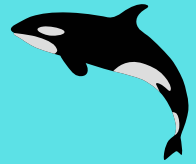




BICS THIS WEEK

May 26-30, 2025



Highlights

Monday

- Division 2 to the Golf Course
- BILTG & PAC Parent Speaker: Dr. Vanessa Lapointe at 6:30 pm

Tuesday

- Division 1 to the Children's Festival

Wednesday

- Divisions 8 & 9 to the Children's Festival
- 3:30pm District Field Meet Grade 6/7 at Westcot Elementary

Thursday

- 3:30pm District Field Meet Grade 4/5 at Westcot Elementary
- 2:45pm Science Fair & Balloon Car Challenge at 4:00 pm

Friday

- Hot lunch
- Bard in the Classroom presentation - Divisions 1, 2, 3

Upcoming Events:

- May 31st: Bowen Island Children's Fair (10-12:30pm)
- June 2-6th: Bike to School Week
- June 2nd: Div. 10 and 11 to Cape Roger Curtis
- June 4th: Grade 7s to tour Rockridge
- June 5th: District Track Meet (Gr. 4-7)
- June 13th: Sports Day



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 upcoming school year, please complete the survey link by May 26th.

<https://forms.office.com/r/LYziLzby0>

Science Fair - Thursday-May 29th

Students should bring their poster boards and any accompanying materials to display to the gym from 8:15am onwards. Our scientists will share their findings with other students between recess and lunch. Those who are able should remain after school to share their findings with parents and community members from 2:45-3:45pm. Judges are still needed!

All Family Balloon Powered Car Challenge entries should be received by 3:45pm with a 4:00pm race start. Here are the details to design and construct a balloon powered car capable of transporting an egg the safest and furthest:

- The car must be able to protect a medium sized uncooked chicken egg from breaking while travelling across the tennis court
- You may wrap the egg in material but you may NOT adhere anything to the egg (i.e. no glue or tape). Please provide your own egg.
- Your car must be made of recyclable or compostable materials only .
- Balloons (12 inch round) will be provided and must be inflated by your family team.

Jump Rope for Heart ❤️

Thank you for supporting the Heart & Stroke Foundation with donations during our Jump Rope for Heart campaign. Our students had a great time skipping last week. This week we celebrated their fundraising, their skipping skills and the perseverance and growth we see with their jump rope skills. Our school fundraising was matched by the Heart & Stroke Foundation and doubled! And we celebrated with pies in the face of Mrs Magrath and Mrs Ohlhauser. Too fun!



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/>

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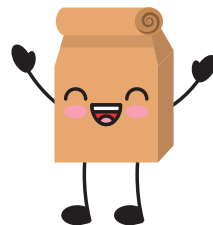
Link to information

As part of a new series on digital citizenship, we will be sharing best practices for parents/caregivers on popular social media platforms. First up: Snapchat. Check out the attached resource to learn how to help your child stay safe and informed online.



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.

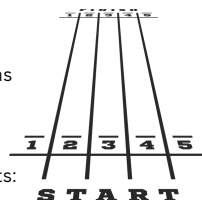
A huge thank you to our fantastic parent volunteers who keep the hot lunch program running. There are lots of spaces to fill during hot lunch. It's a great way to meet people in our community and to be involved at the school! Bonus: The kids love seeing their parents in the kitchen! Sign up for hot lunch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

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

BICS has Instagram.
Follow us at [bics_45](#)



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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



BOWEN ISLAND
Municipality

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



LEADERS IN TRAINING

AGES 12-17 (COMPLETED GRADE 7)

2025

TRAINING SESSIONS

JUNE 11 → ONLINE

JUNE 12 → IN PERSON

JUNE 19 → IN PERSON

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

BOWEN ISLAND
LITERACY TASK GROUP

ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY
MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

SOUNDS OF SPRING

6:30PM
THURSDAY, JUNE 5

ROCKRIDGE GYM

ADMISSION BY DONATION

WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CULTURAL FEST

Volunteer with Us!

West Vancouver Schools is looking for Grade 7 – 12 student volunteers to support the West Van Schools Pavilion and Stage at the Community Cultural Fest at Ambleside on Friday, June 6th and Saturday, June 7th

We're looking for enthusiastic student volunteers to help bring the fun at our community event!

Volunteer Shifts Available:

- Friday, June 6
 - 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM
 - 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
- Saturday, June 7
 - 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM
 - 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
 - 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

As a volunteer, you'll:

- ✓ Greet and engage with the public
- ✓ Promote the pavilion and stage with positive energy
- ✓ Lead exciting, pre-planned games and activities for kids and youth



Please sign up using the QR code or email: Volunteers@wvschools.ca