are planned.
- Remind students to tell an adult right away when they might be having a reaction.
- Make sure the teacher and school staff know what to do if a student has a reaction.

Notre semaine de couleur/ Our Colour Week



Mme Halliday's
class celebrating
Colour Week!

Everyone got in on
the action, even our
awesome Student
Supervisor Mme
Kim.





Mme Flora's class exploring the beach and forest





Mme Mireille's class at Battleship Lake on their hike up at Mt. Washington.



Colorful Artwork from Mme Louisel's students