

**December 21, 2023**

**HAPPY HOLIDAY WISHES**

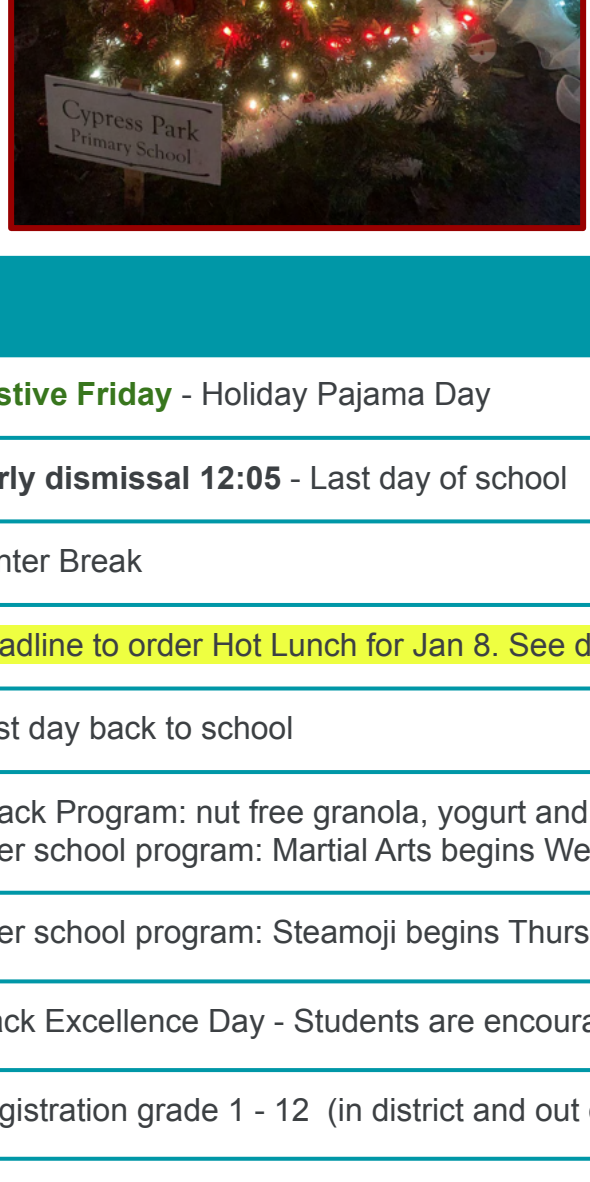
Warmest wishes of the season from our family to yours.  
Happy New Year 2024.



*Thank You*

On behalf of the staff, we wish to thank our parent community for your very generous gift cards and lovely gifts this week. Thank you for your kindness!

All West Vancouver Schools will be closed between December 23rd through to January 7th. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday, January 8th!

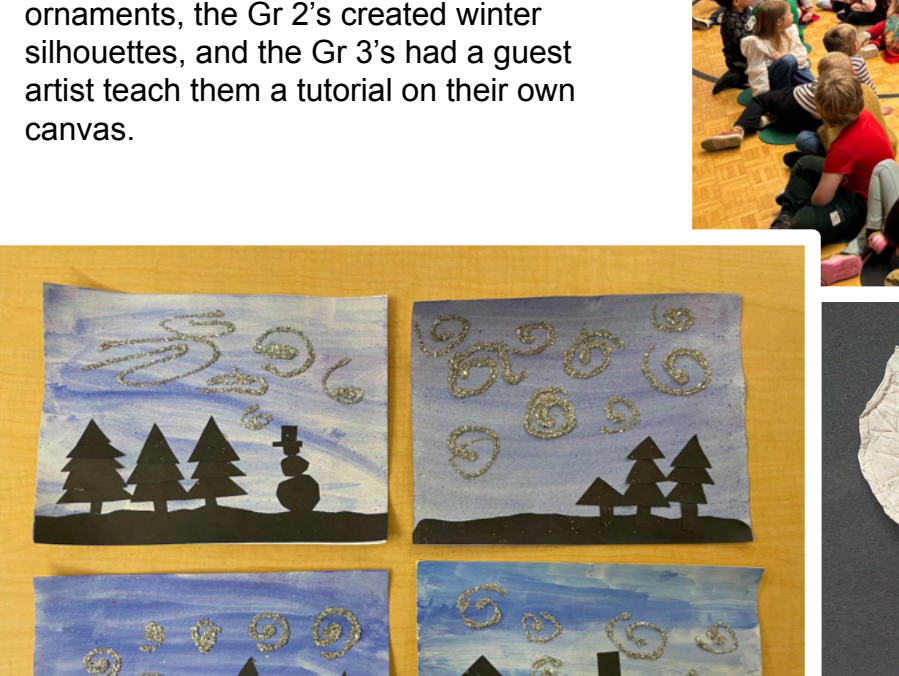


**LOOKING AHEAD**

<b>December 22</b>	<b>Festive Friday</b> - Holiday Pajama Day
	<b>Early dismissal 12:05</b> - Last day of school
<b>Dec 25 - January 5</b>	Winter Break
<b>Dec 29</b>	<b>Deadline to order Hot Lunch for Jan 8. See details below in PAC section</b>
<b>January 8</b>	First day back to school
<b>January 10</b>	Snack Program: nut free granola, yogurt and raisins After school program: Martial Arts begins Wednesdays until March 13
<b>January 11</b>	After school program: Steamoji begins Thursdays until March 14
<b>January 15</b>	Black Excellence Day - Students are encouraged to wear black
<b>January 15</b>	Registration grade 1 - 12 (in district and out of district)
<b>January 29</b>	Professional Development Day - school not in session

**PAJAMA DAY TOMORROW! - REMINDER 12 NOON DISMISSAL**

**FESTIVE FRIDAYS**

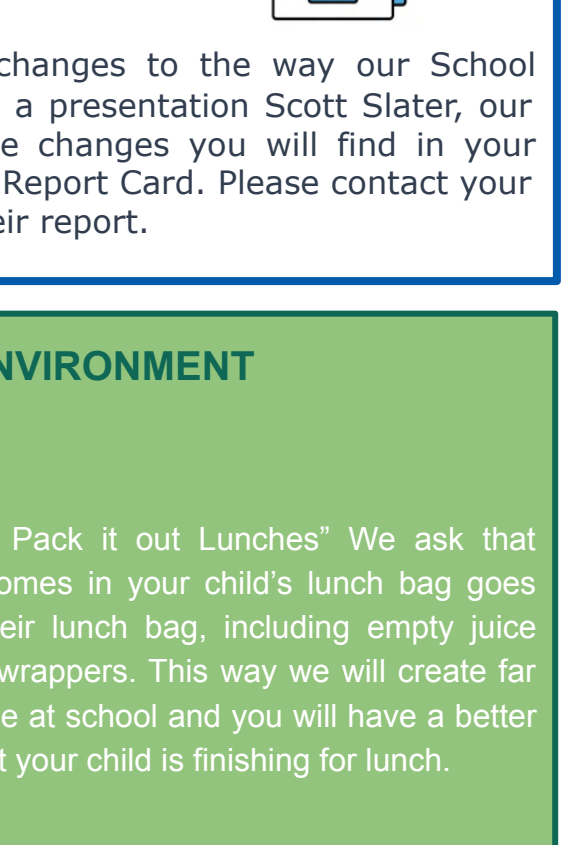
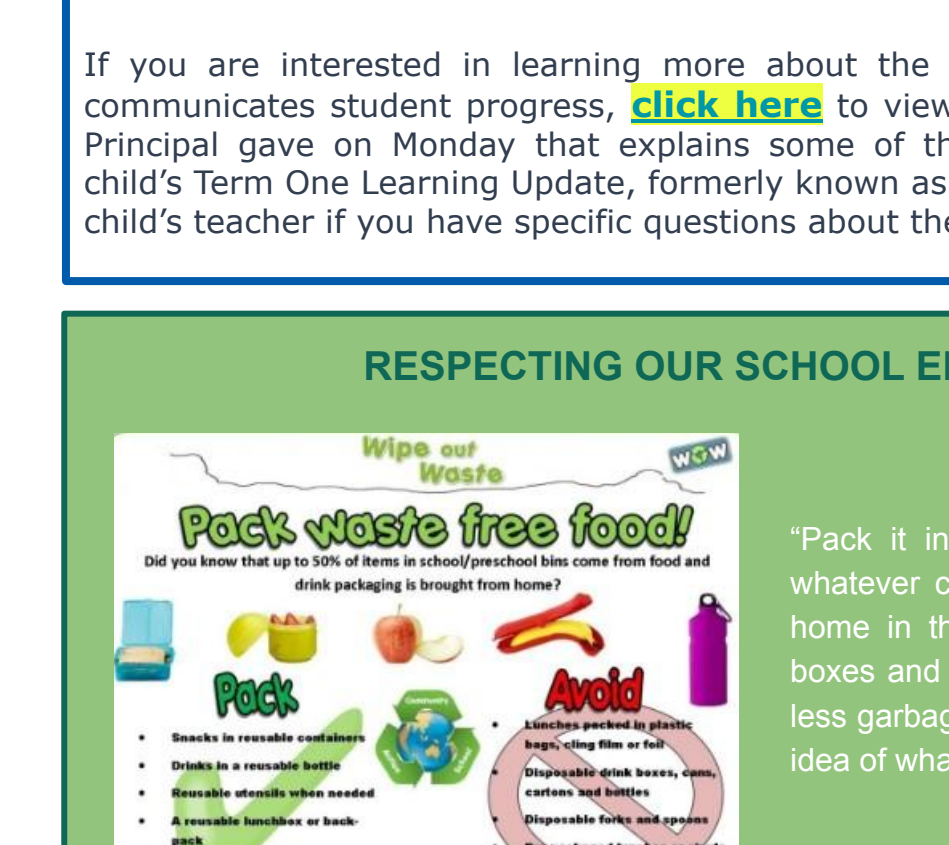
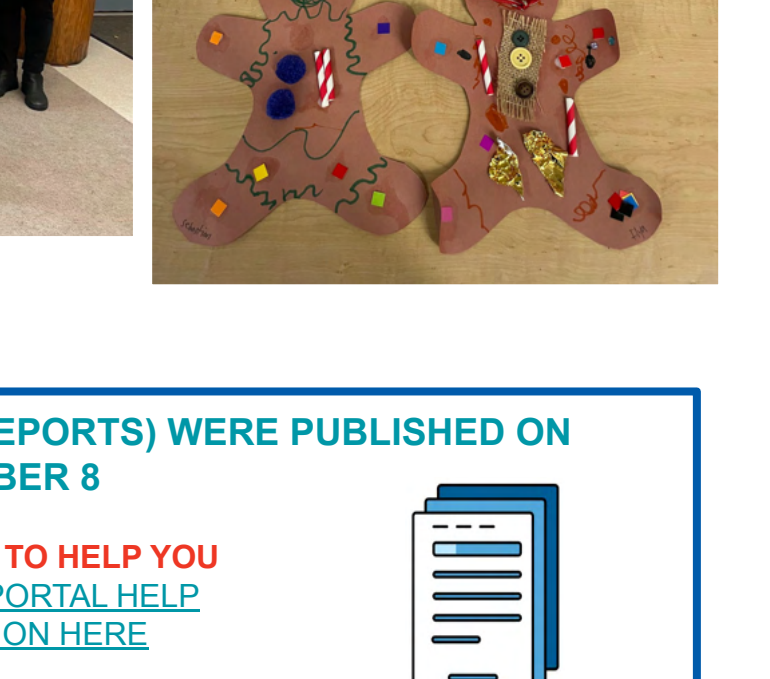
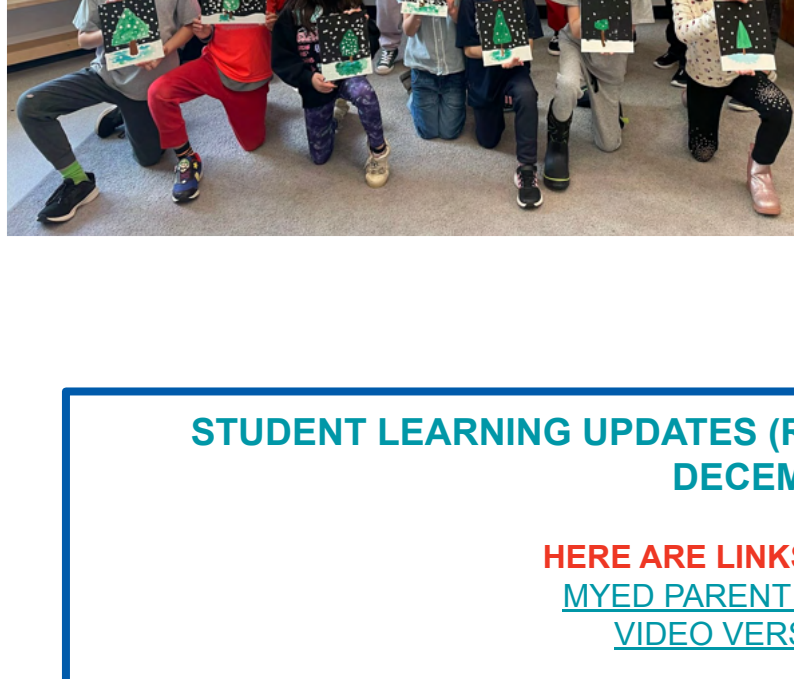


**SING A LONG**

Thank you for joining us for the Cypress Park sing-a-long. This is a wonderful school tradition where we can come together to celebrate the season as a community. A special thank you to Mdm. Oancea!

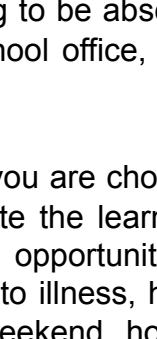
**FESTIVE ART**

Our K's decorated their own gingerbread people, the Gr 1's made leaf pressed ornaments, and the Gr 2's created winter silhouettes, and the Gr 3's had a guest artist teach them a tutorial on their own canvas.



**STUDENT LEARNING UPDATES (REPORTS) WERE PUBLISHED ON DECEMBER 8**

HERE ARE LINKS TO HELP YOU  
[MYED PARENT PORTAL HELP](#)  
[VIDEO VERSION HERE](#)



If you are interested in learning more about the changes to the way our School communicates student progress, [click here](#) to view a presentation Scott Slater, our Principal gave on Monday that explains some of the changes you will find in your child's Term One Learning Update, formerly known as Report Card. Please contact your child's teacher if you have specific questions about their report.

**RESPECTING OUR SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT**



"Pack it in Pack it out Lunches" We ask that whatever comes in your child's lunch bag goes home in their lunch bag, including empty juice boxes and wrappers. This way we will create far less garbage at school and you will have a better idea of what your child is finishing for lunch.

**EXTENDED HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TIME** If your child is going to be absent from school please email your classroom teacher and call (604-981-1330) our school office, or email Ms. Thoma at [ethoma@wvschools.ca](mailto:ethoma@wvschools.ca) to let us know.

**VOLUNTARY ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL** Please understand that if you are choosing to take extended holidays when classes are in session, teachers cannot replicate the learning that happens within the classroom and are not able to provide online learning opportunities. Our teachers do their very best to support students during required absences due to illness, however, when the absence is voluntary and a family's choice (such as extending a weekend, holiday, or vacation), it is a family's responsibility to maintain academic learning at home. Please take time to read with your child, have them write in a "holiday" journal, and take advantage of other opportunities to practice foundational skills (e.g. following instructions and using math while cooking). Families may email their child's teacher(s) to see if there is other work their child can do, however, our teachers' energy and focus continues to be on the learning and safety of students within the classroom.

**IN PREPARATION OF WINTER WEATHER**

[CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION](#)

[CYPRESS PARK WEBSITE](#)

[YEAR TO DATE CALENDAR 2023-2024](#)

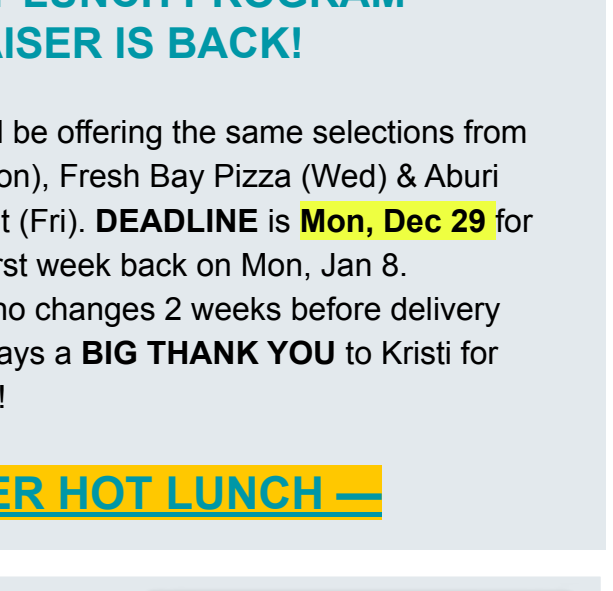
[CYPRESS PARK PLAYGROUND RULES](#)

[CYPRESS PARK BELL TIMES](#)

**PAC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PAC MEETING UPDATE**

♥ Thanks to everyone for joining us last night for the PAC meeting & some holiday cheer!  
**What does the PAC do? What does it pay for?**  
[CLICK HERE](#) to find out more & view our PAC presentation, budget updates, photos, thanks & more.



**THE HOT LUNCH PROGRAM FUNDRAISER IS BACK!**

The PAC will be offering the same selections from Well Fed (Mon), Fresh Bay Pizza (Wed) & Aburi Sushi Market (Fri). **DEADLINE is Mon, Dec 29** for orders the first week back on Mon, Jan 8. Reminder - no changes 2 weeks before delivery date. As always a **BIG THANK YOU** to Kristi for coordinating!

[ORDER HOT LUNCH](#)

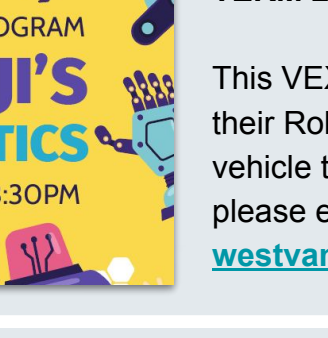
**FUNDING FUTURES – HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK**

**– SPONSOR TODAY –**

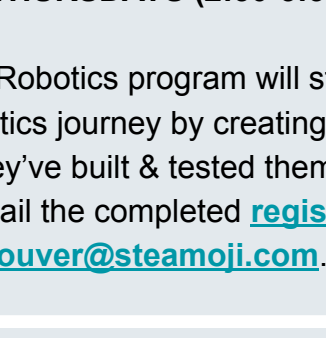
What a great holiday performance by our students last week! It's amazing to see what they were able to learn in just a week of dance workshops. If you'd like to see more of this again next year, please consider sponsoring one of these initiatives.



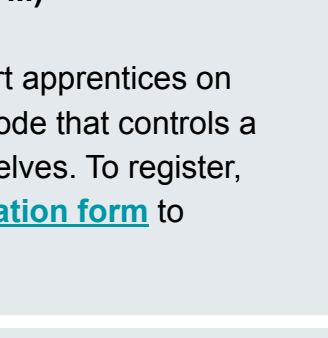
JESS DANCE WORKSHOPS  
CAD\$200.00



ADRIENNE GEAR BOOK SUBSCRIPTION



MOVIE & PJ NIGHT  
CAD\$75.00



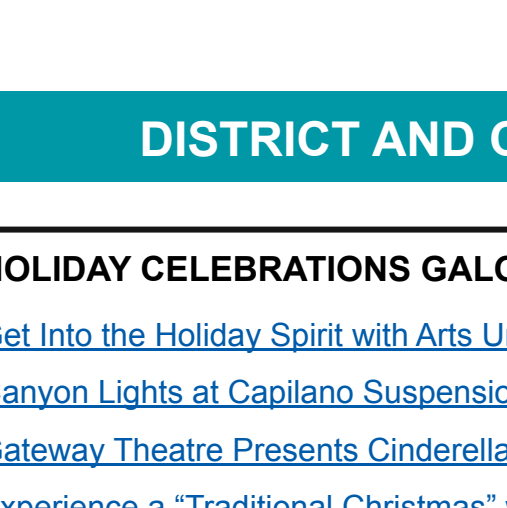
DUNDARAVE TREE  
CAD\$75.00

**MARTIAL ARTS – AFTER SCHOOL TERM 2: WEDNESDAYS (2:30-3:30PM)**

Alchemy Mixed Martial arts is excited to launch a unique program that focuses on body coordination, emotional awareness & physical literacy. A variety of self defense techniques, as well as punches, kicks & grappling will also be taught. To register, please email [joelgmma@gmail.com](mailto:joelgmma@gmail.com) or [learn more](#).



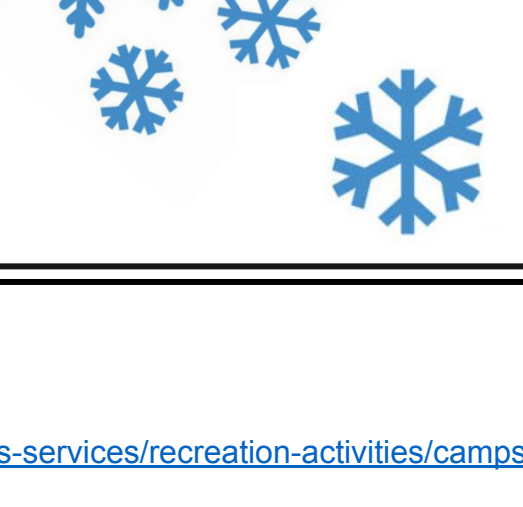
**STEAMOJI'S – AFTER SCHOOL TERM 2: THURSDAYS (2:30-3:30PM)**



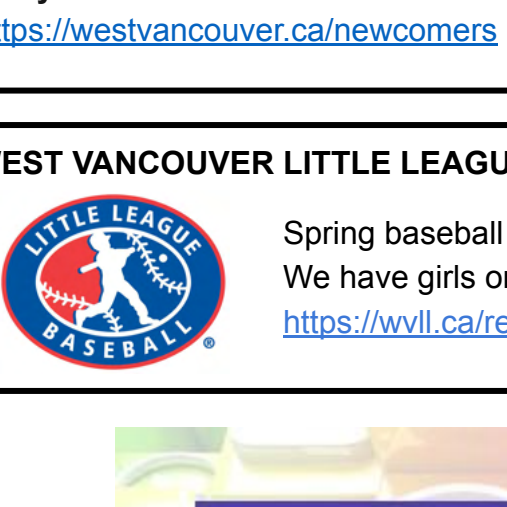
This VEX Robotics program will start apprentices on their Robotics journey by creating code that controls a vehicle they've built & tested themselves. To register, please email the completed [registration form](#) to [westvancouver@steamoji.com](mailto:westvancouver@steamoji.com).

**VIP PARKING – SILENT AUCTION BID FOR A CHANCE TO WIN VIP PARKING SPOT**

- WHAT? 2 Designated VIP Parking spots available for silent auction (Term 2: Jan - Mar)
- CURRENT TOP BID: \$700
- HOW? Send bids to [info.paccpp@gmail.com](mailto:info.paccpp@gmail.com)
- DEADLINE? Friday, December 22



**BREWING SUCCESS GIFT CARD SALE FUNDRAISER**

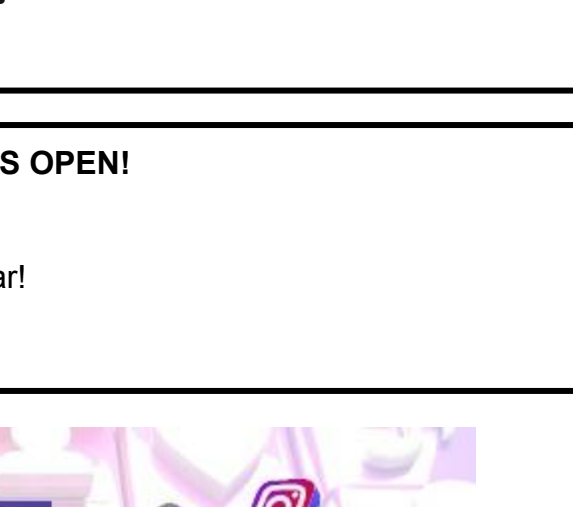


Great for holiday gifts & stocking stuffers! Isetta, Casa Mia Cucina & The Orchard have generously agreed to donate back 15% of all gift cards that we sell. Please etransfer to [info.paccpp@gmail.com](mailto:info.paccpp@gmail.com) with the amount you'd like to purchase & which coffee shop.

**DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS GALORE!**

- [Get Into the Holiday Spirit with Arts Umbrella Mixed Nuts](#)
- [Canyon Lights at Capilano Suspension Bridge](#)
- [Gateway Theatre Presents Cinderella](#)
- [Experience a "Traditional Christmas" with the VSO](#)
- [Santa in the Country at Glenda's Christmas Cottage](#)
- [Best Christmas Light Displays in Metro Vancouver](#)



**CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN METRO VANCOUVER 2023**

**WEST VANCOUVER REC CENTRE HAPPENINGS**

Winter Break camp registrations are now open:  
<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities/camps>

Browse your recreation activities and programs here:  
<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities>

Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us:  
<https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers>

**WEST VANCOUVER LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**



Spring baseball for ages 5-16  
We have girls only programs this year!  
<https://wvll.ca/registration/>

**Cybersafe from Exploitation**  
Parent Presentation

**What does exploitation have to do with cyber safety?**  
Most often times referred to as "sexual exploitation", it involves a minor being taken advantage of sexually. The majority of sexual exploitation is now facilitated digitally through gaming platforms, social media, love stream, and more. Forms of online sexual exploitation include grooming by predatory people, digital blackmail, intimate image sharing, or sugar daddy scams.

**What you'll learn:**  
Our approach to cyber safety is to address the root causes that would lead to exploitation, as well as provide tangible strategies to break down vulnerabilities that would lead children and youth into online sexual exploitation. Some topics covered include:

- Defining sexual exploitation and why online poses more risk
- Current online exploitation trends
- Effective language to use when talking to kids/teens
- The red flags and warning signs of grooming
- Sexting, digital consent, and the law
- Digital blackmail into sextortion, trends, and what to do
- Information sharing: What is and is not okay
- High risk behaviours on social media platforms
- Addressing risks associated with online gaming platforms
- Age of consent laws and how they can help you as a parent/teen
- How to have effective conversations with your child/teen

Jan 23, 2024 7:00PM  
Kay Meek Arts Centre

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