



Willow Park School

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Welcome Back

Welcome to all of our new and returning students and families to Willow Park School. For those of you new to our school, please stop by and introduce yourself if you have not already done so. We look forward to working with you this year!

Info/Newsletters

The most up-to-date information is always available on our school website and calendar. Weekly Updates will be posted on the website at the beginning of each week. Please check these regularly for important information. The Parent Handbook, Assessment Information, Emergency Procedures and other important information are all found on the School website. Be sure to check it out!

Teachers will also be setting up Classroom DOJO to share classroom information. News Updates will be sent out occasionally throughout the school year outlining upcoming events. Watch your child's backpacks on our new day for "**Information Thursdays.**"

Safety Call Program

To ensure our students are safe, we operate a safety call program. Students who have an unexplained absence will have their parents or emergency numbers contacted. These calls are completed via our automated call system.

You can help our secretaries by calling in to the school to report an absence. Messages can be left on the answering machine (780-986-8456) **after hours**, so please take a second to phone in. Your help with this is appreciated!

PowerSchool Parent Accounts

All parents must have a PowerSchool Parent Account created for the 2018-2019 school year by **Friday, September 14th**. This account will be used to access fees and permission forms - **no paper copies of permission forms will be available**. This account is also used to access student marks and attendance information. A parent computer is available in the office for those parents without access to the site or having issues with their mobile devices.

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Morning Arrival time

Playground supervision begins at 8:00 am. Prior to this teachers are busy preparing for their classes. For safety reasons, please ensure that your child does not arrive before this time.

Transportation Information

For the 2018-2019 school year, all parents will require a Bus Planner account to access their child(ren)'s bus information. Parents must create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account before they can create a Bus Planner account. We highly recommend that parents browse through the Transportation tab on the Black Gold website. There is a lot of information for parents regarding busing.

*Note: Applications for busing must be completed each school year. Busing does not carry forward from the previous school year.

Staples Chromebook Purchase Info

Staples Leduc is participating with Black Gold Regional Division for the 2018-2019 school year to offer parents/students affordable pricing for Chromebooks. A link will be provided on our school website and paper copies will be available in the office.

School Council/Parent Association at Willow Park School (PAWS)

Our first School Council/PAWS meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12 at 6 pm in the Staff Room. Both groups are always looking for new members to support Willow Park and its students; all parents are welcome!

PAWS is currently looking for a Hot Lunch coordinator. Please contact the office for more information.

Please note the Parent Association Fee of \$5.00 at our school is an Optional Fee. This item will appear in your PowerSchool account under "Additional Items". You now have the option to add the Parent Association Fee to your cart or contact the school office to manually add the fee to your child's account.

The Parent Association Fee is vital to the continued operation of the Parent Association, and we appreciate you selecting to add this optional fee.

PD Day - September 14 - NO SCHOOL

There will be **NO SCHOOL** for students on Friday, September 14 as Black Gold Regional Schools hosts the Welcome Back and Long Service Awards and Professional Development Day.

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Willow Park School Council and PAWS

Welcome Back from the Willow Park School Council and PAWS! We hope you have a great school year and want to invite you to join either PAWS or School Council. **All parents of Willow Park School students are welcome to attend our School Council and Parent Association Meetings.**

School Council

The School Council is an advisory body made up of parents, teachers and community members whose purpose is to advise the principal and the board with matters dealing with the school. It is a means for parents and community members to work together with the school to support and enhance student learning.

Parent Association at Willow Park School (PAWS)

The Parent Association (PAWS) group helps with volunteer activities, school activities and events. PAWS also raise funds to support school activities and events. The fundraising that PAWS does is an important part of your child's experience. Here are a few examples of the things we have funded in the past:

- Smart Boards for every classroom
- Playground equipment
- Audio systems for classrooms
- Specialty classroom items per teacher request
- Christmas Concert bussing and facility rental
- School activities - Drumming presentation, in-school field trip fee support, subsidized bussing for field trips, etc.

Volunteers also run our Hot Lunch program and work the Casino night which also support the purchases listed above. We currently have an open position on our Parents Association for a Hot Lunch Coordinator.

We hope to fill any vacant positions at our first School Council/Parent Association Meeting of the school year on Wednesday, September 12 at 6:00 pm in the staff room. Meetings are approximately 1½ hours every second month.

We welcome your ideas and suggestions for programs and activities. We would love to have your input to help make our school a better place! Come join us!!

School Council/PAWS Meeting dates for 2018-19:

Wednesdays Sept. 12, Nov. 14, Jan. 9, Mar. 13 and May 8

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