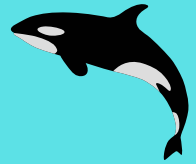




BICS THIS WEEK

September 15-19, 2025



The Week Ahead

Tuesday

- Cross Country Meet #1 at Ambleside at 3:45pm
- Grade 6/7 Band

Wednesday


- Cross Country Practice at lunch

Thursday

- Cross Country Practice at lunch
- Grade 6/7 Band
- Early dismissal at 2:07pm
- Open House classroom visits at 2:20pm and 2:45pm
- 2:30pm PAC Welcome Back activities

Upcoming Events

- September 25th: Terry Fox Run (Bring in a toonie for Terry!)
- September 26th: Professional Development Day (school not in session)
- September 30th: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. (school not in session)

 WE ARE...
connected
confident
curious
compassionate

Second Week Success and Open House Invitation:

Students have settled into their new classroom routines and are fostering or enhancing friendships and building connections with their new classroom community. Our Grade 7s enjoyed their time at Camp Elphinstone, and we look forward to their leadership and enthusiasm throughout the year ahead. And our teachers are getting to know their new students: their learning styles, interests, and passions, so they can plan learning engagements and opportunities to meet the needs of all. We are so fortunate to have an incredibly dedicated and professional group of teachers, and ***we invite you to connect with them at our Open House on Thursday, September 18th, at 2:20 pm.*** Students will show family members their classroom learning areas, and teachers will share information about units of inquiry and ways family members can support or extend learning at home.

Forms

The Online Policies & Procedures Form must be completed online for each child every school year. The form covers basic student information, permissions for school activities and programs, technology use, and the release of limited personal information.

A paper copy of the student verification form was sent home in the first week of school. Families, please review the information we have on file for your child, make any necessary changes, sign, and return the form to the school office. Emergency contact information (who can pick up your child) is gathered from these forms. Thank you to all families who have already completed and returned their forms!

Elementary School Activity Fees

Elementary school activity fees for BICS are now on School Cash Online. The fee covers the cost for student agendas, as well as a one-time \$2 School Cash Online fee for the year. Our K/1 classes will not be using agendas. Information will be communicated to them directly regarding activity fees.

BICS PAC

We're excited to host our Back to School PAC Event on Thursday, September 18th from 2:15 – 4:00 PM, and we need your help to make it a success! We're looking for volunteers to lend a hand with games, food, photos, and set-up/clean-up. Sign up for a volunteer slot at the link at the end of this bulletin. Join our BICS Matters parent Facebook group to learn about other events and fundraisers. It's also a great place to get some of your BICS questions answered (snow days, hot lunch, etc).

Bus Transportation

Transportation services for each eligible student in your household must be requested every year, by submitting an online student transportation request form for each student. If you are a new registrant or have recently moved, please submit a request form for each student as soon as possible.

Optional Accident Insurance for Families

West Vancouver Schools reminds families each year that personal injury or accident costs are not covered by the district or its insurance provider. To help protect against expenses from accidental injury, unexpected medical costs, or critical illness, families have the option to purchase voluntary accident insurance plans. A variety of providers offer different levels of coverage, so families are encouraged to review their options carefully and choose a plan that best meets their needs.



DPAC *parent evening with* Dr. Graeme Mitchell

Harnessing Hope: Reframing How Our Children See the World

Join us for an evening with Dr. Graeme Mitchell—award-winning educator and global speaker—who is transforming how we raise and teach the next generation.

In his keynote, Harnessing Hope, Dr. Mitchell explores how fear-based messages—especially on social media—shape our children's outlook, and how fact-based optimism, storytelling and connection can shift it. Drawing on two decades of classroom experience, he offers parents' practical tools to foster confidence, curiosity and hope at home.

Tuesday, September 23
6:30 - 8:00 PM
Location
KAY MEEK THEATRE
1700 MATHERS AVE
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What You will Gain From This Evening

Understand
Learn how media inputs are shaping your child's mindset and motivation from industry leaders and practical knowledge to the workshop.

Learn
Strategies to replace fear with fact and pessimism with possibility.

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Backstage Pass: Kay Meek Arts Centre Open House



🎫 We're giving you a Backstage Pass to the Kay Meek! It's time to go behind the scenes at our @bccculturedays Open House on Sunday, September 21 🏠 Experience the Kay Meek as you've never seen it before, as we open up our backstage areas for you to explore and give you the opportunity to take to the stage.

👁️ Take a look around our theatres

🎤 Sing your favourite karaoke songs on stage

🎵 Live jazz music from the @pressley.murillo.music Trio

🎫 Enter our Ticket Giveaway

🗨️ Find out more about the Kay Meek

👥 Meet the team

🍹 Refreshments in our sunny atrium

Join us for a lively afternoon of music, conversation, and family-friendly activities in your local community!

Make a note of all the details below:

📅 Sunday, September 21

🕒 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

📍 1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver

✅ Free Entry!