

Chartwell This Week, Dec 5 – Dec 9, 2022

Please remember to conduct a health assessment with your child prior to sending them to school. Please see [here](#) for more information.



CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

****Holiday Fundraisers for the next two weeks****

Used and new Toy Fundraiser to support families and children in need. Please see below for more information!

Gift cards for youth – let's help others in our community! Please bring in Gift cards or donations to purchase gift cards for local teens to have a wonderful holiday season! See below.

Monday

Tuesday

- Hot Lunch

Wednesday

- 8:15am – 11:00am Choir will be singing at ICBC and Park Royal Mall
- Hot Lunch

Thursday

- Hot lunch
- Anything but a backpack spirit day:
 - Bring your supplies and lunch to school in anything but a backpack. Be creative and earn a point for your treehouse.

Friday

- Treehouse Colour Day, Pancake Breakfast and Holiday Movie
 - All students are invited to come to school at 8:15am to have a pancake breakfast with their treehouse group. A holiday movie will be playing as well. This is not mandatory but is an invitation to join our community in a fun event.
 - Parent volunteers will be needed beginning at 7:45am. Please contact Imagrath@wvschools.ca if you are able to help.
 - Students should wear their treehouse colour to school.

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 10th: Pick up for Plants and Purdy's - check your email for times

Dec. 12th: Div 4 and 5 to HR Macmillan Space Centre

- Ugly Sweater Day: Wear an ugly holiday sweater today!

Dec. 13th:

- Tree Topper Day: Show off your favourite holiday hat!

Dec. 14th: 1:30pm-2:30pm Winter Holiday Concert and Family Sing a long

- Rock your Holiday Socks: Wear holiday socks to school!

Dec. 15th:

- Holiday Accessories: Wear necklaces, antlers, bells, ribbons, etc.

Dec. 16th: Early Dismissal at 12:10pm/Report Cards published to Family Portal

- PJ Day: Wear your pajamas to school and start the holiday in comfort.
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School Information

Toy Drive Initiative

Please help us to make someone's holiday a little brighter by contributing to a toy drive! All toys, regardless of condition, will be accepted. Toys in good shape will be gifted to the BC Children's Hospital, the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau, and local charity thrift stores or new parent organizations. Even broken toys are acceptable; they will be recycled properly to divert waste from landfills. We will be setting up the donation boxes outside our office from December 5th to December 15th.

Youth to Youth Gift Card Campaign

Students are asked to imagine what they wish to receive this holiday season. With this personal wish list in mind, students can purchase a gift card (with an approximate \$20 value) to their favourite stores. These cards are collected at school and will be dropped off at the North Shore Christmas Bureau and made available to families in our toy shop. These invaluable cards give the true gift of dignity of choice. They enable teens and youth to be included in areas that are not typically financially accessible to them.

Recommended stores: BestBuy, London Drugs, Sephora, fast food restaurants such as McDonalds, Starbucks, "Happy Teen" gift cards, Park Royal gift card.

Hot Lunch – If your child is absent and you have ordered hot lunch, please phone the school by 12:30pm to advise if you would like to pick up your child's hot lunch for that day. After 12:45pm, the lunch may be shared with students who have not brought their lunch or have not brought sufficient food that day. Thanks for your understanding.

Student and Family Affordability Fund:

The Ministry of Education has provided West Vancouver Schools \$650,000, a one-time funding for us to make the 22/23 school year more affordable for students and families in need. We have now received the funding for our 18 schools and have allocated the money based on the specific needs of each of our school communities. Our allocation:

- Will allow schools to cover costs for school fees, school supplies or other school related costs for students in need
- Some funds will be used to benefit large groups of both elementary and secondary students

Families are encouraged to reach out to their principal if any financial support is needed for school-based supplies, fees or activities.

Sentinel Grade 7 Into 8 Family Information Meeting: Wednesday January 11, 2023, at 6:30 PM

Parents, Guardians and Students please join us on Wednesday January 11th at 6:30 pm for our Sentinel Secondary School Open House. You will hear from Staff, Students and Administration about all things Sentinel! *Once a Spartan, Always a Spartan!*

- *Refreshments and School Tours*
- *Sentinel Secondary School and Wide Variety of Courses Available*
- *Specialty Programs like Advanced Placement, French Immersion and Academy Information*
- *Grade 8 Curriculum, Timetabling, and Opportunities*
- *Making a Successful Transition to High School*
- *Extra-curricular Activities*

Community News

Sample Toy Drive Media Release

Please click [Sample Toy Drive Media Release.pdf](#) on this link for more information.

Programs at West Vancouver Community Centre & Gleneagles Community Centre

For School age children's programs during the holidays, visit: <https://westvancouverrec.ca/school-age/winter-break>

The registrations for the Winter 2023 & Spring Break programs open on Wednesday, December 7th, 8am for West Vancouver residents.

- New after-school program for 7-9 years old, **Recess**: <https://westvancouverrec.ca/school-age/learning/games>
- 2023 Winter Pro-D Day Camps: <https://westvancouverrec.ca/school-age/camps/pro-d-day-camps>
- Music for All Ages: <https://westvancouverrec.ca/music>
- Language Classes for Various Ages: <https://westvancouverrec.ca/languages>
- Spring Break Camps: <https://westvancouverrec.ca/school-age/spring-break/spring-break>

IPALS Program

IPALS (Immigrant Parents as Literacy Supporters) is a Federally funded **Literacy Program for newcomer families** for children between the ages of 3-5 years old. Due to funding requirements *priority* registration is given to those with a Permanent Resident card.

This amazing literacy program runs out of the Hollyburn StrongStart Room and begins on January 9th ending March 7th. West Vancouver Schools is offering two sessions open to all newcomer families: Mondays 12:00 – 2:30pm (*with Mandarin translation*) and Tuesdays 5:00 – 7:30pm (*with Farsi translation*).

Please see the [attached flyer](#) for registration details.

If you have any questions about this program, please reach out to Deanna DeVita - DDeVita@wvschools.ca

Dundarave Festival of Lights 2022

Dundarave Festival of Lights December 3, 2022

Free Concerts Concession will be open with hot drinks and snacks

4pm West Van Youth Band and lighting ceremony. EVERYONE WELCOME!

Check dundaravefestival.com for updates.

Holiday Events and Activities:

<https://westvancouverrec.ca/general-information/holiday-happenings>

Newcomer Programs

Please see links below for language classes for newcomers

[Language Class Fall 2022 8.5x11.pdf](#)

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West Vancouver Little League Baseball

Spend your Spring playing West Van Little League baseball. Kids ages 5-16 are invited to play and all experience levels are welcome. It's a great way to develop new skills while having fun with old and new friends in the community. Registration is open wvll.ca