

February 29, 2024

DISTRICT EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION UPDATE

Text Messaging – For parents/guardians who would like to be notified of a school emergency such as power outages, severe weather or safety alerts via SMS

Please text a "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 to ensure you are on the list.

LOOKING AHEAD

March 1	Spirit Wear Day
March 8	Spirit Wear Day International Women's Day
March 10	Daylight Savings - clocks spring forward 1 hour
March 12	Ramadan begins
March 14	Nowruz celebration in the gym. Parents invited at 2:35.
March 15	Term 2 student reports posted to MyEd Parent Portal Last day of classes - Spring Break
April 2	First day back to school

PINK SHIRT DAY - FEBRUARY 28th

We had a great day celebrating our inclusive school community. It was wonderful to see how many students participated by wearing pink. Our whole school assembly focused on this year's theme "LIFT EACH OTHER UP" by reading the book *One* by Kathryn Otoshi. Our Grade 3 leaders shared important messages about being **Caring, Principled, Communicators**. They also reviewed what is and what is *not* bullying and what students can do to be an "UPSTANDER". We all are responsible for making our school a happy, healthy and inclusive environment where everyone feels like they belong!

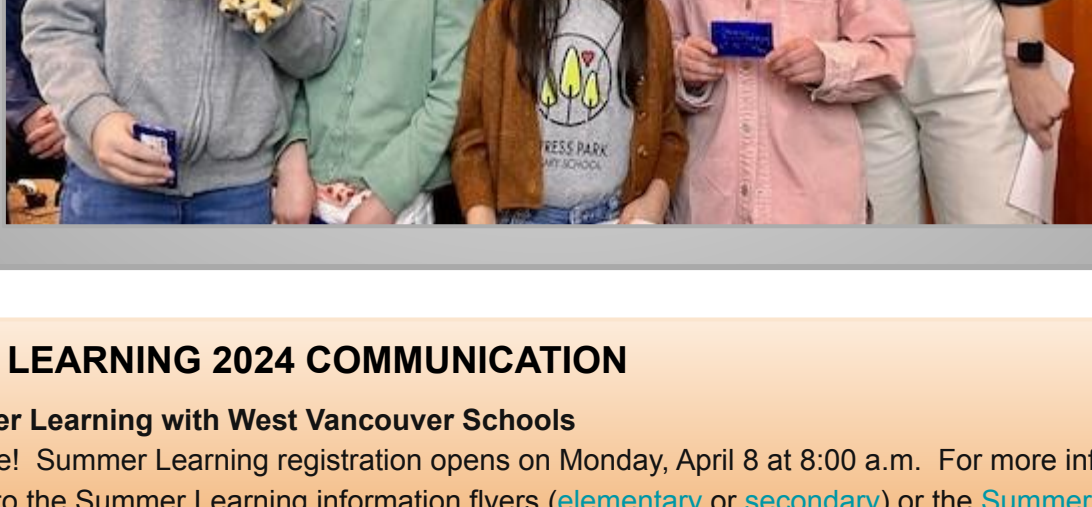


IS IT BULLYING?

- NOT NICE** When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they only do it once ...
That is **Not Nice**
- MEAN** When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they only do it once ...
That is **Mean**
- BULLYING** When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it over a period of time, even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset ...
That is **Bullying**

BOARD of EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT

Last week, Cypress Park staff and students presented to the West Vancouver Board of Education about the connection between animals that are meaningful to the Squamish People and the IB learner profile traits. Isabella, Poppy, Khalysa and Taylor were risk-takers and effective communicators as they shared their inquiry projects. We are looking forward to hearing from all Gr 3's as they share their projects with the rest of the school community in the coming weeks.

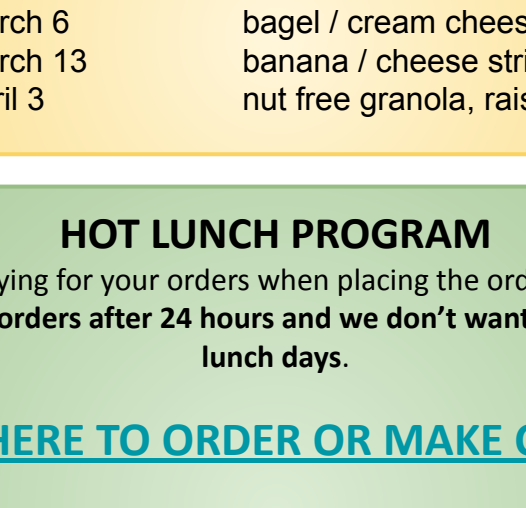


SUMMER LEARNING 2024 COMMUNICATION

2024 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools
Save the date! Summer Learning registration opens on Monday, April 8 at 8:00 a.m. For more information, please refer to the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or the [Summer Learning Website](#).

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

We have quite a few items collecting in our lost and found blue box. Please encourage your child/ren to come and reclaim their lost items. Items that are not claimed will be packed up on the morning of 12 March and dropped off at the Salvation Army. Our blue box is located just inside the foyer entrance door.



K-3 STUDENT SNACK SCHEDULE

- March 6 bagel / cream cheese
- March 13 banana / cheese string
- April 3 nut free granola, raisins and yogurt

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

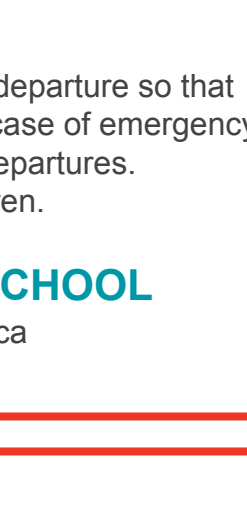
Please make sure you are paying for your orders when placing the order or soon after. **The system is designed to delete any unpaid orders after 24 hours and we don't want anyone missing out on their hot lunch days.**

[LOGIN HERE TO ORDER OR MAKE CHANGES](#)

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR OWN UTENSILS
Please ensure your child has their own reusable utensils for their lunches

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



ARRIVING LATE - SET THOSE ALARMS

The most crucial learning hours of a school day are often in the morning. Arriving late means students can miss out on this learning as well as efforts to set the stage for the day and sometimes disrupt the learning of others.

If families are finding it difficult to arrive on time, please connect with your child's teacher so that we can support you and your child.

LEAVING EARLIER THAN 2:35 PM

Please email your child's teacher AND the office **on the morning** of the early departure so that teaching staff are aware. Unscheduled student pick up should only occur in the case of emergency. Students are responsible for getting themselves to the office for early departures.

IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE - ethoma@wvschools.ca or call 604-981-1330

WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Things to consider if your child feels unwell :

- Without proper rest, a child may have a hard time fighting an illness or be at risk for other illnesses.
- The ability of your child to actively take part and learn at school.
- The school staff cannot care for a sick child and give them the support that they may need.
- The protection of other children

Please keep your child home if they :

- Have a fever
- Are too sick to take part in all normal school activities
- Have a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox or measles)
- Is vomiting or has diarrhea. It is recommended that students be symptom free for at least 24 hours before returning to School.



More information can be found online at [Vancouver Coastal Health link](#) [vch.ca](#)

CYPRESS PARK WEBSITE

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

[CYPRESS PARK PLAYGROUND RULES](#)

[CYPRESS PARK BELL TIMES](#)

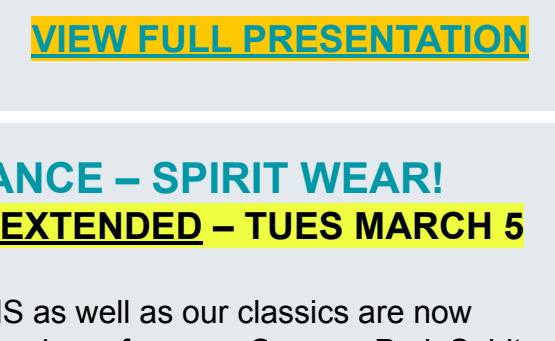
PAC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAC MEETING UPDATE

Did you know that 87% of government funding for Education goes towards salaries? This leaves only 13% for classroom expenses (Vancouver Sun).

Our students & teachers deserve support & this is one of the reasons why the PAC is so important. Here are the PAC sponsored items from last month:

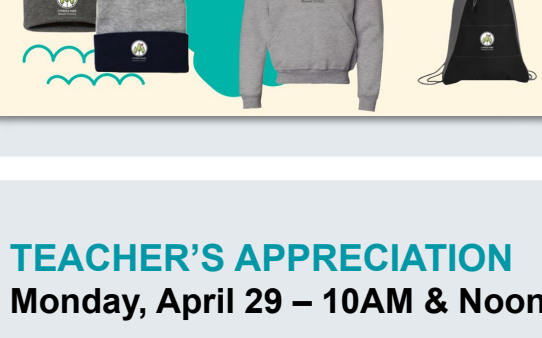
- Books: \$1304.49
- Library scanner: \$93.92
- Projector Adapter: \$15.11
- Watercolour paper: \$190.46
- Paint: \$107.07
- Chair bands: \$17.01
- Lacrosse supplies: \$82.68
- Foam frisbees: \$77.41
- Crochet hooks: \$14.64
- Yarn: \$17.91
- Sidewalk chalk: \$42.79
- Lunar New Year: \$421
- Saleema Noon: \$420



[VIEW FULL PRESENTATION](#)

We also covered fundraising, upcoming cultural & social events, after school programs & [more](#).

NEW SPIRIT WEAR



LAST CHANCE – SPIRIT WEAR! DEADLINE EXTENDED – TUES MARCH 5

All NEW ITEMS as well as our classics are now available for purchase from our Cypress Park Spirit Wear store for both youth & adults. Everything is available in both navy & grey. New items include:

- Long Sleeve Tee & Crewneck Sweatshirt
- Fleece Two-Tone Hooded Sweatshirt
- Ball Cap, Knit Toque, Pom-Pom Beanie
- Joggers & Varsity Activity Packs

ORDER SPIRIT WEAR TODAY

TEACHER'S APPRECIATION

Monday, April 29 – 10AM & Noon

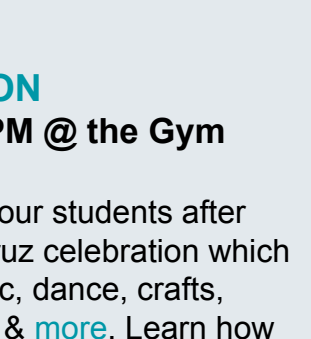
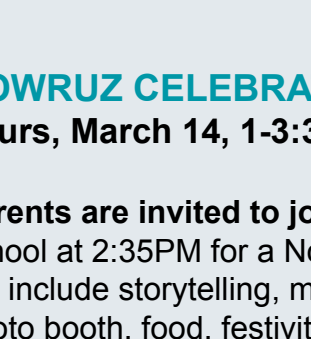
Looking for volunteers to help with the Teacher's Appreciation Lunch, making handmade "Thank You" cards for the teachers & a few others to help setup. Please email info.paccpp@gmail.com



FUNDING FUTURES – HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK

– SPONSOR TODAY –

Here are some of the PAC sponsored items from last month – please sponsor these items through [Funding Futures](#) today! Are there other resources you'd like the school to have? Let us know and we can add them!



NOWRUZ CELEBRATION

Thurs, March 14, 1-3:30PM @ the Gym

Parents are invited to join our students after school at 2:35PM for a Nowruz celebration which will include storytelling, music, dance, crafts, photo booth, food, festivities & more. Learn how to write your name in Farsi & find your birthday on the Persian Solar Hijri calendar.

A BIG THANKS to all of our parent volunteers!

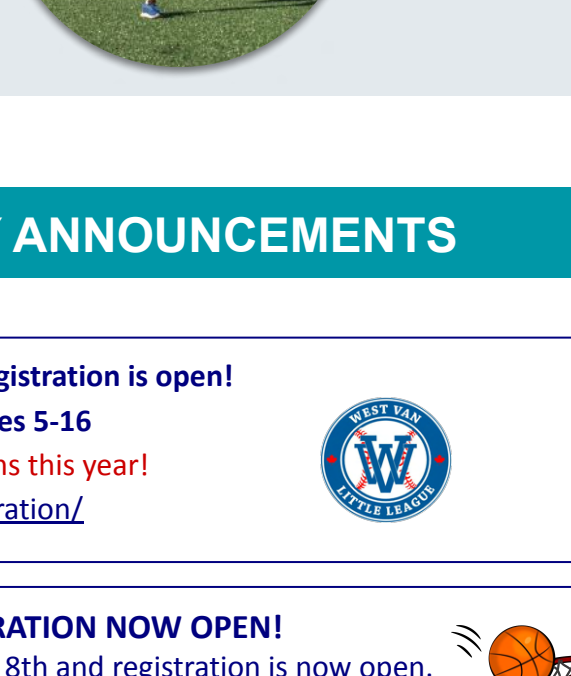
SPORTSBALL – REGISTRATION

Thurs, April 4-June 20 @ 2:40-3:40 PM – Gym

This Sportsball After School Program is for all grades & focuses on FUN, physical literacy & sport skill improvement through fun games & activities which include basketball, soccer, tennis, football, hockey, volleyball, handball & more.

Cost: \$240 + GST (12 Sessions)

REGISTER HERE TODAY



DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Vancouver Little League registration is open!

Spring baseball for ages 5-16

We have **girls only programs** this year!

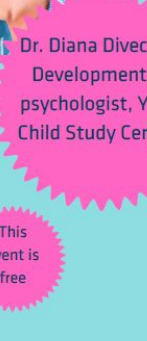
<https://wvll.ca/registration/>



VV BASKETBALL SPRING REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

The VVBC's 8-week Spring Program begins April 8th and registration is now open.

Click [HERE](#) for more info.



Hollyburn Family Services is pleased to present the following in March 2024:

CIRCLE PARENTING™ PROGRAM

DATE: Wednesday's from March 27- May 15
TIME: 6:00 to 8:00 pm
COST: Free
LOCATION: Hollyburn Family Services - 104-267 West Esplanade, North Vancouver

ELIGIBILITY: Must be the parent/caregiver of a child between the ages of 0-5 and living on the North Shore/Bowen Island.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP: Please contact Tomi Hamner by email at: hamner@hollyburn.ca or text/call: (604) 908-3673

Limited to 6 families (12-spaces)
Facilitator: Tomi Hamner

Circle of Security™ Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent/caregiver-child relationships can be supported and strengthened. This program will focus on the parent/caregiver role, reflective practice, creating secure attachment and increasing connection.

Circle of Security™ is a world of opportunity

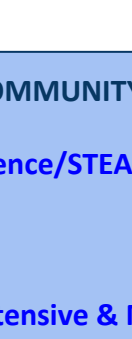
PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING WITH DIANA DIVECHA, PH.D

Children's relationships with their peers are crucial anchors of their wellbeing in every phase of development. What does the science show about how families and schools can foster supportive relationships at different ages? What's normal, and when should we help? How can we prevent or help kids recover from harmful relationship experiences?

We will hear from an expert who can offer practical advice and explain the science behind how families and schools can foster supportive relationships at different ages.

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR LINK TO THE EVENT PLEASE REGISTER AT <https://wvschools.ca>
MARCH 7TH
7PM-8:30PM
VIRTUAL

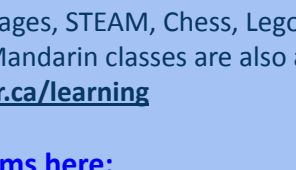
We are collecting questions from attendees in advance (attend at a live audience Q&A. Do you have questions for our speaker? Please fill out the form <https://www.hollyburn.ca>



Dr. Diana Divecha, Developmental psychologist, Yale Child Study Centre

WE ARE ALL CONNECTED: HOW FAMILIES CAN SUPPORT CHILDREN'S K - 12 PEER RELATIONSHIPS

THIS event is free



ACTIVITIES AT YOUR WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CENTRE / GLENEAGLES COMMUNITY CENTRE

Spring Break Break camps – Music, Spanish or Korean Immersion, LEGO, Arts, Science/STEAM, Sports, Gymnastics, etc.
[CLICK HERE](#)

Spring Break Intensive Group Classes Also Available for All Ages: Beginner French Intensive & Music Theory Intensive
[CLICK HERE](#)
Important Dates: Spring Program Registrations (April – June)

Spring Learning Programs
Interested in indigenous beading or cedar weaving, learning Languages, STEAM, Chess, Lego? Adult Beginner French classes available: After-School Kids' Farsi, Korean, Mandarin classes are also available.
Explore the Learning Program: www.westvancouver.ca/learning

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>

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I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, on whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides.