



BICS THIS WEEK

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Family Literacy Week at BICS (January 26–29)

We are excited to celebrate Family Literacy Week with fun, school-wide activities that promote a love of reading and writing. We are thrilled to welcome local author Sara Skuce to our school.

Students will participate in a Bookmark Reading Challenge for a chance to win prizes by completing 10 activities. Please remember to return completed bookmarks next Monday, February 2nd!

Classes will also work together to create a school-wide story, which will be shared in next week's BICS This Week!

GAMES WORKSHOP

Our District Physical Literacy Specialist's came to teach our teachers and students some new games to play during P.E. It was a blast!



UPCOMING DATES

February 5th:

- 8:30am Coffee and Conversation

February 13th

- Reading Break (School not in session)



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, January 26th

- Literacy Week Assembly K-3/4

Tuesday, January 27th

- 10:30 am Lockdown Drill
- **Dress as your favourite book character**
- Boys' Basketball Practice at 7:45 am
- Girls' Basketball Practice at lunch
- Grade 6 Immunizations
- Basketball Game #2 at BICS

Wednesday, January 28th

- Girls Basketball Practice at 7:45 am
- **Whole School DEAR**
- Div. 3 at MOV
- Div. 2 Counsellor in the classroom- Kids Help Phone

Thursday, January 29th

- **Flashlight Thursday**

(bring a flashlight to read with)

Friday, January 30th

- Pro-D Day (school not in session)
- Return completed bookmark on Monday!

February 16th

- Family Day (School not in session)

February 24th

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



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, January 27, 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/program/s/family-literacy-day/>
- <https://decoda.ca/get-involved/family-literacy-week/>
- <https://bowenlibrary.ca/event/flw/>

SEAWOLVES SPLASH

Every Tuesday is Tidal Wave Tuesday at BICS! We encourage everyone to show their school spirit by wearing BICS spirit wear or school colours. Our tidal wave represents the energy, strength, and sense of community that we bring to our school each day. The orca, a powerful and intelligent animal found in the waters surrounding Bowen Island, symbolizes connection, teamwork, and belonging. Just as orcas travel in pods, we thrive when we support one another as a school community.

By wearing our spirit wear, we celebrate our island roots, our shared pride, and the strong connections that make BICS such a special place to learn and grow.





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

Please have your child ready to exit the car when you arrive to keep traffic moving smoothly. If your child needs help getting out, we kindly ask that you park and walk them over instead of stopping in the drop-off zone.

Thank you for helping keep everyone safe and efficient.



VOLUNTEER AND PARENT ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

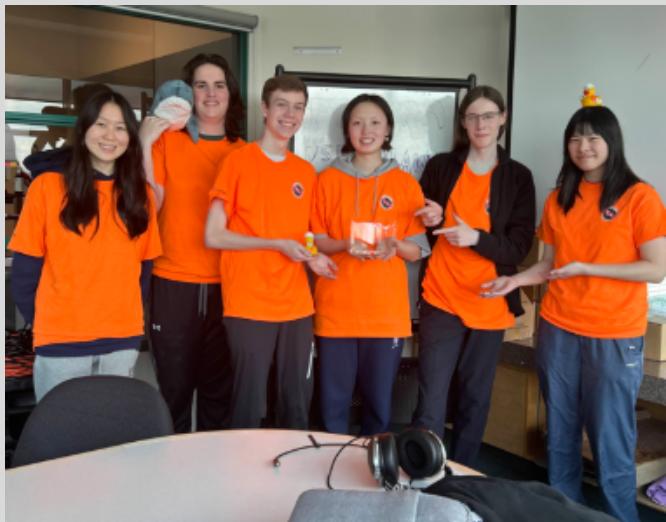
- PAC Volunteers (hot lunch, events).
- Connect with your child's classroom teacher to find out ways to help (reading, hands-on activities, field trips, etc.).
- BICS Garden: We are looking for parents and community members to revitalize our school gardens. Email the school if you are interested (BICS@wvschools.ca).
- Coffee and Conversation with admin and staff: Connect casually Feb. 5th from 8:30-9:30 am in the non-fiction side of the library.

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://westvancouverschools.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://westvancouverschools.ca/admissions/>

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

DPAC parent evening with Sarah Ward on Executive Functioning

Sarah Ward is an internationally recognized expert in executive function. Her practical, research-informed strategies are widely regarded as groundbreaking in supporting student learning and independence.

Drawing from executive function coaching approaches used with elementary, secondary, post-secondary students and adults, this session will help build academic success by exploring time management, task prioritization, long-term project planning and the development of independent learning habits.

REGISTER HERE

KAY MEEK THEATRE 6:30 -
1700 MATHERS AVE 8:30 PM
WEST VANCOUVER

Wednesday, January 28th
\$20 per ticket



Registration Link:
<https://kaymeek.com/events/dpac-parent-evening-sarah-ward-on-executive-functioning-2024-01-28-450-pm-seats/>

Understand

Parents will gain a clear, reassuring understanding of how executive function skills develop over time, why children may struggle with organization and time management, and what is developmentally typical at different ages.

Learn

Parents will learn practical, easy-to-use strategies they can apply at home to strengthen their child's time awareness, organization, study routines and follow-through for academic success.

Winter 2026 • Family Literacy Week 2026

Family Snacks & Stories

For children of all ages & their families



Sunday
January 25
1:00-2:30 pm
Bowen Island Library

Celebrate Family Literacy Week with us! Try some new snacks and stories & explore the library's cookbook collection.

All ages – Parents/guardians must attend with children.

Registration Required!
Register Here 



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



Family Snacks & Stories All Ages

Celebrate Family Literacy Week with Bowen Library! Try some new snacks and stories & explore the library's cookbook collection, for families and children of all ages.

Sunday, January 25, 1-2:30 pm in the Library Annex. Please register at: bipl.ca/steam

FAMILY LITERACY WEEK on Bowen Island

Family Literacy Week Take-Home Kits

Presented by the Bowen Island Public Library

Drop by the library from January 25 – 30 to pick up a free kit. Available while supplies last.

Family Snacks & Stories

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Sunday, January 25; 1 PM -2:30 PM

Try some new snacks and stories & explore the library's cookbook collection.

For children of all ages and their caregivers. Register at: bipl.ca/steam

Winter Storybook Picnic

Presented by Bowen Children's Centre & Bowen Island Family Place

Tuesday, January 27 @ Bowen Island Family Place, 10 am – noon

Bring your picnic blankets and your favourite fuzzy friend for our Winter Storybook Picnic! For children ages 2-5 with their caregivers. To register, email: coordinator@bowenislandfamilyplace.com

Multicultural Potluck Dinner

Presented by BIM Community Recreation in coordination with the Bowen Literacy Task Group

Wednesday, January 28, Royal Canadian Legion, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Celebrate Family Literacy Week with food, stories, and community! Join us for a multicultural potluck dinner celebrating learning, culture, and connection around the table. This is a free event but registration is required.

Bowen Island Family Week Celebration is an initiative of the **Bowen Island Literacy Task Group**, whose members include: Bowen Island Public Library, the Hearth, Arts on Bowen, BIM Community Recreation, Bowen Island Museum & Archives, Bowen Island Children's Centre, Bowen Island Community School, and the Bowen Island Health Centre.

For more details on each event, check out: facebook.com/BowenLiteracyTaskGroup

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.

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

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