

BICS THIS WEEK

LITERACY WEEK

Family Literacy Week was filled with imagination and creativity as students embraced the joy of reading by participating in a Bookmark Reading Challenge, dressing up as beloved book characters, walking to read, and trying out flashlight reading. Click [here](#) to read our School Wide Story!

Please be sure to return your completed bookmarks by **Monday, February 2nd.**



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 2nd

Tuesday, February 3rd

- Elder Chamiya Visit
- Boys' Basketball Practice at 7:45 am
- Girls' Basketball Practice at lunch
- Basketball Game #3

Wednesday, February 4th

- Girls Basketball Practice at 7:45 am
- Earthquake Drill
- Div. 8 at Bowen Library
- Grade 7s Flock the Rock

Thursday, February 5th

- *You're invited to:* Informal Coffee and Connections with Staff @ 8:30am in the Multipurpose Room

Friday, February 6th

- PODS-Olympics Opening Ceremony

UPCOMING DATES

February 10th

- Peace Counsellor Presentation Grade 6/7

February 13th

- Reading Break (School not in session)

February 16th

- Family Day (School not in session)

February 18th

- Gold Medal Pancake Breakfast

February 24th

- Family learning conferences (Early dismissal- 10:45am)





BICS PAC CORNER

Grade 7 fundraiser at BIRD - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Grade 7 parents,

Please sign up for a shift at BIRD. This is the biggest fundraiser for grade 7 graduates, and your help is greatly appreciated! All proceeds from can/bottle recycling go towards Grade 7 graduation activities

Dates: Tuesday, February 3, Tuesday, February 10
Shifts: 8.30 am - 10.30 am and 10.30 am - 12.30 pm, 3 people per shift

Please sign up at this link:
<https://slotted.co/p33papdu>



SAVE THE DATE!

Intermediate Spring Concert – Wednesday, May 13th 2025 at 6:15pm

Now it's time for Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to get ready for their upcoming Spring Concert on May 13th 2025 at 6:15 pm. The Concert Band and Choir will perform along with original songs created and presented by each of our intermediate classes.

Thank you to everyone who was able to come out to the Winter Concert in December. The primary students, along with the Concert Band and Choir, were able to put on an amazing show!

FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

- <https://abclifeliteracy.ca/programs/family-literacy-day/>
- <https://decoda.ca/get-involved/family-literacy-week/>
- <https://bowenlibrary.ca/event/flw/>

BICS OLYMPICS

BICS is excited to celebrate the Olympic Games as a school community! Throughout the Olympics, learners will participate in activities within their classrooms and pods, building a strong sense of belonging while learning what it means to be connected, compassionate, confident, and curious. We will also come together for a Gold Medal Breakfast to celebrate our Canadian athletes, school spirit, and national pride.

The Olympic Opening Ceremony will take place at 11:30 a.m., and classes will have the opportunity to learn about the Games and cheer on Canadian athletes together, celebrating their journeys, achievements, and the values they represent.





PARENT RESOURCES

Feeding Futures Program:

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare [Feeding Futures initiative](#), the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity.

Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their school principal or to feedingfutures@wvschools.ca if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

As we begin the school day, we encourage families to support students in developing independence by saying goodbye at the front door and allowing children to walk into the school on their own. This routine helps build confidence, responsibility, and a calm start to the day for all learners.

If you arrive after the bell, please bring your child into the school and check in at the office so we can ensure they are safely signed in.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students grow as capable and independent learners.



HOMEWORK CLUB

When: Mondays 3:00–4:30

Where: Multipurpose Room

Who: Grade 3–6

What: Reading and Math for the first half then boardgames and STEAM

Email the office to sign up! bics@wvschools.ca



VOLUNTEER AND PARENT ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- PAC Volunteers (hot lunch, events)
- Connect with your child's classroom teacher to find out ways to help (reading, hands-on activities, field trips, etc.)
- BICS Garden: We are looking for parents and community members to revitalize our school gardens. Email the school if you are interested (BICS@wvschools.ca)



CYBERSECURITY, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND QUANTUM COMPUTING DISTRICT PROGRAM

Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence, and Quantum Computing is a hands-on, project-based course offered to students attending Rockridge, Sentinel, or West Van Secondary. Students learn the theory and apply it to practical projects in the fields of Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Computing. They also have an opportunity to prepare for external certifications in Cybersecurity, Networking, Internet of Things, Programming, CompTIA, and Data Science. Students can participate in local, national, and international competitions such as CyberPatriot (<https://www.uscyberpatriot.org/>), Young Defenders of the North (<https://www.instagram.com/p/DHqs2PtM4Dw/>), picoCTF (<https://picoctf.org/>) from Carnegie Mellon University, Quantum Arcade Game Jam (<https://knowledgeflow.org/initiative/ubcs-year-of-quantum-arcade-game-jam/>) from UBC, and others. The course aims to help students prepare material they can use for university applications.



More details about the course are available here <https://cybersecurityand.ai/>

If interested, please sign up at <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/cybersecurity-ai/>

There are only 4 spots left for students who will be in Grade 8 next year (2026 - 2027). Dr. Chugani will contact those shortlisted to schedule a meeting and go over the course schedule, requirements, and expectations. Please contact him (mchugani@wvschools.ca) if you have any questions before applying.

(Our team from the 2024 - 2025 class, who ranked 2nd in Canada last year)

WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

K-12 admission applications for both in-district and out-of-district students opens on January 15. If you have students in your family or network who are looking to join our district, please help spread the word about this important date.

West Vancouver Schools offer a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community that values excellence in education. Our schools take pride in creating meaningful learning experiences and providing opportunities that support the growth, well-being, and success of every student.

To learn more about registration expectations and processes, please visit our admissions page: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/admissions/>

We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our vibrant and supportive school community!

Winter 2026 • Bowen Island Public Library presents:

Pro-D STEAM Club

Learn new skills, make something new!



Fridays
Jan 30 & Feb 13
10:30-11:30 am
Bowen Island Library
Ages 6-10

We'll explore a new STEAM activity every session, with time to practice and explore science, arts & technology.

Registration Required!
Register Here



BOWEN ISLAND
LIBRARY

books & beyond...



bipl.ca/steam
(604) 947-9788
info@bowenlibrary.ca



Bowen Library: Pro-D Day STEAM Club **Ages 6-10**

Learn new skills, make something new! We'll explore a new STEAM activity every session, with time to practice and explore science, arts & technology.

Fridays, January 30, February 13, March 26, 10:30 am-11:30 am in the Library Annex. Please register at: bipl.ca/steam