



BICS THIS WEEK: September 25-29, 2023

****A reminder that Friday, September 22nd is a professional development day. School is not in session.

Monday

- 8:30-9:00am Open Library
- 12:20pm Cross Country practice Grades 3-7

Tuesday

- 8:30-9:00am Open Library
- 3:45pm Cross Country meet at Ambleside for team members who have returned forms. Families are responsible for transportation to and from Ambleside.

Wednesday

- Individual Student Photos taken today
- 12:20pm Cross country practice
- 12:45pm Band practice (Grades 6/7)
- 6pm BICS PAC (Parents Advisory Committee) meeting in the learning commons. Join us to learn more about the PAC and ways to support the school this year.

Thursday

- Whale Day: Students will walk down after recess to and gather on Bowfest field to celebrate Whale Day from 11:00-11:45am.
 - In First Nations culture the whale symbolizes cooperation and support for one another, as whales look after each other in families and community-pods. On Whale Day, we celebrate the orcas and further and deepen our connections, understanding, and learning with the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation). Bob Baker, Sahplek, will join us to share stories and teachings.
- 2:45pm Band practice (Grades 6/7)

Friday

- Orange Shirt Day recognized at BICS. Students are encouraged to wear orange shirts and will participate in class activities reflecting on why every child matters.

Upcoming Events:

October 2nd: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (observed) – school not in session

October 3-6th: Parent/Guardian Teacher conferences. Sign-up information will be sent out next week to families.

October 5th: Early dismissal for parent-teacher conferences at 12:17pm

October 9th: Thanksgiving Monday – school not in session.

Information, Requests and Reminders:

Terry Fox Run

Our Terry Fox Run today was a great success! Thank you to families who sent in toonies and loonies to support Terry’s vision of a cure for cancer. If you did not get a chance to donate, you may still bring in your donation next week or visit <https://schools.terryfox.ca/33561/donate>. We have raised almost \$500.



Orange Shirt Day

We will recognize Orange Shirt Day on Friday. The day was created to raise awareness of the harmful legacy and intergenerational impacts of residential schools. The day acknowledges the healing that is still taking place in the lives of all those affected, including honouring the strength and resilience of residential school survivors and remembering the children who never came home. Teachers will explore this in an age-appropriate manner using books and art activities. Please visit <https://orangeshirtday.org/reconciliation-hub/resources/> for family resources and <https://reconciliationcanada.ca/> for more information about reconciliation in Canada.

Library News

The BICS Library would like to welcome parents/caregivers/siblings to stop by the library to say hello after drop-off on **Monday & Tuesday mornings. 8:30-9:00am is Open Library** for students/parents/staff/siblings and you are welcome to come in to check it out, chat, or read a book. It's a great way to start the day! (*no food and closed drinks only please)

*coming soon: BICS BOOK BAGS for all students!! Stay tuned over the next few weeks.

From the West Vancouver Memorial Library:

The WVML September / October 2023 e-newsletter for kids, families and educators is here! [September/October 2023 Update from WVML \(patronpoint.com\)](https://www.wvml.ca/September/October%2023%20Update%20from%20WVML%20(patronpoint.com)) This issue features programs and resources related for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, an exciting Youth Department space planning project and so much more!

Kindergarten 2024

K registration for the 24/25 year opens on Monday, October 5th

Kindergarten Information Session

WELCOME TO YOUR FUTURE

Opportunity awaits!

Parents & Guardians of children entering Kindergarten in September 2024 (children born in 2019) are invited to join us for our K info session.

Please join us for an evening with community partners and school district staff to learn about the Kindergarten registration process and early learning offerings in our community.

This event is for parents and guardians only, please note that child care will not be available.

PLEASE REGISTER HERE

Date: Thursday, October 5th, 2023 6:30–7:30 pm
Location: Kay Meek Studio Theatre,
1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver

www.wvschools.ca

Community Supports



Girls With Superpowers: A Coding Club for Girls in Grades 6, 7 and 8

If you are a girl in Grade 6, 7 or 8 who attends a West Vancouver School and you are interested in coding, this club might be for you! This year, there will be three cohorts, as follows:

COHORT 1

- for real beginners. We will be learning block based coding to create simple games and interactive stories. Group meets online Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 7:40. Mid October to December. Laptop, desktop or iPad needed.

COHORT 2

- need some experience. We will be using language based coding to look at blending art and tech. Group meets online Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 7:40. February to April. Laptop, desktop

COHORT 3

- need some experience AND an Apple device (Macbook, iMac or newer iPad). This group will be using Apple's Swift Language and working towards designing and creating app prototypes. This group meets online Tuesday nights from 7:45 to 8:45. Mid October to April/May.

If you are interested, please email Ms Wilson (District Vice Principal of Innovation and Technology) at cwilson@wvschools.ca. Please include your name, school and grade. Registration will remain open until October 6th. Space is limited in all three cohorts, so register soon!

There is no cost for this club but students need to have access to a device (as noted above) and need to be able to attend regularly.

Fall Programs at West Vancouver Community Centre & Gleneagles Community Centre

[Click here to view the programs and activities available](#)

Want to learn languages, science, Lego, chess..., visit
<https://westvancouver.ca/learning>

Live! Music Series, Thursday, October 19, 4-5pm, Free

Come enjoy the musical hour with Gergana Velinova Jazz Trio in the Atrium

Event info