



**Willow Park School**  
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## **News Update**

### **September 24, 2020**

#### **School Arrival & Departure**

Please be mindful that we have staggered the arrival and dismissal times for our students to help reduce the number of students entering the school and moving about in the hallways at one time. Bus students arrive and depart first, followed by students who are walking or being dropped off and picked up.

Students who are walking to the school or being dropped off should **NOT** arrive prior to 8:10am; they should enter the school between 8:10 and 8:20am.

#### **Traffic and Bus Lane Safety**

Please remember to drive safely in and around our school zone. Bylaw enforcement will be patrolling the school zone around our school watching for infractions such as U-turns, blocking crosswalks and driveways, driving through the bus lane and other traffic infractions. Please slow down and drive carefully to protect our children!

#### **Student Illness - COVID symptoms**

Any student or staff who completes the morning checklist and has COVID symptoms may not attend school. As per Alberta Health Services, if you have any of the COVID symptoms, you are legally required to isolate for 10 days from the start of the symptoms or until they resolve, whichever is longer. See: [COVID-19 Information : Student Illness \(August 2020\)](#)

When a parent contacts the school to report their child's absence with COVID symptoms, the student will be marked absent for 10 days. This will prevent you from having to contact the school daily. The attendance can be updated if your child has a negative COVID test **and** the symptoms resolve before the 10 days.

#### **Student Enrollment Verification**

All returning students need to have a completed Student Enrollment Verification form completed by September 30. This form can be found on your PowerSchool account on the bottom left hand side. One form is required for **EACH** child.

Please make sure to update your address, phone number and any other information. Please make sure to have **TWO** Emergency contacts listed for your child.

*“Where Students Count and People Care”*

### **Early Dismissal/Staff Meeting Day**

Our first Early Dismissal and Staff Meeting day will be on Wednesday, October 7th. On Early Dismissal days students are dismissed 45 minutes early, so students will be dismissed at 2:02pm on the first Wednesday of each month.

### **Donations Needed**

We are still looking for donations of clean pants and shirts in good used condition that can be lent out to students who may need a change of clothing during the day. All sizes are needed and we are especially in need of clothing for boys.

### **Lost and Found**

Please ensure that you have labeled all of your child's outdoor clothing, shoes, boots, water bottles and other belongings. We will return any items with a name, but those items with no name will be discarded as we will not have a Lost and Found bin.

### **Mask Use at School**

Most of our students are now into the routine of wearing their masks at school. Thank you for sending 2 or more clean masks daily for your child.

### **Orange Shirt Day**

September 30 is Orange Shirt Day. **Wearing an orange shirt** and promoting the slogan, Every Child Matters, is an affirmation of our commitment to raise awareness of the residential school experience and to ensure that every child matters. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind.

### **40th Anniversary of the Terry Fox Run**

Our Terry Fox Run will look different this year. Students will be participating in Terry Fox Run/Walks with their own class group during the week of October 5 - 9. Classes will still have an opportunity to raise funds for cancer research, however, most fundraising will be done online.

*Donate at: <http://www.terryfox.ca/WillowParkSchoolLeduc>*

In honour of the 40th Anniversary of the Terry Fox Run, this year for every \$40 raised by a class, the class will receive an entry into a draw for an ice cream party. As well each student who makes a donation will be able to participate in Hats for Terry and can wear a hat in school on Wednesday, October 7th.

### **Dieleman Fundraising Campaign**

The DFS online fundraiser is underway. You can shop from the comfort of your home at [www.shopdfscanada.com](http://www.shopdfscanada.com) until October 12 using the Organization ID: 6720. Funds raised through this project will help provide classroom and school materials and resources. Thanks to PAWS and Carolyn Doryk for organizing this fundraiser.