

March 7, 2024

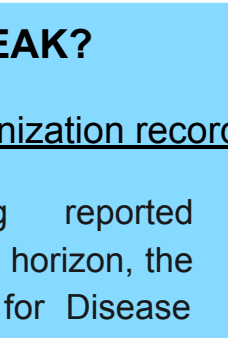
SPRING BREAK

If your family is leaving for spring break before March 15th or returning after April 2nd, please email Ms. Thoma in the school office at ethoma@wvschools.ca with details. Thank you.



LOOKING AHEAD	
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 1	Easter Monday
April 2	First day back to school
April 22	Earth Day
April 25	Class / School Photo day

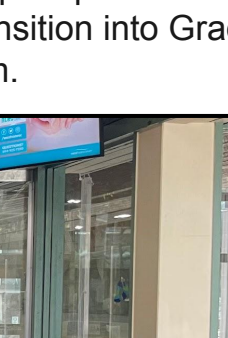
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS REMINDER
Spring forward on March 10th
Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour



2024-2025 IB FEE REQUEST

The annual fee of \$500.00 per student is due to the 2024-2025 school year. If preferred, this amount may be paid on School Cash Online in up to 5 installments if you sign up by March 22nd, 2024.

Please [click here](#) to access School Cash Online.



The IB request letter can be accessed [here](#).

TRAVELLING FOR SPRING BREAK?

Families are advised to check immunization records before spring break travel

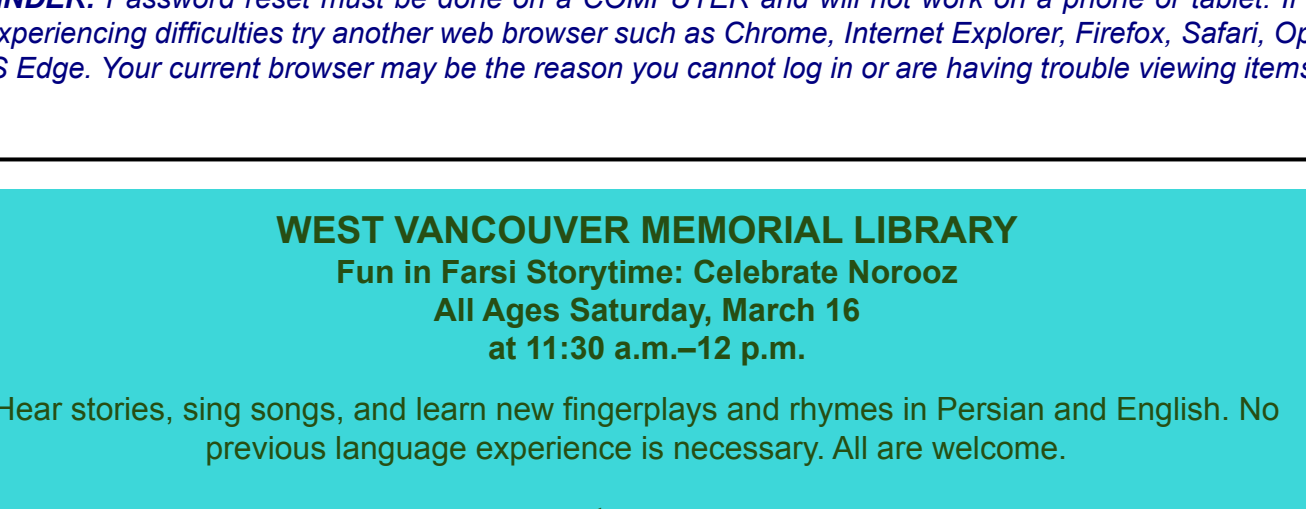
With measles outbreaks being reported internationally and spring break on the horizon, the provincial health officer, BC Centre for Disease Control and public health officials are reminding people in British Columbia to check their vaccination records before travelling to ensure they are protected.



More information can be found [here](#) with the local West Vancouver immunization clinic [here](#)

GRADE THREE SKATING

The Grade 3 students from Cypress Park and West Bay took the West Vancouver Blue Bus to the West Vancouver Rec Centre for a morning of skating and community building last week. After an hour of exercise, students ate their lunch with their pen pals that they connected with in Term 1. We hope this experience will help with the transition into Grade 4 next year and we look forward to more opportunities to connect next term.



ACCESSING FAMILY PORTAL (STUDENT REPORTS)

On Friday, March 15th, you will receive an email from sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca with details about accessing the Term Two Learning Updates.

This account will allow you to access your child's/children's Learning Updates (report cards), Annual Instructional Plans (AIPs) for English Language Learners, and Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for students with a Ministry Designation.

Detailed instructions and videos for accessing the Updates are available [here](#).

If you need a password reset please email Ms. Thoma at ethoma@wvschools.ca.

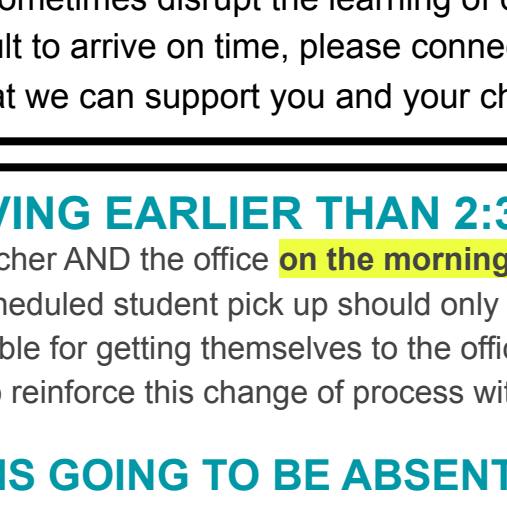
REMINDER: Password reset must be done on a COMPUTER and will not work on a phone or tablet. If you are experiencing difficulties try another web browser such as Chrome, Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari, Opera or MS Edge. Your current browser may be the reason you cannot log in or are having trouble viewing items.

WEST VANCOUVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Fun in Farsi Storytime: Celebrate Norooz
All Ages Saturday, March 16
at 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Hear stories, sing songs, and learn new fingerplays and rhymes in Persian and English. No previous language experience is necessary. All are welcome.

برای جشن نوروز امسال شما را به تماشای ویژه برنامه ی قصه گویی فارسی دعوت می کنیم! داستان ها و شعر های این برنامه به زبان فارسی (به همراه اندک لغاتی به زبان انگلیسی) خواهد بود. ثبت نام برای این برنامه لازم نیست



SUMMER LEARNING 2024 COMMUNICATION

2024 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools

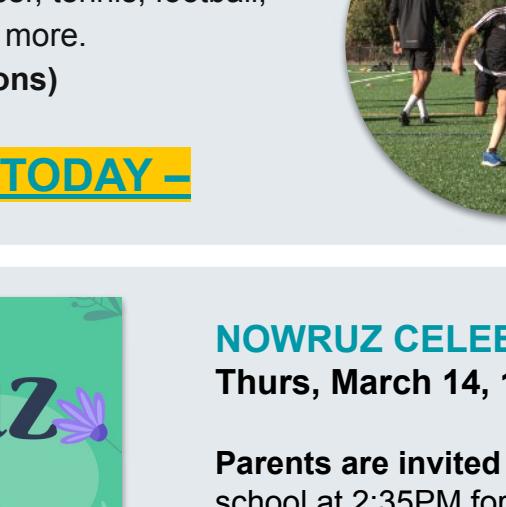
Are you interested in learning during the summer? West Vancouver Schools will be offering a robust Summer Learning Program for both elementary and secondary students during July 2024.

Online registration for both the elementary and secondary Summer Learning programs opens on Monday, April 8 at 8:00 AM.

More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or on the [Summer Learning Website](#).

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

We have quite a few items collected in our lost and found blue box. Please encourage your child/ren to come and look and reclaim their lost items. Items that are not claimed will be packed up on the morning of March 13 and dropped off at the Salvation Army. Our blue box is located just inside the foyer entrance door.



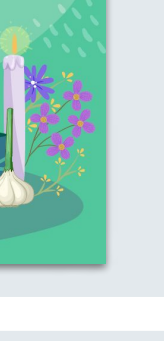
HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

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 lunch everyday.



K-3 STUDENT SNACK SCHEDULE

March 13
banana / cheese string

April 3
nut free granola, raisins and yogurt

April 10
mini tomatoes and crackers

April 17
whole apples and cheese string

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.

*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

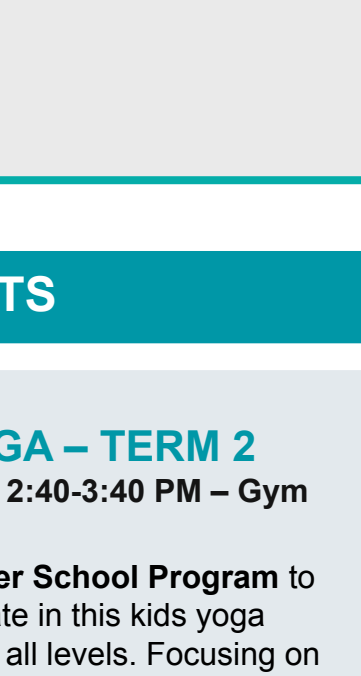
WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Things to consider if your child feels unwell :

1. Inability to properly 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 :

- ◆ Have a fever
- ◆ Are too sick to take part in all normal school activities
- ◆ Have a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. [pink eye](#), [strep throat](#), [chicken pox](#), [measles](#), or [hand foot and mouse disease](#).)
- ◆ 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



WEDNESDAY YOGA – TERM 2

Wed, April 3-June 19 @ 2:40-3:40 PM – Gym

Sign-up for our **Yoga After School Program** to stretch, breathe & meditate in this kids yoga class that is designed for all levels. Focusing on animal & warrior poses and so much more. During this playful class, kids will come away with mindfulness techniques, postures to practice & a big smile! **Cost: \$250 (12 Sessions)**

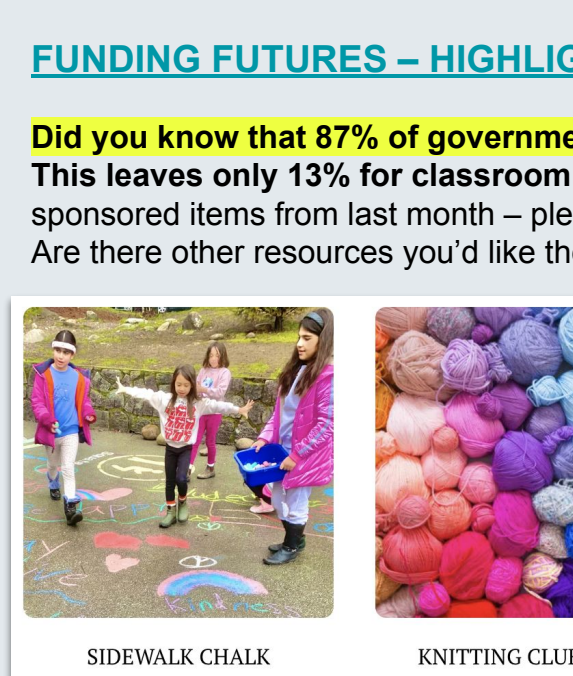
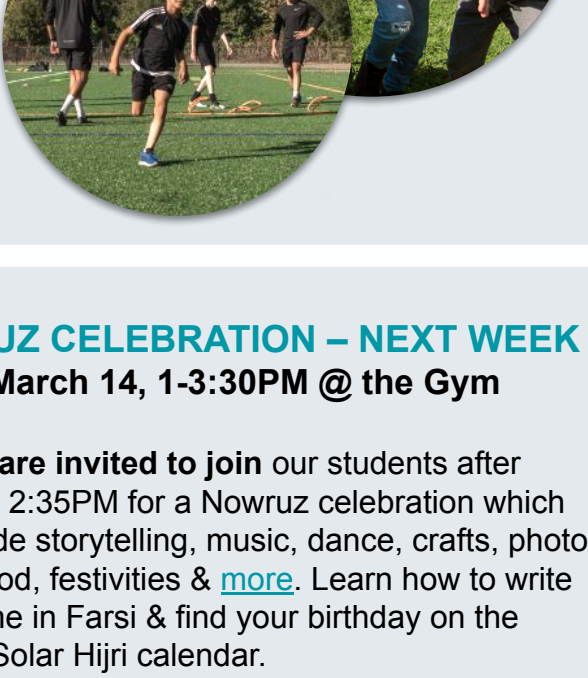
TO REGISTER email or text Cherie at 236-516-3230 or cherisebangs@gmail.com

THURSDAY SPORTSBALL – TERM 2

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 -



NOROOZ CELEBRATION – NEXT WEEK

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!

FUNDING FUTURES – HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK

- SPONSOR TODAY -

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



SIDEWALK CHALK
CAD\$50.00



KNITTING CLUB YARN
CAD\$20.00



LACROSSE & SUPPLIES
CAD\$50.00



BOOK SUBSCRIPTIONS
CAD\$700.00

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

**CIRCLE OF SECURITY®
8-WEEK PARENTING™ PROGRAM**

DATE: Wednesday's from March 27- May 15
TIME: 6:00 to 8:00pm
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: thammer@hollyburn.ca or text/call: (604) 908-3673

To attend Circle of Security® you must fill out a referral form. Link provided by facilitator(s)

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.

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 (instead of a live audience Q&A). Do you have questions for our speaker? Please fill out the form [HERE](#)

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

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

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-activities-services/recreation-activities>

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

WV BASKETBALL SPRING REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

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

[Click HERE](#) for more info

2024-25 Baseball Academy Open House Monday, March 11 at 7pm West Van Secondary (Room C302)

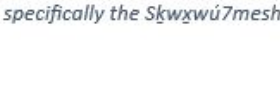
Please join us for an information session on the West Van Schools Baseball Academy. Our coaches will provide detailed information on this outstanding program and will answer any questions that you may have. The Academy is an excellent way to incorporate technical and tactical training within the school timetable and helps to prepare students for team tryouts and post-secondary endeavors.

West Vancouver Little League registration is open!

Spring baseball for ages 5-16

We have girls only programs this year!
<https://wvll.ca/registration/>

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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.