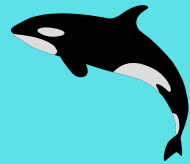


BICS THIS WEEK

June 23 - 27, 2025



Highlights

Monday

- Gr 7 year-end field trip
- Field Trip Division 4 and 5

Tuesday

- Year End assembly 11:20 am in the Gym - Band & Choir will perform (A reminder to the Band students: bring your instruments and wear black & white)

Wednesday

- Grade 7 Promotional Assembly 10:45 am in the Gym

Thursday

- Summary of Learning published
- Last day of classes for students with an early dismissal at 12:10 pm

Friday

- Staff Appreciation Tea 9-11 am

Upcoming Events

- Summer Break



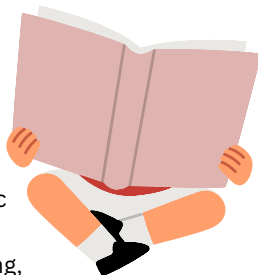
Return to School September 2025

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.



Library Returns

A reminder that ALL library books and bookbags are now overdue. Invoices for unreturned items will be sent home very soon.



Don't forget to visit the public library and keep reading all summer long. Wishing you long, relaxing days with really great books!

Staff Appreciation Tea

Join us for a special morning of gratitude for our BICS teachers and staff. The Staff Appreciation Tea takes place on Thursday, June 27th from 9:00-11:00 AM. We're looking for parents to contribute goodies (homemade or store bought) and servers to help during the event.

Sign up and learn more here:

👉 tinyurl.com/ThanksBICS

Let's come together to show our appreciation and give the BICS staff a warm and heartfelt thank you to close out the year!



School Supplies 2025/2026

Once again, we would like to extend an invitation for you to purchase your school supplies in advance from The Teacher's File. Click the link to watch a short video explaining the process.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YjlpQulhnnk&feature=youtu.be>

You can order school supplies online at <http://packs.teachersfile.ca> and type in "Bowen" to choose your school. All orders will be sent directly to the school.

Order **before July 31st**, and you will not be charged a late fee of \$6.50 to cover extra shipping charges. Orders received after this date will be available only while supplies last!

If you have any additional questions, please contact:
tfile@shaw.ca, (250) 897-3404, (800) 917-0009



BAND 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/>

Please sign up for Hot Lunch shifts



THIS FRIDAY we need two more volunteers: a packer from 11-1 and a dishwasher from 12-2. Sign up here:

<https://signup.com/go/ZAMKoRG>

Summer ParticipACTION Community Challenge

Help us, West Vancouver Schools, become the Most Active Community in Canada!

The ParticipACTION Community Challenge is a national physical activity initiative that encourages Canadians to get active in search of Canada's Most Active Community. In 2021, the community of West Vancouver placed second in Canada. It is our goal to be the most active community in Canada. West Vancouver Schools will be participating in this initiative. Individuals can pledge to 'get active' throughout June in support of the community's efforts without having to track any movement minutes.

To support West Vancouver in this initiative, we hope you will take the pledge to get active:
<https://www.participaction.com/individual-pledge/>

Let's make movement matter!

Dear Families,

We're excited to share that the "Unleashing Summer Awesome" Challenge is back for Summer 2025! This fun and easy challenge encourages students and families to stay active over the summer — and there's even a bit of friendly school competition involved!

How It Works:

- Download and print the challenge sheet (we'll share the PDF soon via email/newsletter or classroom communication).
- Complete as many physical activities as you can throughout the summer.
- Visit either the **West Vancouver** or **Bowen Island Community Centre** to get a stamp (optional — not required to participate).
- Return the completed sheet to school in **September**.

What's in It for Students?

- Every student who returns a completed sheet will receive a small **participation prize**.
- The school with the highest percentage of participants will win the **district trophy** — so encourage your child to get involved and help our school win!

This is a great way to keep active as a family and have fun over the summer months. Keep an eye out for the challenge sheet and launch info coming soon from your child's teacher.

Thanks for helping us unleash some summer awesome!

Warmly,
Amber and Erin
Physical Literacy Health Leads



BOWEN UNLEASHING SUMMER *Awesome!*

TAKE OUR CHALLENGE TO KEEP MOVING, EXPLORE WHERE YOU LIVE AND TRY NEW ACTIVITIES

- Must complete at least 10 activities per month to receive a stamp and be eligible for a prize.
- Parent/guardian's sign in each box to show that the activity was completed.
- Stamps can be collected at the West Vancouver Community Centre.
- Bring your challenge sheet back to school in September for a small prize.
- The elementary school with the highest participation will earn a trophy!


JULY Name: _____

100 Jumping Jacks	Skip rocks at the ocean	Learn to juggle - keep it up for 30 seconds	Play outside at Bowen Bay Beach	Hold a family Dance Party
Find the real animals of BIM mascots - sea, owl, slug, deer and frog	Go swimming with your family	Walk or run the Killarney Lake Loop	Hike to the Lookout at Dorman Point	Visit Pebbly Beach
Play Disc Golf - free rentals at CC for anyone in challenge	Take a pet for a walk	Fill in your OWN challenge	Visit the Westside Playground	Walk the trails at Cape Roger Curtis
Create your own obstacle course	Go for a run with a buddy	Walk for 30 minutes	Throw a frisbee with a friend	Visit Deep Bay and skip rocks
Visit Bowen Bay Beach	25 step ups 25 Jumping Jacks 25 squats	Go to the Bike Park	Jump off the Mt Gardner Dock	Try pickleball, tennis or badminton

Kids need at least 60 minutes of heart pumping physical activity per day.

BOWEN ISLAND Municipality

Collect your Stamp HERE

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Roblox

As part of a new series on digital citizenship, we will be sharing best practices for parents/caregivers on popular social media platforms.

Parent's Guide to Roblox



General Information

Roblox is an online platform where children can play a wide range of games, create their own virtual experiences and connect with other players from around the world. It is a mix of gaming, creativity and social interaction – all happening in a digital environment.

Roblox does not have a minimum age level to join, so students as young as Kindergarten could create an account.

Social interaction is a large part of Roblox's appeal. Players can text and voice chat with other players. The leads children to make connections with people they do not know in person. These people may lie about who they are as a way to engage with unsuspecting youth.

"Robux"

Robux is Roblox's own currency. It encourages players to level up their avatar and get game enhancements, among other things. Beware of scams where bad actors will try to get your child's Robux.

Roblox at School

West Vancouver Schools DOES NOT allow students to access Roblox while using school wifi.

Freemium

Roblox is a "freemium" app. This means that you can create an account and play for free but there are "premium" features and subscriptions that cost money.

Did You Know?

Experts who study sextortion and online predatory behaviour cite Roblox as a prime app for these "bad actors" to use to befriend victims. They will lure a child in by posing as a peer and then convince the child to "meet" them on another platform such as WhatsApp or Discord, where they can be more intimate. Boys between the ages of 9 and 15 are prime targets.

Content Label	Content Description
Mild	May contain occasional mild violence, light unrealistic blood, and/or occasional mild fear
Mild	May contain repeated mild violence, heavy unrealistic blood, mild crude humor, and/or repeated mild fear
Moderate	May contain moderate violence, light realistic blood, moderate crude humor, and/or moderate fear
Restricted	May contain strong violence, heavy realistic blood, moderate crude humor, repeated themes of sexual nature, and/or language and/or violence that is inappropriate for your child.

Users under 9 can only play games labeled Mild or Moderate. However, the content in these games may still be inappropriate for your child.

Only available to 13+ users who have had their age verified

Roblox uses these labels to indicate what type of content is in games.

Main Roblox Concerns

- Game play can become addictive. Limit your child's screen time.
- Roblox is a prime location for predators to source victims.
- Roblox collects significant amounts of data from its users. Do you know where the data goes or who it is being shared with?
- Remind your child not to give out personal information - there are lots of scams on Roblox. No names, school or where they live.
- Young players could be exposed to inappropriate language and/or sexualized content that they are not ready for.

If Your Child Has Roblox...

- Make sure you sit with them while they make the account. You can step in at this point and change some of the settings to make it safer - watch [this video](#) for some pointers.
- Enable 2 Factor Authentication - this will help protect from scams.
- Make sure your child knows how to block and report users and content.
- Familiarize yourself with all of the settings and features then talk to your child about safety and your family values and rules.
- Remember, YOU are the adult. If your child is not using Roblox safely, you can take away their device or shut off their data.



Summer 2025 - Presented by Bowen Island Public Library & BC Summer Reading Club

Summer Reading Club

at the Bowen Island Public Library

BC SUMMER READING CLUB 2025

COLOUR YOUR SUMMER



Artwork by Lauren Achtem

50-Day Reading Challenge

Get weekly stickers for your reading booklet and earn a medal! Pick up your package at the Bowen Library. For ages 5-14.

Book Bingo & Read to Me

Pick up our reading challenge cards for toddlers, teens, and adults too!

Free Programs & Special Guests

Register on our website for our special weekly events in July & August!

Family Storytime PLUS

For 0-6 year-olds & caregivers, PLUS a craft or fun activity! July 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10:30 am

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Get weekly program reminders throughout the summer, and never miss an SRC event!

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