



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 take part in a **Bookmark Reading Challenge** with 10 activities to complete for a chance to win prizes. Please remember to return completed bookmarks next Monday.

Classes will also work together to **create a school-wide story**, which will be shared on Thursday.

Special theme days include:

- **Tuesday:** Dress as your favourite book character
- **Wednesday:** Whole-school D.E.A.R. reading time
- **Thursday:** Flashlight reading day (bring a flashlight)

We look forward to a great week of literacy fun!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, January 19th

- Hot Lunch Orders due
- Student Council Meeting
- Co-ed Basketball Practice at lunch
- Div. 2 Mt. Seymour Snowshoeing

Tuesday, January 20th

- **TIDAL WAVE TUESDAY** – Wear your BICS Spirit Wear
- Boys Basketball Practice at 7:45am
- Girls Basketball Practice at lunch
- Basketball Game #1

Wednesday, January 21st

- Rockridge visits BICS for Grade 7s
- Girls Basketball Practice at 7:45am

Thursday, January 22nd

Friday, January 23rd

- Multiples Spirit Day (dress the same as some friends)
- Boys Basketball Practice at lunch



UPCOMING DATES

January 27th

- School Lockdown Drill (see email)
- Grade 6 Vaccination Clinic

January 28th

- Div. 3 Field Trip to MOV
- Community Potluck at the Legion
- Sarah Ward Parent Evening at Kay Meek Theatre (see below for more information)

January 30th

- Pro-D Day (school not in session)



BICS PAC CORNER

Hot Lunch Term 2 2026 : January 23 – March 13

- HOT LUNCH: [ORDER LINK](https://munchalunch.com/login)
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- **ORDER DEADLINE:** January 19, 2026 11:00PM
 - [Lunches will not be available to order after this date. Please be sure to order BEFORE this date.](#)

Thank you to our PAC for supporting the purchase of new books for primary home reading program. Our learners will soon be bringing home a greater variety of “just-right” books to practise the reading skills they are learning at school.

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!

READING SUGGESTIONS

- The Most Magnificent Thing* by Ashley Spires
- What do you do with a Chance* by Kobi Yamada
- The Invisible String* by Patrice Karst

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.



DPAC *parent evening with* Sarah Ward on Executive Functioning

Wednesday, January 28th
\$20 per ticket

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
1700 MATHERS AVE
WEST VANCOUVER
6:30 -
8:30 PM

What Parents will Gain From This Evening

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.



Make mealtime
family learning time

Family Literacy Week
January 25 - February 1, 2026

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

Presented by the Bowen Island Public Library

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/flw.

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



or visit
bipl.ca/flw



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Registration Link:

<https://kaymeek.com/events/dpac-parent-evening-sarah-ward-on-executive-functioning-2026-01-28-630-pm/seats/>

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!