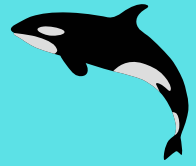




BICS THIS WEEK

May 19-23, 2025



Highlights

Monday

- Victoria Day (school not in session)

Tuesday

- 1:15pm Jump Rope for Heart Celebration Assembly

Wednesday

- Divisions 3 and 7 to Dr Sun Yat Sen Gardens

Thursday

- 2:30-4:00pm Bike maintenance with Bowen E-bikes and the RCMP. Get your bike ready for Bike to School Week!
- Grade K & 6 Immunizations
- 6pm PAC AGM. Babysitting provided

Friday

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Upcoming Events:

- May 26th: BILTG & PAC Parent Speaker: Dr. Vanessa Lapointe
- May 27th: Division 1 to Children's Festival
- May 28th: Division 8 & 9 to Children's Festival
- May 29th: Science Fair & Balloon Car Challenge
- May 31st: Bowen Island Children's Fair
- June 2- 6th: Bike to School Week



Class Placement considerations for the 2025-26 School year

Parents are invited to provide information to assist staff during our class configurations for September. Please note that while parent input will be considered, many other factors affect student placement such as teachers' observations of individual needs and social dynamics, input from support staff, class size and composition, age distribution, and learning style. If you would like to provide input for your child for the following school year, please complete the survey link by May 26th.

<https://forms.office.com/r/LYjziLzby0>

Parent Education Night - Dr. Vanessa Lapointe

Registration is open! Beyond the Trends: Parenting with Confidence, an evening with parenting expert, Dr. Vanessa Lapointe. Join Dr. Lapointe, on Bowen, Monday, May 26 at the Community Centre, to gain tools and insight as we move towards the goal of nurturing healthy, happy and resilient children. To register, visit:

<https://parentingwithconfidence.bpt.me/>



Jump Rope for Heart ❤️

Thank you for supporting the Heart & Stroke Foundation with donations. Our students had a great time skipping on Thursday. Please consider donating if you have not yet had the chance.



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Return to School September 2025

As the school year draws to a close and families begin to make plans for the summer and their return to school in September, please remember that all students are expected to be in attendance by Thursday, September 4th at 3pm to confirm their space in their school.

Grade 6/7 Band Registration for 2025-2026

Year 6/7 Band Registration for the 2025-26 School year is now open. In 2025-2026, the supplemental fees for the Band Program are: Until May 31: \$390; As of June 1: \$425

Learning an instrument in a collaborative environment fosters growth in many areas of social development such as cooperation, collaboration, open-mindedness, personal responsibility, self management and resilience. As we learn more about emotional intelligence and cognitive learning patterns, research has shown that studying music has a direct relationship to the measured success of student reasoning, creative thinking, decision-making, and problem solving. Visual and Performing Arts (Music, Dance, Drama, & Visual Arts) are an essential part of a student's education. West Vancouver embraces the arts through education, advocacy, and celebration. With support from administration, parents, and the musical talents of students, next year's grade 6 and 7 bands will provide a safe and positive learning environment that will challenge and further develop the musical skills of students. We are committed to providing quality Band instruction across the School District for the 2025/26 year.

To register, please visit: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/elementary-band/>

Science Fair - Thursday-May 29th

Science Fair and the Family Balloon Car Challenge is quickly approaching. We have over 50 participants to date and poster boards were sent home today. You can still join the Balloon Car Challenge or the Fair itself. Students should commit to the fair by May 20th at the latest to ensure they have time to complete and share their experiments.



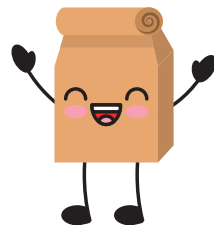
Track & Field has begun!

Please return permission forms for intermediate student participation in practices and meets and parent volunteer opportunities at district events:

Gr 6,7 Long Jump & Shot Put May 28 @ Westcot
Gr 4,5 Long Jump & Shot Put May 29 @ Westcot
Gr 4-7 Track events June 5 @ SFU Track

Please sign up for Hot Lunch shifts

To keep this valuable fundraiser going, we need volunteers: <https://signup.com/go/ZAmKoRG>



Hot Lunch Parent Volunteers may choose to receive a free hot lunch for one or two children on the day they volunteer. If you would like to take advantage of this perk, you can now select "Single Portion of Complimentary Lunch for Child of Parent Volunteer" or "Double Portion of Complimentary Lunch for Child of Parent Volunteer." This applies to the Hot Lunch that you are volunteering for.

A huge thank you to our fantastic parent volunteers who keep the hot lunch program running. There are lots of spaces to fill during hot lunch. It's a great way to meet people in our community and to be involved at the school! Bonus: The kids love seeing their parents in the kitchen! Sign up for hot lunch volunteering [here!](#)

Team Lead and Organiser, May 30th
Packer, June 13th
Dishwashers, every week

The PAC proudly sponsors lunch for anyone who needs support. If you would like your child to participate in the hot lunch program, please contact Carmen.

Bowen Youth Resilience Fund

If you need to talk to someone but don't know where to turn, or can't afford it, the BYRF can provide funding for counselling with a certified counsellor.

Available for Bowen youth and young adults from the ages of 12 to 29 who are experiencing challenges with substance use, mental health or family conflict. Support may be provided to enable both youth and the parent or caregiver of the youth to participate individually or together in counselling.

If you or someone you know needs this kind of assistance, please contact us for a free confidential enquiry.

Contact:
YouthResilience@bowenfoundation.com

AN ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Recess Champions

Student leaders will be facilitating new games and activities at recess on Thursdays and Fridays. All are welcome for each day's special game and students will meet at the tennis court to get organized.

Physical Literacy

Our carefully curated activities go beyond mere play; they instill fundamental movement skills, coordination, and agility. We believe that by mastering these skills early on, children will build competence, confidence and motivation to be active throughout their lives.

Leadership

Through dynamic activities and guided experiences, we empower children to take charge, make decisions, and inspire their peers. The skills they develop here are not limited to recess; they become the bedrock of their future success, fostering a generation of trailblazers who excel in every facet of life.

Fair Play

We teach young leaders how to create an environment where every child is valued and included. Fair play is the cornerstone of strong relationships, building a foundation for lifelong connections and contributing to a school culture that radiates inclusivity and unity.

BOWEN ISLAND Municipality

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

LEADERS IN TRAINING

AGES 12-17 (COMPLETED GRADE 7)

2025

TRAINING SESSIONS

JUNE 11

JUNE 12

JUNE 19

→ ONLINE

→ IN PERSON

→ IN PERSON

DEVELOP YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND PUT THEM INTO PRACTICE HELPING TO LEAD BOWEN REC SUMMER CAMPS

ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY
MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

SOUNDS
OF
SPRING

6:30PM
THURSDAY, JUNE 5
ROCKRIDGE GYM

ADMISSION BY DONATION