



## BOWEN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL E-BULLETIN

### ***BICS This Week for Families***

*For the week of November 25 - 29*

Read below for UFLI reading program information.

Parent Education Night has been rescheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Monday (November 25)**

- Pod Assembly rescheduled from last week. Connectedness and “Light up BICS” activity

#### **Tuesday**

- 11:30 Reading Link Challenge begins for Gr 4 and 5s
- 12:10 and 2:45 Auditions for 101 Dalmatians Musical – students need to bring the letter signed by their family
- 12:55 Choir

#### **Wednesday**

- Div 8 Walking field trip
- 12:10 and 2:45 Auditions for 101 Dalmatians Musical – students need to bring the letter signed by their family
- 12:35pm Grade 6/7 Band
- 1:30 – 4:45 Boys Volleyball Jamboree at Rockridge

#### **Thursday**

- 12:10 and 2:45 Auditions for 101 Dalmatians Musical – students need to bring the letter signed by their family
- 12:35 pm Grade 6/7 Band
- 1:30 – 4:45 Girls Volleyball Jamboree at Rockridge

#### **Friday**

- 12:55 Choir
- Hot lunch

#### **UFLI Reading instruction:**

We are excited to have all primary students (K-3) participating in targeted reading instruction using the University of Florida Literacy Institute (UFLI) foundations program. UFLI is an explicit and systematic program that teaches students the foundational skills necessary for proficient reading. It follows a carefully developed scope and sequence designed to ensure that students systematically acquire each skill needed and learn to apply each skill with automaticity and confidence. Students may be working with a variety of staff members to consolidate their skills and may bring home additional games or resource materials in their home reading bags. Please reach out to your child’s classroom teacher with any questions and plan to attend our rescheduled parent evening on December 3<sup>rd</sup> to learn about the science of learning to read and how to best support your child at home.

### **Upcoming dates:**

December 1<sup>st</sup>: Craft Fair sponsored by BICS PAC

December 2-13<sup>th</sup>: Bring in donations for Candy Cane Lane (Garage sale -see below)

December 3<sup>rd</sup>: Rescheduled Parent Evening with Mary Parackal on the Science of Reading and ways to support reading at home

December 3<sup>rd</sup>: Callbacks for the musical

December 5<sup>th</sup>: Cast announcement!

December 13<sup>th</sup>: Term 1 Learning Updates go home

December 18<sup>th</sup>: Candy Cane Lane Garage Sale

December 20<sup>th</sup>: Family Winter Singalong at 11:15am and 12:10 dismissal

### **Candy Cane Lane**

BICS Student Council will be holding a Holiday Garage Sale called Candy Cane Lane on December 18th with proceeds going to the Bowen Island Christmas Hamper. Student council members need your help! Please clean out your house and look for new or gently used items that you can donate for our sale. Bring donations of toys, stuffies, games, books, kitchenware and housewares, decorations, jewelry, scarves/mitts, and gift bags/wrapping paper to the office (in a box or a bag) between December 2-13<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be needed – see below for more information. On December 18<sup>th</sup>, each student can purchase one or two items to give to family members. The cost is by donation with a suggested amount of \$1 - \$2 per item

### **From the BICS PAC Executive**

The PAC is looking for parent volunteers for many events this December, as well as a few BIRD shifts at the end of November. [This link](#) goes to all the upcoming events (detailed below) and their sign-up pages.

**The Hot Lunch program** needs a few Dish Queens and Kings! In an effort to share the workload, these slots are filled by two volunteers. We currently need help on:

November 22 10:00 to 12:00 - 1 volunteer

November 29 10:00 to 12:00 - 2 volunteers

December 6 10:00 to 12:00 - 1 volunteer

The PAC's **BIRD Fundraiser** is coming up Tuesday November 26th and Tuesday December 3rd. There are two shifts from 8:30-10:30 and 10:30-12:30, with four volunteers needed for each shift. It's helpful to wear work clothes and gloves!

**The BICS Craft Fair** takes place December 1st, from 10:00am-3:00pm. This year, the PAC is hosting the event and there are many ways for parents to get involved. Including helpers for **Photos With Santa**. We recommend pre-registering your family for a photo with Santa, using the link above.

**Candy Cane Lane**, on December 18th, is a special event where students will shop for gifts for their family members! Volunteers will be needed to help sort and display items, and to help students shop and wrap up their presents to take home.

Thank you to all of our parent volunteers for making all of this possible!

## **West Vancouver Schools Admissions**

2025/2026 admissions open on Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am for all Kindergarten students and all Grade 1 –12 in-catchment students. Admissions for Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students opens on at 8:00am on Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. For more information about admissions dates, guidelines, and information, please visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/admissions/> Please carefully read the information regarding new documentation procedures before starting the application process.

## **Opportunities for activities in West Vancouver**

Please [click here](#) for extra-curricular activities available for students.

## **From Bowen Island Community Health Centre**

**Keep the sick monster away,  
get your flu shot today!**



Flu and Covid-19 shots available for  
all children 6 months to 12 years

When: Sat. Nov. 30, 10:30am-2:30pm  
Where: Bowen Island Community Health Centre  
By appointment only, no drop-ins

*Use your notification text/email from  
GetVaccinated  
to book your child's appointment*

Provided by:  
**Vancouver Coastal Health**

Or, get registered at  
[getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca](http://getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca) to book

