



## BICS THIS WEEK: November 7-11, 2022

### The Week Ahead

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>8:45-11:45 AM, Fire Safety Presentations for Kindergarten to Grade 5s in the Gym</li><li>12:20 PM, Junior Choir Rehearsal</li></ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Grade 6 Immunizations</li><li>7:45 AM, Triple Ball Practice (Grade 7)</li><li>8:45 AM, School Assembly (Students only)</li><li>12:20 PM, Student Council</li><li>3:30 PM, Triple Ball Game vs. Chartwell</li></ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>7:45 AM, Triple Ball Practice (Grade 7)</li></ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>11-11:30 AM, Remembrance Day Ceremony; families welcome</li></ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Remembrance Day; <b>School not in session</b></li></ul>

### Information, Requests, Reminders

<b>PAC Fundraiser: Poinsettias and Wreaths</b>	<p>The BICS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is selling poinsettias and wreaths to help raise funds for BICS (Sports equipment for recess and lunch, classroom funds, field trip support, etc.).</p> <p>Please <a href="#">click here to place your order</a> by November 26; payment can be made online by credit card when placing your order. Purchases will be delivered to BICS on December 10, details to follow.</p>
<b>Mental Health Resources</b>	<p>Students in Grades 6-9 in our District have access to mental health learning resources through a program called Open Parachute. There are also free resources associated with this program available to all families. <a href="#">You can click here to learn more</a> and access the resources.</p>
<b>Kindergarten Tea Towels</b>	<p>2022-2023 Kindergarten Tea Towels are now available! They are a wonderful keepsake for families as they contain self-portraits of our Kindergarten students and staff. They are \$16 each, and a cheque can either be made out to the BICS PAC or an e-transfer can be made to <a href="mailto:avsinclair@btinternet.com">avsinclair@btinternet.com</a>. You can order by emailing Alex Sinclair at <a href="mailto:avsinclair@btinternet.com">avsinclair@btinternet.com</a>. You can also order previous year's of the Tea Towels, also for \$16. Thank you Alex for making this keepsake available to families.</p>
<b>Reminder: BICS PAC Student Directory</b>	<p>The BICS PAC is offering families a Student Directory containing phone numbers and email addresses to help organize playdates and birthday parties. Having your child's name and family contact information in the directory is optional. If you would like to be in the directory, <a href="#">please share your information here</a>. Only families who fill out the survey will be in the directory.</p>
<b>Reminder: Calendar</b>	<p>School will not be in session Friday, November 11 (Remembrance Day) or Monday, November 14 (Professional Development Day).</p>
<b>Reminder: Vancouver Coastal Health</b>	<p>Vancouver Coastal Health is offering free Speech and Language Services for 0-5 year old children on Bowen Island. If you are a parent of a child in this age range and have some concerns with</p>

	their speech and language development, <a href="#">click here to learn more.</a>
Parent Education Talk On Digital	Island Pacific School is hosting a parent education talk with clinical counsellor Sharon Selby on November 23 regarding supporting your pre-teen in the digital era. The event is open to BICS families. <a href="#">Click here for details.</a>
Ministry of Education & Child Care Affordability Fund	<p>The Ministry of Education has provided West Vancouver Schools \$650,000, a one-time funding for us to make the 22/23 school year more affordable for students and families in need. We have now received the funding for our 18 schools and have allocated the money based on the specific needs of each of our school communities. Our allocation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Will allow schools to cover costs for school fees, school supplies or other school related costs for students in need</li><li>- Some funds will be used to benefit large groups of both elementary and secondary students</li></ul> <p>Families are encouraged to reach out to their principal if any financial support is needed for school-based supplies, fees or activities.</p>

Learning Highlight – Singing Together

Special thanks to alumni teacher Liz Watson, Music Teacher Cindy Fairbank, and BICS Staff Members Les Cornell, Victoria Van Schouwen, Jennifer Ohlhauser, parent John Stiver, and community member Lorraine Ashdown, for hosting our Halloween Singalong last week. It was great to gather and sing together.



Help prevent the Spread of Communicable Diseases

We have had a lot of students miss school recently due to illness. To limit the spread of colds, the flu, and COVID 19, please keep your child home if they are demonstrating symptoms of illness. Thank you.

[Click here](#) for information about Health Checks including symptoms of illness.  
[Click here](#) to access the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool.

Vaccine safety

Health Canada has a thorough approval process to make sure all the vaccines and medicines we take are safe.

- » Vaccines are tested extensively before being approved for use
- » Health Canada continues to monitor for vaccine safety
- » No major safety concerns have been identified in the data Health Canada reviewed

Review Health Canada guidance on [COVID-19 vaccine safety and side effects](#). To date, 6 vaccines have been approved for use by Health Canada.



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