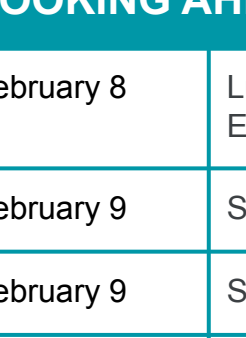


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SCIENCE WORLD FIELD TRIP - Friday, February 23rd



For those students in kindergarten, grade one, and grade two who normally receive a hot lunch on Fridays, we have cancelled your order on February 23rd, as students will be on a field trip. A credit will be applied to their munchalunch accounts. Grade three students will receive their hot lunch orders as usual.

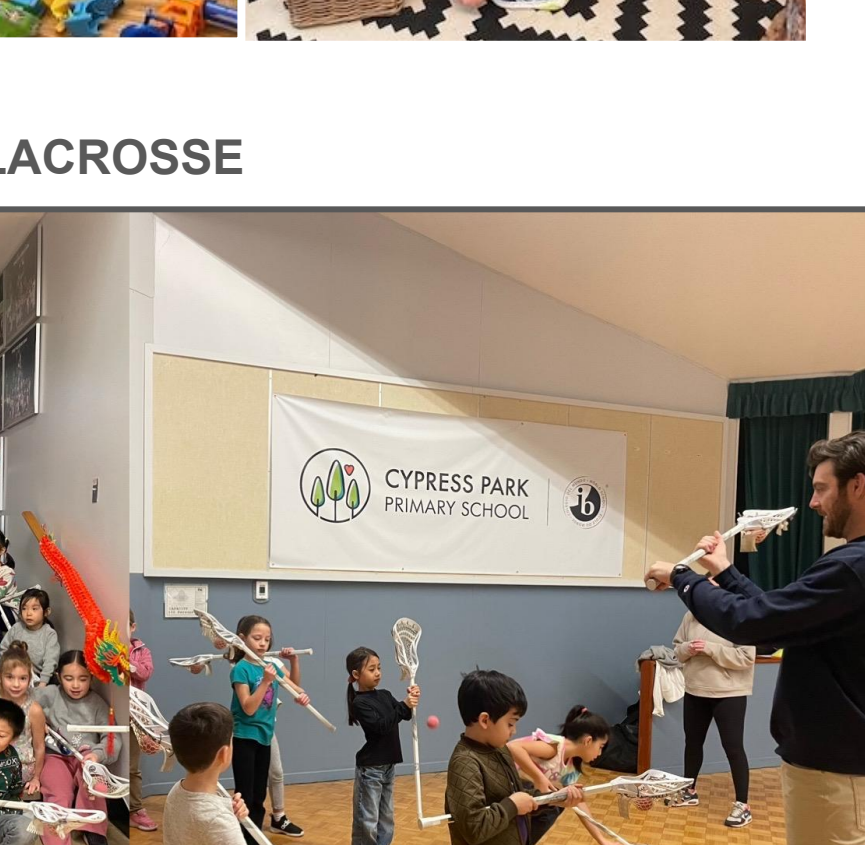
LOOKING AHEAD

February 8	Lunar New Year Celebrations at Cypress Park; Parents welcome at 2:35; Everyone is encouraged to wear red.
February 9	Saleema Noon - Student Sessions 9:00-12:00
February 9	Spirit Wear Day
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 16	Reading Break - school not in session
February 19	Family Day - stat holiday - school not in session
February 21	Mother Language Day
February 23	Grades K, Gr1, Gr2 field trip to Science World - hot lunch cancelled Payment for fieldtrip is made online at schoolcashonline
February 23	Spirit Wear Day
February 27	5:30 PM PAC Meeting - new time and location (PAC Chair's house)
February 28	Pink Shirt Day
February 29	Gr 3 skating trip with West Bay
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 15	Term 2 student reports posted to MyEd Parent Portal Last day of classes - Spring Break
March 19	Nowruz
April 2	First day back to school

GLOBAL PLAY DAY

Global Play Day celebrates the importance of play in learning and development. The goal is to promote the benefits of play in fostering creativity, social skills, problem-solving, and overall well-being.

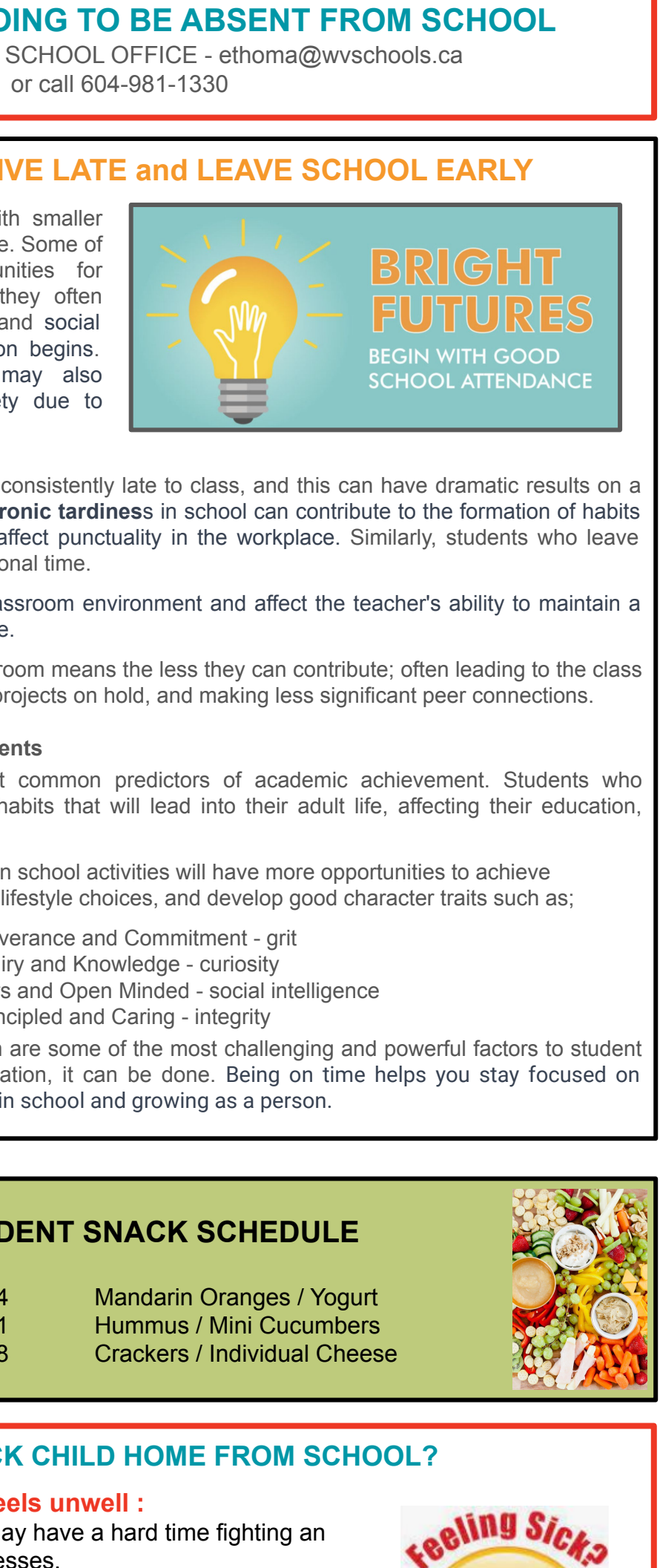
Kindergarten celebrated their favourite toy for sharing. For more information on global play day click [here](#).



LACROSSE



Did you know that Canada's National Sport is Lacrosse? Yesterday we had coach Maddie from North Shore Minor Lacrosse and Coach Kevin from the Vancouver Warriors Lacrosse team teach each class some basic skills of the sport. They shared the Indigenous history of the sport and taught some drills in a fun and engaging way. Thank you to the PAC for supporting activities to help enrich our PE classes!



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. *Please help to reinforce this change of process with your child/ren.

IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL
PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE - ethoma@wvschools.ca or call 604-981-1330

STUDENT WHO ARRIVE LATE and LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY

Good school attendance often starts with smaller steps, such as arriving and leaving on time. Some of the most important learning opportunities for students occur in the morning where they often participate in morning announcements, and social interactions with friends before instruction begins. Students who are consistently late may also experience increased stress and anxiety due to academic and social challenges.



Chronic tardiness is when students are consistently late to class, and this can have dramatic results on a student's future education and career. Chronic tardiness in school can contribute to the formation of habits that may carry over into adulthood and affect punctuality in the workplace. Similarly, students who leave school early miss out on valuable instructional time.

Consistent tardiness can disrupt the classroom environment and affect the teacher's ability to maintain a cohesive and efficient learning atmosphere.

The less time students spend in the classroom means the less they can contribute; often leading to the class being disrupted, placing group and class projects on hold, and making less significant peer connections.

On Time Students Are Successful Students
Student attendance is one of the most common predictors of academic achievement. Students who consistently miss school hours develop habits that will lead into their adult life, affecting their education, career, and social connections.

In contrast, students who participate fully in school activities will have more opportunities to achieve academically, make healthy and informed lifestyle choices, and develop good character traits such as:

- Perseverance and Commitment - grit
- Inquiry and Knowledge - curiosity
- Communicators and Open Minded - social intelligence
- Principled and Caring - integrity

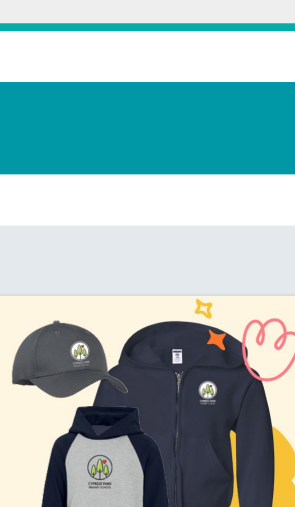
Absence and tardiness in the classroom are some of the most challenging and powerful factors to student success, but through careful self-examination, it can be done. Being on time helps you stay focused on learning and sets the stage for doing well in school and growing as a person.

K-3 STUDENT SNACK SCHEDULE

February 14	Mandarin Oranges / Yogurt
February 21	Hummus / Mini Cucumbers
February 28	Crackers / Individual Cheese

WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

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



- Please keep your child home if they :
- 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

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PAC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

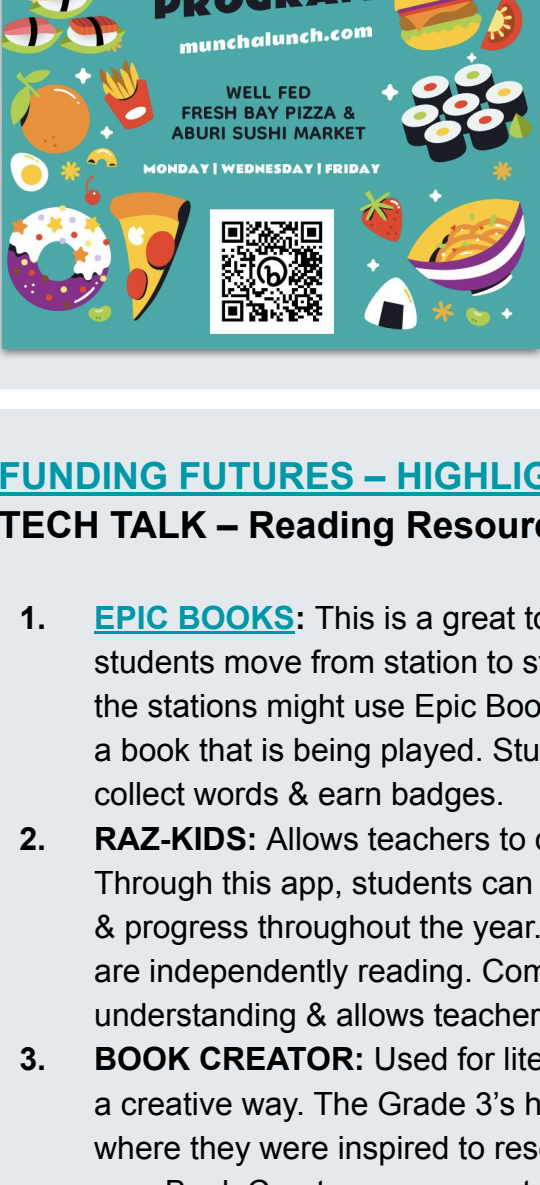
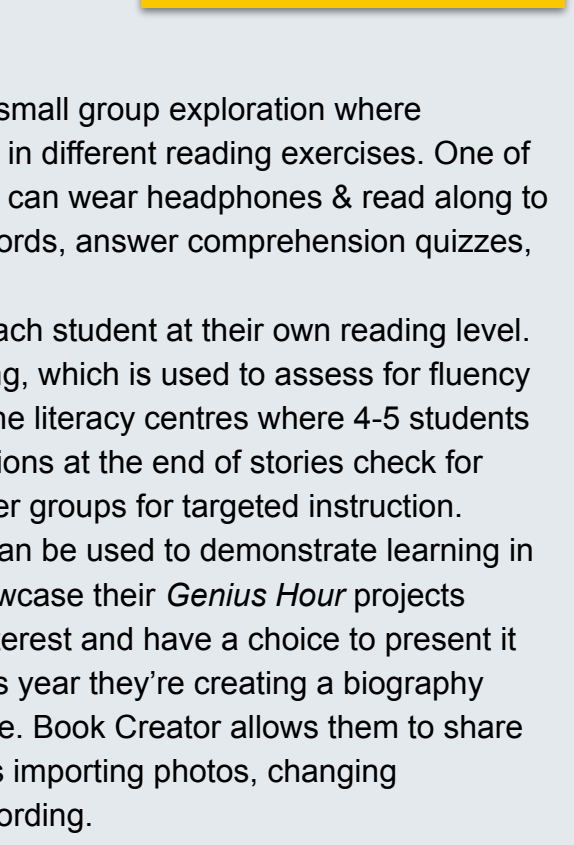
NEW SPIRIT WEAR AVAILABLE!

All NEW ITEMS as well as our classics are now available for purchase from our our Cypress Park Spirit Wear for both youth & Adults. New items:

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

T-shirts, pullover, zip-up hoodies, ball caps & joggers are available in both Navy & Grey. ORDER DEADLINE IS FEB 29.

[ORDER SPIRIT WEAR](#)



HOT LUNCH - NEW ABURI FRIDAY SNACK OPTIONS JUST ADDED!

New snack options have just been added to go with Aburi Sushi & Fresh Bay on Wed & Fri:

- NEW Aburi: Pork Gyoza, Chili Shrimp Gyoza, Chocolate Chunk Cookie, Chocolate Chip Cupcake
- NEW Fresh Bay: Fruit Cup, Carrot sticks with Ranch Dip, Banana Loaf, Chocolate Chip Cookie, 2 piece Brownie bites

To add these items to your current order, login to [munchalunch](#) & click "Order Lunch!"

[ORDER or UPDATE HOT LUNCH](#)

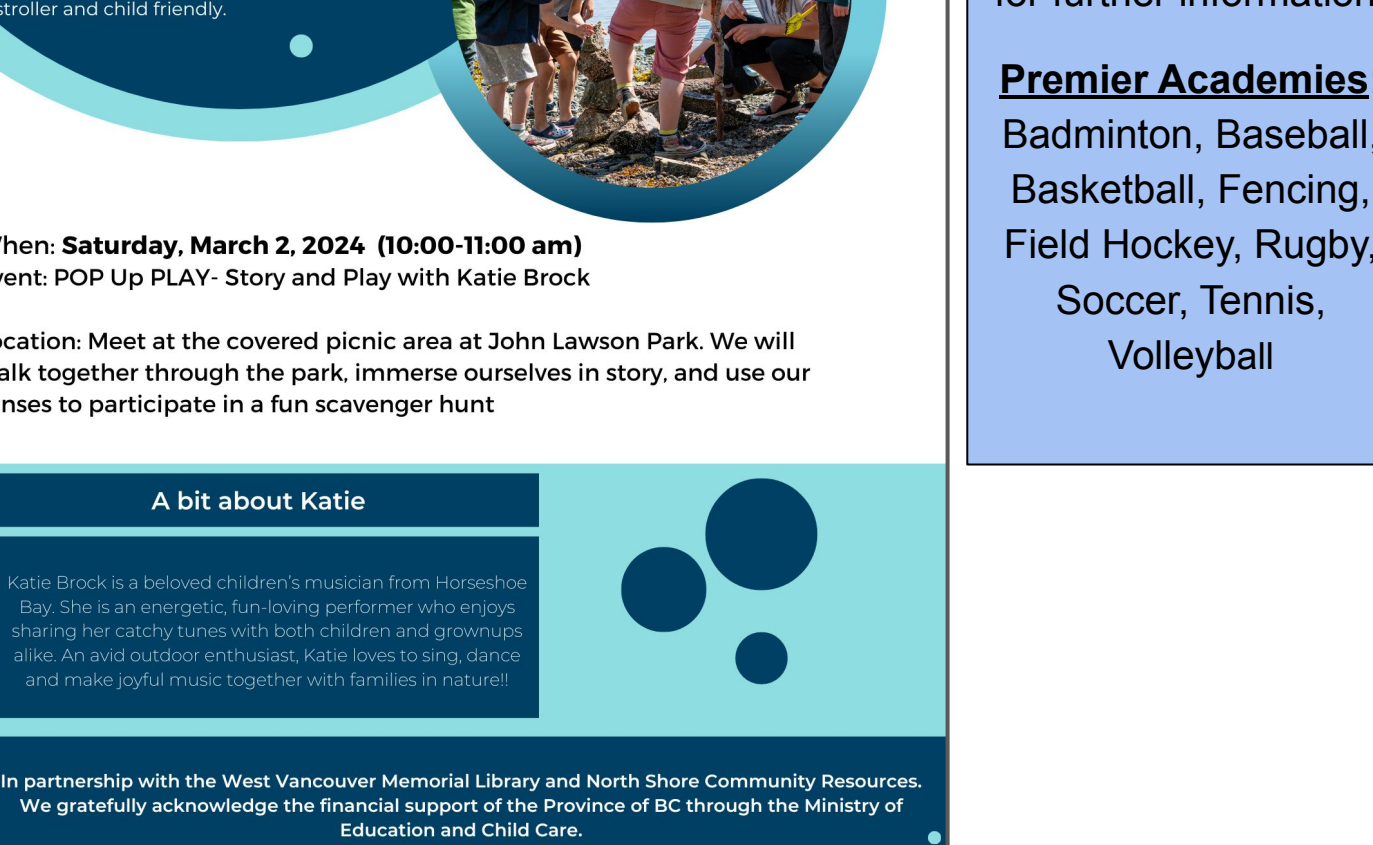
FUNDING FUTURES - HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK

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TECH TALK - Reading Resources

1. **EPIC BOOKS:** This is a great tool that's used for small group exploration where students move from station to station participating in different reading exercises. One of the stations might use Epic Books where the child can wear headphones & read along to a book that is being played. Students follow the words, answer comprehension quizzes, collect words & earn badges.
2. **RAZ-KIDS:** Allows teachers to curate books for each student at their own reading level. Through this app, students can record their reading, which is used to assess for fluency & progress throughout the year. It's also used in the literacy centres where 4-5 students are independently reading. Comprehension questions at the end of stories check for understanding & allows teachers to support smaller groups for targeted instruction.
3. **BOOK CREATOR:** Used for literacy & inquiry. It can be used to demonstrate learning in a creative way. The Grade 3's have used it to showcase their *Genius Hour* projects where they were inspired to research a topic of interest and have a choice to present it over Book Creator or on a poster to the class. This year they're creating a biography research project on a famous leader of their choice. Book Creator allows them to share their work & allows students to learn skills such as importing photos, changing backgrounds and fonts, and utilizing the voice recording.

Without reliable ipad, our students wouldn't have access to these tools & programs. Please consider sponsoring an ipad or one of these programs. [- SPONSOR TODAY -](#)



SAVE THE DATE: PARENTS SOCIAL

Thurs, Feb 22, 7-9PM - 6190 Marine Dr

Our Parent Social at the Orchard is a casual & fun way to meet other parents. The Orchard has generously agreed to donate back 15% of all gift cards. Please transfer to info.paccpp@gmail.com with the amount you'd like to purchase & "Orchard Gift Card." Looking forward to seeing you there!



A bit about Katie

Katie Brock is a beloved children's musician from Horseshoe Bay. She is an energetic, fun-loving performer who enjoys sharing her catchy tunes with both children and grownups alike. An avid outdoor enthusiast, Katie loves to sing, dance and make joyful music together with families in nature!

In partnership with the West Vancouver Memorial Library and North Shore Community Resources. We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of BC through the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

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I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwawú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, on whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides.

The 2024-2025 Premier Academies are open for registration!

Please visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/> for further information.

Premier Academies: Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Fencing, Field Hockey, Rugby, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball