



Willow Park School

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News Update September 13, 2018

PD Day - No School for students

There will be no school for students tomorrow, Friday, September 14. BGRS will be holding their Welcome Back and Long Service Awards followed by a PD Day for teaching staff.

Student Enrolment Verification Form

The 2018-2019 Student Enrolment Verification Form is now available. This form will confirm your child's registration at our school for the 2018-2019 school year.

Please sign into your PowerSchool account and select the icon labelled 18-19 Student Enrolment Verification. Deadline for completion is September 30, 2018.

Student Safety - Bus Zones and Parking

Children model the adults that they look up to, so please remember to help our School Patrol and use the crosswalks!

To ensure that all of our students are safe, we would like to remind you that when you are picking up and dropping off students, please use the crosswalk and park at least 5 metres away from the crosswalk. Please make sure to pull off to the side of the road and refrain from letting your children out of your vehicle directly onto the street. **No u-turns are permitted in front of the school or in the bus lane.**

Kiss 'n' Go Zone

The City of Leduc has allocated the area to the south of the school as a **Kiss 'n' Go - 2 Minute Loading Zone** during drop-off and pick-up times. This is a great place to drop off your child in a safe location with no street crossing required. Please follow the posted signs and refrain from parking in this area. Warnings or tickets may be issued by the RCMP or City Bylaw officers for vehicles illegally parked in this area.

Staff Parking

The areas immediately in front of and to the north of the school are Staff Parking lots. Staff do have a variety of work schedules, so **we ask that parents and visitors refrain from parking in the Staff Parking Lot.** Parking is available on the residential streets adjacent to the school.

No Pets on School Grounds

The times before and after school can be quite chaotic at the school. For this reason and to ensure the safety of all of our students, we ask that you do not bring dogs on the school ground. If you are picking up your child and walking with your dog, please wait off of school grounds.

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Peanut Aware School/Classrooms

We have many classrooms that are 'Nut Aware' classrooms. If no one in a classroom has an allergy, peanut/nut products are allowed. However, if a student has an allergy, his or her classroom will be designated a 'Nut or Peanut Aware' room.

In 'Nut Aware' classrooms, students are not to bring peanut/nut products to school and a sign will be posted on the classroom door. We ask for your support to help make a safe environment for all of our students.

Please be aware that we cannot guarantee a 'Nut Free' school, as we cannot guarantee that other parents will not send peanuts/nuts to school. If your child has an allergy, please ensure that he/she knows safe food handling procedures.

Cell Phones and Electronics

Students should not be using cell phones and electronics during school hours and recess unless as directed by the teacher for projects. Student may want to use these on the bus to and from school, but they should be put away once the students arrive at school.

Classroom Interruptions

Teachers are busy working with their students during the school day, and delivering numerous messages to classrooms throughout the day can be very disruptive to student learning. We ask that you notify your child of after school arrangements prior to the start of the school day.

Terry Fox Run - September 21

Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held on Friday, September 21 at 2:15 pm. All parents and siblings are welcome to join us next week. We hope to raise funds for cancer research by having all students bring a "Toonie for Terry" and there are pledge forms for larger donations.

Orange Shirt Day - Every Child Matters

On September 28, we invite all students and staff to take part in Orange Shirt Day. Please see the information on the history of Orange Shirt Day below:

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of a residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of the story of a young girl who had her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day at her residential, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It also helps to ensure that we are passing the story and learning on to the next generations.

Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

www.orangeshirtday.org

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Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance

Our school board is offering you the opportunity to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance provides protection against unexpected costs arising from accidental injuries. The program is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance has a selection of plans to suit most budgets. Benefits include coverage for:

- The full school year (September to September), 24 hours a day, while at home and in school;
- Expenses that are often limited or not covered by private or group insurance plans, or Provincial Health Insurance Plans, such as ambulance, physiotherapy, private tutoring, counselling, and much more;
- Injury-related dental treatment (including future dental treatment up to age 26);
- Out-of-province or country emergency medical expenses.

If your address changes during the school year, your Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance plan is transferable from school to school, anywhere in Canada.

Insurance premiums for children are \$14.50 or \$33.50 per year, depending on the plan selected. A discount is available for families with 3 or more children. Adults age 20 to 64 can also be insured for \$32.00 per year.

For more information or to apply online, please visit www.kidsplus.ca, or speak with a Kids Plus™ Client Service Administrator at 1-800-556-7411.



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