



BOWEN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL ☰ E-BULLETIN

BICS this Week: June 24 - 28, 2024

Monday

- Grade 7 field trip to Ninja Gym
- Student Council Real Fruit Bar fundraiser – interested students can bring \$3 to purchase a MaxFruit real Fruit bar. Funds raised are being put towards a new water bottle filling station.

Tuesday

- Year End Assembly at 11:20 am – classes will be invited to the Gym at 11:15

Wednesday

- Promotional Assembly at 10:45 am – classes will be invited to the Gym at 10:35
- Post-Assembly reception for Grade 7 students and families, hosted by the Gr 6 committee

Thursday

- last day of school for students – early dismissal at 12:20 – buses will be running
- Summary of Learning reports are published to the portal

Friday

Thank you

Thank you for an amazing year BICS! Thank you for all the ways that you support your child(ren) to come to BICS curious and ready to learn! We are so grateful for the parents in our community who volunteer in classrooms and in wider school events and sports. We would also like to express our appreciation for the PAC Executive: **Co-Chairs** Tara Forshaw and Angie Vyner, **Treasurer** Quinn Buchanan, **Secretary** Henry Campbell, **Members at Large** Brittany Yu and Giorgio Riccardi. We also appreciate the **CSA Executive**: Co-Chairs Deb Blenkhorn and Helen Wallwork, **Secretary** Sarah Winny, **Treasurer** Kalindi Sondi and **Member at Large** Pernille Neilsen.

School Supplies for next year

School supply lists for next year are now on our [website](#) or visit [Creative Packs for Bowen Island Community School](#).

Elevate Your Summer with Ultimate Camps!

Are your kids looking for the "Ultimate" way to stay active this summer? Elevate Ultimate is the leader in youth Ultimate Frisbee and Disc Golf. We pride ourselves on teaching students a variety of life skills such as conflict resolution and teamwork through this self-refereed sport.

They have a variety of programs available for all skill levels. For more information and to register to hold a spot for your child, [check out their programs here](#), and to get \$40.00 off, please use discount code: **Welcome40**



Personal Digital Device Policies

On January 26th, 2024, the Province announced three significant actions to enhance the safety and well-being of students in relation to digital technology, including the introduction of restrictions on the use of personal digital devices in schools (this would apply to cell phones, laptops, tablets, smartwatches, etc.). These updated policies will be in place for the 24-25 school year.

Most West Vancouver Schools already have technology guidelines in place. We recognize that the unregulated use of personal devices can be a significant distraction from learning. These devices can interrupt class time, interfere with student focus and disrupt the educational environment. However, we also understand that when used thoughtfully and with supervision, digital technology can offer valuable opportunities for our students. These tools can enhance the learning by enabling students to create content, communicate, collaborate and share.

Starting in September we will be refocussing our approach with personal digital device use in both elementary and secondary schools. In compliance with our technology guidelines, personal digital devices will only be used with the direct permission of the teacher and/or administrator, who will provide clear guidelines to ensure their use is intentional and purposeful in supporting student learning. Additionally, considerations will be made to accommodate students' medical and health needs, accessibility, and accommodation requirements.

Applicable times:

Secondary Schools: Personal digital device expectations will be in effect during instructional time.

Elementary Schools: Personal digital device expectations will be in effect throughout the full school day, including before school, after school, and during break times.

More detailed information about these new expectations will be shared at the start of the 2024-25 school year. In September, we will ask parents and guardians to support these guidelines by minimizing calls and texts to their children during school hours. It is important for students to remain focused and engaged in their learning without the expectation of responding immediately to messages. We also encourage families to start thinking about how they can support these new expectations to ensure a smooth transition for everyone.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation as we work together to create a safe and productive learning environment for our students.