

# November Newsletter 2021

## Message from the Principal

As the staff sat planning for the Remembrance Day Assembly I couldn't believe that October was almost over! It has been another busy month. Extra-Curricular sports are in full swing, and the first Interim has been sent home. The first week of October was kick started with safety drills. So far we have practiced a Fire Drill and the school was evacuated quickly and calmly. The students lined up on the inside of the track quietly. I think it was the very best fire drill we have ever had! I was very proud of the William Watson Staff and students for their efforts. We also experienced a "Hold and Secure" Drill and an Earthquake Drill. In all cases the students practiced the drills with respect and calm. Students brought their smiles on October 12! The photo retake day is in November. Staff have begun organizing field trips and we would like to thank the PAC for, again, covering the cost of one bus per class to go on a field trip. Some Intermediate students have visited the Mission Residential School, and some Primary classes got to experience the pumpkin patch. Exciting learning opportunities.

The students enjoyed a great Halloween Day at school. There were many creative and fun costumes and many carved Jack-O-Lanterns on display. We had the perfect crisp weather for a giant costume parade around the track with spooky tunes. Thank you to PAC for sponsoring prizes for a Primary costume, and an Intermediate Costume (random draw) and there were more randomly drawn prizes for a primary carved Jack-O-Lantern and an Intermediate Jack-O-Lantern!

As the weather starts to turn a little wetter I encourage parents to check the sizes on the rubber boots and be sure that children have appropriate outer wear for all types of weather. Generally students will be going outside at recess and lunch for their outside breaks even if it is raining. We encourage students to bring umbrellas and water proof coats. The weather might start to be a little cooler too, so it would be important to encourage the children to dress in layers and pack mitts or gloves. Younger children are encouraged to have a change of clothes at school (including under garments) in case they get wet, or muddy. Thank you for your help in keeping the students comfortable.

The PAC has some exciting events planned for November! See Below for details.



## Acting VP

Please join me in congratulating Ms. Courtenay Lot as she joins us in the office as an Acting Vice Principal. Ms. Lot has been at William Watson Elementary for 4 years. She is an upper intermediate teacher and is currently teaching Grade 6 in the new portable.



## Health Checks

Recently, we have been sending home a significant number of students who are not feeling well. It is critical that families are completing the daily health check with their child every day before school. If your child is not well and displaying any symptoms, please keep them at home until they are well.

The daily health check link is below. Please help us continue to keep our community healthy and safe. [Click here for the Daily Health Check](#)

We are looking to a fun filled October with many more William Watson traditions being revived!

Scroll to the bottom of the newsletter to see the important upcoming dates.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the school office at 604-574-4141 to let the office know. You can leave a message. Thank you



## Volleyball and other sports

With the re-introduction of extra curricular sports students are learning how to schedule themselves and let parents know which school they are practicing or playing at. I encourage parents and students to take a photo of the schedule that the coaches provide to remind themselves of times of practices and where the games are being held. This will help reduce the multiple phone calls to the office inquiring about starting and ending times of practices.



## Grade 7 Parents

If you are a parent of a Grade 7 student there will be a meeting on November 2nd to start the planning for the Grade 7 year end celebrations. Topics will include fundraising and creating a committee. Please join us in the library on November 2nd at 7pm.

## PAC News

**DON'T MISS OUT! TREAT TUESDAYS ARE OPEN FOR ORDERS UNTIL OCTOBER 30 11:59PM!**

Treat your William Watson Student to a treat or two or even four!

November 9 - Kernels Popcorn

November 23 - Rocky Mountain Chocolate Treats

December 7 - TCBY – Frozen Yogurt or Sorbet

December 14 – Pop It Fidget Toys

To order go to [www.munchalunch.com/schools/williamwatson](http://www.munchalunch.com/schools/williamwatson) to order! Order the food under the Order Lunch! link and the Pop Its under the Order Pop Its here! link



**SPIRIT WEAR - ORDER BY NOVEMBER 1st 2021 - DON'T MISS OUT**

William Watson PAC is excited to launch new Spirit Wear!

The store is OPEN NOW until November 1 2021 ONLY!

Get shopping and show your WARRIOR SPIRIT! Click the link below to start your order!

<https://www.prostockathleticsupply.com/collections/william-watson-elementary-online-store>

**WILLIAM WATSON PAC PRESENTS MOVIE NIGHT!**

**DETECTIVE PIKACHU**

(Rated - PG, running time 1hr 44mins)

Come join us on November 19th 2021 @ 6:00pm for Movie Night.

- Admission is \$5
- Pre-order pizza slices from FRESH SLICE PIZZA for \$3/slice & buttered popcorn for \$2.50. Pizza & popcorn only available on pre-order (not at the concession).
- **Ordering for admission, pizza and popcorn opens on Munchalunch on November 1st at [www.munchalunch.com/schools/williamwatson](http://www.munchalunch.com/schools/williamwatson)**

- Come visit our small cash concession!
- Bring your favorite blanket & pillow!
- Masks must be worn at all times indoors.
- Due to COVID-19 restrictions there are a limited number of tickets available.
- All children will need to be supervised by a parent. All parents must purchase an admission ticket.
- First 50 tickets ordered are entered to win their admission, popcorn and pizza!

**Ordering closes November 12th 2021!**

Thank you for supporting PAC and your William Watson school community!



## Connect with your PAC

Stay connected with your Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and hear about school news, fundraising, events, hot lunches, volunteer opportunities, meetings and more. We love hearing from you. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

- **Email:** [wwschoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:wwschoolpac@gmail.com)
- **Facebook:** William Watson Pac
- **Instagram:** @wwepac

Fundraising opportunities below



### **TRU EARTH FUNDRAISER**

Support our students while being kind to the planet!

Tru Earth offers eco-friendly cleaning and household products! And they pay 20% of each order back to the PAC!

Order at <https://fundraising.tru.earth/wwepac>

### **RETURN-IT EXPRESS FUNDRAISER**

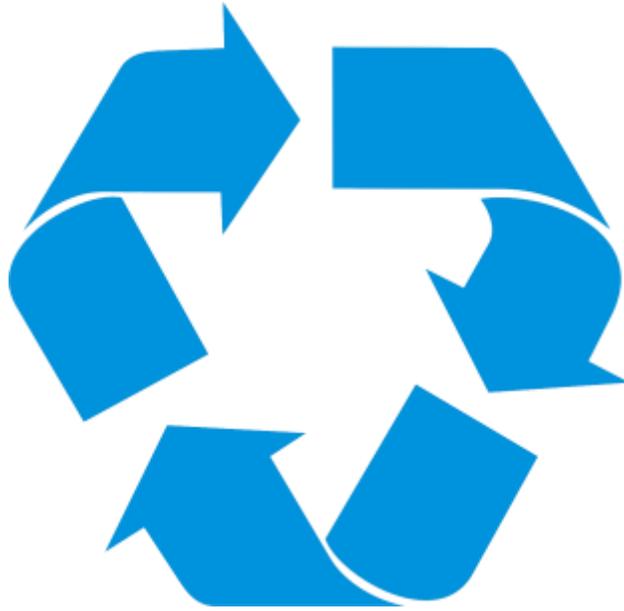
Support our students by taking back your empties at Return-it Express!

- Bag your bottles, cans, plastic, glass and other refundable containers in a clear or blue recycle bag and take them to any Return-It Express Depot.
- Enter William Watson's Phone number: **604-574-4141** when printing the bag label at the depot.
- Stick label on your bag. No sorting required. 📄

The closest EXPRESS locations are:

- Fleetwood Bottle Depot at 15093 Fraser Hwy Surrey
- Willowbrook Recycling at 19641 60th Avenue Langely
- Panorama Village Return It at 15157 #10 Hwy Surrey

Remember to **save the phone number** above in your cell phone for easy reference.



## **MABEL'S LABELS FUNDRAISER**

Are your children's belongings ending up in school's lost and found?

Get personalized labels and bag tags made for your child's clothing, backpacks, sports bags, pencil cases, lunch containers and more.

They are extremely durable, and laundry, dishwasher and microwave safe.

Order online and get FREE SHIPPING. Every purchase you make benefits our school.

1. Click the link to SHOP: [Mabel's Labels](#)
2. Click "Support a Fundraiser" and enter "William Watson" and select our school
3. Complete your order and a portion of your sale comes back to the PAC and our school community

## **Important Dates**

### **November**

10th Remembrance Day Assembly

(Unfortunately parents cannot attend due to limits within the gym)

**~Students are encouraged to wear their uniforms to clubs that they belong to (Cadets, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies etc**

11th Remembrance Day

12th Non Instructional Day



## **December**

9th Early Dismissal (Parent/Teacher conferences)

December 20-December 31st Winter Break

## **January**

3rd First Day back after Winter Break

## **February**

21st Family Day (No School)

25th Non-Instructional Day

## **March**

14-18 School Closure Days

21-25th Spring Break

## **April**

13 Early Dismissal (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

15th Good Friday (No School)

18th Easter Monday (No School)

**May**

6th Non-Instructional Day

23 Victoria Day (No School)

30th Non-Instructional Day

**June**

23 Last Day for Students - Early Dismissal

24th Administrative Day - Schools Close for the Summer