## **Willway Wolverine September Updates**

It has been so wonderful watching our "Willway Wolverines" settling into a new year. Many are adjusting to new classrooms, new teachers, new classmates and some new friends. We're off to a great start!

We had a fun-filled day on September 5<sup>th</sup> where all students spent the day in their Family Groupings and did a variety of activities with their group. We had a "practice" assembly, reminded ourselves about how to be safe at Willway, participated in a collaborative art project in celebration of International Dot Day, heard and read stories, played cooperative games and had a shared center time to end the day. It was wonderful to see the Grade five students take on leadership roles with our younger students. This was a great way to kick-off our Family Grouping activities for the year. Please see the picture below for the outcome of our collaborative art project.



This Wednesday is "Meet the Teacher" night from 5:45 to 6:30 at Willway. Please feel free to drop by to visit your child's classroom, meet the teaching staff in the gym and end with a "sweet" treat sponsored by our incredible PAC outside.

We will be participating in a Terry Fox run on the 27<sup>th</sup> and Cops for Cancer are making a quick stop on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are fundraising for both of these incredible causes by having our Wacky Willway Day this Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. A yellow fundraising form came home last week and needs to be turned in on Thursday if your child would like to participate in "Wacky Willway Day". All proceeds will be divided between the Terry Fox Foundation and Cops for Cancer (Tour de Rock).

## A couple of things to remember...

-Please don't park in our neighbors' driveways even if there appears to be space for your car. Some students head home and get alarmed when there is a strange car parked in their driveway. We want all students to feel safe as they travel home.

- -Please keep your dogs off school grounds. There are a number of students fearful of dogs. We will contact bylaw officers to support us with this if needed.
- -Send extra clothes (including socks!) to school so students can change if they get wet or muddy. It helps to label them with your child's name and have them in a bag of some sort.
- -Send your child to school prepared for all weather. We head outside rain, wind or sun at Willway.
- -If you are heading on a field trip with a class please remember not to post photos of other students to any social media site as it is a privacy concern.

At the end of the month we will be welcoming two UVic student teachers into our school as they complete their final practicum and join the teaching world. Ms. Eagle will be teaching in Ms. Henson and Mr. Tarr's class and Mr. Gow will be teaching in Mrs. Battistoni's class. We are very proud of our positive school culture and can't wait to include them in it. Thanks so much to our wonderful Willway families for all you do each and every day to make Willway such a positive place to learn.