

BICS THIS WEEK: October 2-5, 2023

Monday

• National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (observed) - School not in session

Tuesday

- 8:30-9:00am Open Library
- 3:45pm Cross Country meet at Ambleside. Families are responsible for transportation to and from Ambleside.
- Parent Teacher Conferences (see previous email and below for more information)

Wednesday

- 12:45pm Band practice (Grades 6/7)
- Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday

• 12:17pm Early dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday

Parent Teacher Conferences

Upcoming Events:

October 9th: Thanksgiving Monday – school not in session

Information, Requests and Reminders:

Orange Shirt Day

This 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. We invite families to visit https://orangeshirtday.org/reconciliation-hub/resources/ for family resources and https://reconciliationcanada.ca/ for more information about reconciliation in Canada.

Parent Teacher Conferences:

These conferences are the first reporting period for the year and a chance to connect with your child's teacher. Teachers will share progress to date and set goals for the weeks ahead with your child. Most conference date offerings are October 3, 4 and 5 and include the early dismissal day on October 5 at 12:17.

Meetings are offered in person or on Microsoft Teams, as indicated in the charts (in the link below). In-person meetings will convene in your child's classroom. A Microsoft Teams link will be sent to you in advance of the meeting day by your classroom teacher. Primary conferences are 15 minutes each; intermediate conferences are 10 minutes. Please arrive a few minutes early to be ready for the conference, as teachers have many families to meet with and will endeavour to stay on schedule.

Please <u>click on this link</u> to go to the instruction document on how to sign up and to the list of teachers' availability.

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.

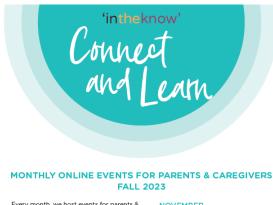
From the West Vancouver Memorial Library:

The WVML September / October 2023 e-newsletter for kids, families and educators is here! <u>September/October 2023 Update from WVML (patronpoint.com)</u> 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



Community Supports



Every month, we host events for parents & caregivers who are parenting a child or yout with a mental health and/ or substance use challenge called "in the know."

SEPTEMBER
Mental Health and Preparing for the
Transtiton to Post Secondary
Speaker: Dawn Schell, University of Victoria
and Melissa Feddersen, University of British
Columbia Okanagan

OCTOBER Working Together: Families and Schools Speakers: Ashley Ragoonaden, Principal at École KLO Middle School

FamilySmart

NOVEMBER Emotion Regulation Speaker: Nicole Allen, RCC

DECEMBER ADHD - The Real Deal Speaker: Dr. Don Duncan

Join us to watch a video and talk with other families about what helps. Online events are facilitated by FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Workers.

familysmart.ca/event







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! If you are interested, please email Ms Wilson (District Vice Principal of Innovation andTechnology) 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.