



## BOWEN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL E-BULLETIN

### BICS This Week for Families, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

#### A message from Mrs. Magrath:

Students have enjoyed a calm week connecting with new classroom environments and classmates and settling into new routines. Cross Country practices began, and we have over 30 students from Grades 3-7 running laps of the school and setting goals to improve each practice. Over 25 students expressed their desire to be morning announcers and we look forward to their enthusiasm (and jokes) beginning next week!

Our assembly this Friday will review parts of our code of conduct as well as emergency procedures. Should there be a situation outside the building that may cause harm to students, such as a wild animal, all students immediately return inside, we secure the building, and keep students inside until the situation is deemed safe. We will also have our first fire drill on Friday with an earthquake drill to follow later in October.

BICS staff looks forward to connecting with families at our Open House next week and thank the PAC for organizing a block party to follow! Please consider signing up for volunteer opportunities with the PAC, such as hot lunch or class parent to support teacher communication and classroom volunteer opportunities.

#### Monday

- Return forms to classroom teachers and complete the online policies and procedures form. See below for more information.
- 12:10pm Cross Country Practice

#### Tuesday

- Intermediate Choir begins today
- 3:30-4:45pm First Cross Country Meet at Ambleside

### **Wednesday**

- 12:10pm Cross Country Practice
- 1:52 Early dismissal for Open House
  - Families are invited to tour their child's classroom from 2-3pm, meet their teachers, and connect with the learning environment.
- 2:30pm BICS PAC Block Party begins
  - After your open house classroom visit, join the PAC outside for some fun and games

### **Thursday**

### **Friday**

- Professional Development Day: School not in session

### **Upcoming dates:**

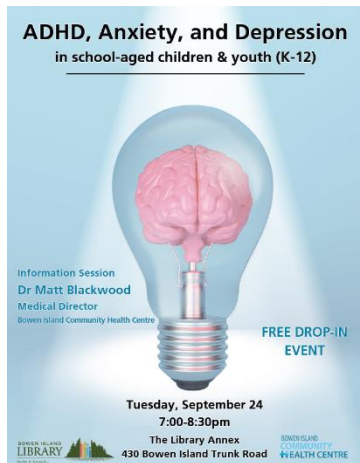
- September 24-26th: Camp Elphinstone field experience for Grade 7 students
- September 26<sup>th</sup>: BICS PAC Meeting
- September 27<sup>th</sup>: Orange Shirt Day recognized at BICS
- September 30<sup>th</sup>: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – school not in session

### **Online Policy and Procedures (To be completed each school year for each student):**

Every year, parents are required to complete a new online Policies and Procedures Form for each of their children attending West Vancouver Schools. Failure to complete this form may result in your child being unable to participate fully in classroom and school activities. Click to access the [2024-2025 Policies and Procedures Form](#)

### **Parent Education:**

The Bowen Island Community Health Centre, in partnership with the Bowen Island Public Library, will be providing a free community information night on the topic of *ADHD, Anxiety, and Depression in School-Aged Children and Youth* with our medical director Dr. Matt Blackwood on Tuesday September 24 at 7pm. Dr. Blackwood will start by offering a presentation on this topic and then being available to answer any questions. The event is open to anyone but may be of particular interest to parents and families at BICS.



### **BICS Facility Use**

BICS continues to be a central hub for Bowen Island, with West Vancouver Schools committed to ensuring the building remains accessible and that programs and opportunities continue to connect students, families, and the broader Bowen Island community.

As before, all BICS building facilities will remain available to the community. The gym, kitchen, community use room, multi-purpose room, and other spaces will be booked through the West Vancouver School facilities rentals department. For more information regarding rentals, please refer to the West Vancouver Schools Rental Website page: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/about-wvs/facilities/>

Field bookings will continue to be booked through the Bowen Island Community Recreation department.

### **West Vancouver Schools Rental Information:**

**Website:** <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/about-wvs/facilities/>

**Email:** [rentals@wvschools.ca](mailto:rentals@wvschools.ca)

**Phone Number:** 604-981-1399

### **West Vancouver Recreation Offerings:**

**Indigenous Arts & Culture Workshop [this fall](#).**

**Small Group Music Classes: [Ukulele, Acoustic Guitar and Singing Classes are starting in September](#).**

**Language Program for Various Ages:**

[Give yourself a gift of language skills in French, Spanish, Mandarin, Farsi, Korean, American Sign Language \(ASL\), Ukrainian and English as a Second/Third Language.](#)

**Click here for [PD Day Camps](#)**