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알려드립니다
이것을 번역해 주십시오

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Xin nhờ người dịch hộ

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INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE
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لطفاً از یک نفر بخواهید که برای شما ترجمه کند

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Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan

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ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ
Переведите это, пожалуйста.

E-Bulletin EAGLE HARBOUR MONTESSORI Sept. 1, 2022

'TIS THE WEEK BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AND THE STAFF IS PLANNING AS THE CONTRACTORS ARE FINISHING....OUR FABULOUS NEW HVAC SYSTEM!



↑ This work has led to this plan ↑ for our first day back!

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM MR. BLACKBURN

Dear Families,

Welcome to the new school year at EHMS! My name is Nathan Blackburn, and I am truly excited to be part of this community as your school principal. While new to EHMS, I have been a teacher and administrator in West Vancouver Schools for many years now, most recently the principal at Hollyburn Elementary School. Thank you to all of the EHMS staff and families who have been incredibly welcoming, warm, and kind. This school has a rich history of creating a safe and engaging learning environment for your children, and I know that tradition will continue in the 2022/2023 school year. Starting next week!



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Our new state of the art HVAC is almost complete. We are so grateful to the West Vancouver School District and our contractors for providing us with this massive upgrade. We also received new gas lines and a new fire sprinkler system! Things will soon be looking fantastic here at our little school in the woods. That said, our first day of school will look slightly different than originally planned.

DETAILS AND SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

Can you say slip & slide and freezies - we can!

EVERYONE (except the incoming K's) will attend from 8:35 am – 10:05 am

Our first day of the year is a short, but important one. Due to the construction we are asking all families to meet in the gym for a little welcome from the staff and the all important taking of attendance (this is very important). If you are not able to attend school on Tuesday morning it is imperative to contact Mrs. Legg plegg@wvschools.ca or 604-981-1380 to let us know where you are.

We will be kicking off our morning with a **whole-school slip and slide and outdoor games** (rain or shine!!!!). If your child would like to participate, please send them to school already wearing a bathing suit (or wetsuit, swim shirt, clothes they are comfortable getting wet in). Please also pack a towel and importantly, a dry spare change of clothes.

SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH

8:35 - Arrive and head to the gym

8:40 - Welcome and Attendance

9:00 - Slip and Slide opens

9:50 - Slip and Slide closes

9:55 - Freezies distributed

10:05 - Students dismissed

Parents are welcome to stay and mingle with each other in our beautiful garden and enjoy coffee and treats generously provided by our PAC. **Students will be in their regular classes starting Wednesday September 7th.**

DETAILS AND SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

Upper Elementary - All children entering or continuing in Upper Elementary (gr. 4 and gr.5) will head to Mr. Price's class.

Lower Elementary - All children entering or continuing in Lower Elementary (gr. 1 - gr. 3) will head to Miss Tobin's class for a group activity and classroom assignments.

WHAT TO BRING TO SCHOOL - ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7

1. [SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2022/2023](#) - if you have not ordered/procured please do so ASAP

2022-23 Class school supplies can still be ordered online for delivery directly to the school from [SchoolStart](#). Please note that ordering from SchoolStart is optional, however the items listed are required. If you prefer to go shopping for your student's supplies, please use the SchoolStart lists as your guide.



2. **Appropriate clothing:** Teachers will continue their outdoor learning programs this year when appropriate. This will be done rain or shine. It is very important that each child has waterproof clothing (and an extra set of dry clothes left at the school for the K-3s).

Indoor running shoes and rain boots are also a must this year.

3. **Laptops - Grades 4-5:** It is essential for our learning that all 4-5 students come prepared with their laptop everyday. Their device is to be charged nightly to ensure they have full power for their day.

Like going to the Airport . . .

We would like you to think of coming to school as a travel adventure. You need to be on time or the adventure will begin without you. You need to pack all the things you need for the adventure. Pack wisely, get up early, bring all that you need for the day and look for the adventure guides (EHMS staff) when you arrive.

If you have questions about your child's return to school procedures, please email Miss Tobin at dtobin@wvschools.ca after Friday, September 9th, if you have questions about other classroom related inquiries, your child's teacher is the expert to contact.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUAL ENTRY

We are so excited to welcome our newest Eagles on Wednesday, September 7th. Schedule and details for the gradual entry process for our newest Eagles have been sent directly to Kindergarten parents/guardians. If you have not received this information please contact Mrs. Legg plegg@wvschools.ca Full day Kindergarten begins on September 19th.

WELCOME MESSAGES TO OUR NEW EHMS STAFF

Andrea Yu – Ms. Yu is our new Upper Elementary teacher and Mr. Price's new teaching partner. She will be here on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Ms. Yu brings with her an energy and enthusiasm for teaching and learning that will complement Mr. Price's and our Montessori Philosophy. Welcome Ms. Yu!!



Jessica Cassidy - We are also very fortunate to have Ms Cassidy join our team this year. In addition to working with us on Wednesdays, Ms Cassidy is an adjunct professor at the University of British Columbia. Our students could not be in better hands. Welcome Ms. Cassidy!

Our new staff are looking forward to getting to know the children and families in the Eagle Harbour Montessori Community.

DATES AT A GLANCE

September	5	Labour Day
	6	Welcome Back! - First day of school EVERYONE (except the incoming K's) - 8:35 - 10:05
	7 - 16	Gradual Entry for K's begins - GRADUAL ENTRY CALENDAR
	13	Eagle Harbour PAC meeting - All Parents welcome! In the School Library @ 9:00am
	17	First Day of All Kindergarten
	21	Montessori Education Night - Stay Tuned for the details
	22	Terry Fox Run
	23	Professional Development Day – School is not in Session
	27	Student Photography Day - Mountain West Studios
	29	Orange Shirt Day honoured at School
	30	National Truth and Reconciliation Day - School is not in Session

DAILY HEALTH CHECK REMINDERS



Performing a Daily Health Check: Families should continue to perform the [daily health check](#) with your child(ren) prior to drop off each morning. If your child is not feeling well, **please do not send them to school**. The [BC Self-Assessment Tool](#) or [When to get tested](#) page are the most up to date resources to determine if you need testing.

We will continue to encourage our families to keep their children home when they are sick – doing so, helps to keep other learners, staff, and other families in our

community healthy.

There are some protocols that we will continue to keep in place as they are very helpful and benefit all our learning community members.

If you will be visiting your child's teacher, appointments are still appreciated. We would also ask that you please sign-in in at the main entrance beside the office when you visit inside the school.

MASKS - As per current Ministry mandates, masks are optional for students in Kindergarten to Grade 7.

WE ARE A NUT AWARE SCHOOL



In order to ensure the safest environment for each of our students, we are now a **NUT AWARE** school. What this means for you and your family - we kindly ask that no nuts or nut butters of any kind come to school or are in the children's lunches.

EHMS DAILY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR 2022/23

Arrival	8:35am	All Students	
Recess	9:55am - 10:15am	All Students	
	12:05pm - 12:25pm	Play K - 3	Eat 4 - 5
	12:25pm - 12:55pm	Eat K-3	Play 4 - 5
Dismissal	2:35pm	All Students	

PICK UP AND DROP OFF INFORMATION



IMPORTANT

We are implementing some very important changes to our pick up and drop off procedures this year.

These essential changes have been made in order to ensure our students' safety. With WiseOwl Preschool and Childcare operating at maximum capacity, as well as the StrongStart program operating out of the portable Monday - Thursday each week, the potential for a traffic related accident involving a student is significant. We respectfully request that the following regulations are adhered to by **ALL PARENTS** at **ALL TIMES**:

1. **EHMS parents of students in Grades 2 - 5** please either park ON MARINE DRIVE or drive through the round-about and drop off at the front door (students are welcome to walk through the school now). **ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING** is permitted in the round about. This area is for drop/pick up and go only.
2. **The parking lot beside the school is now for WiseOwl, StrongStart and Kindergarten - Grade 1 parents only.**

EAGLE HARBOUR MONTESSORI (EHMS) PAC NEWS

We are pleased and grateful to all of you who support our little school in the woods. Our school community and PAC would like to remind you that all parents and guardians of students attending EHMS are members of our PAC and are welcome and encouraged to get involved. We would like to thank and introduce this year's PAC Executive Committee:

PAC Chairperson - Andrea (Pavlina's Mom)

PAC Secretary - Aoife (pronounced AAY-FA - Max's Mom)

PAC Treasurer - Dennise (Benjamin and Hanna's Mom)

Fundraising Coordinator - Randeep (Jordan's Mom)

After School Programs - Sharon (Magnolia's Mom)

Hot Lunch Coordinators - Melissa (Grace and Angus's Mom)

Tricia (Evelyn's Mom)



This year's first PAC meeting will be held in person on **September 13, 2022 at 9:00am** in the library. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. If you prefer to join virtually click this [PAC MEETING LINK](#) Our September Agenda can be found [HERE](#).

FALL 2022 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The EHMS PAC has planned several after school programs for the fall. All programs take place at Eagle Harbour Montessori School and start at 2:40. Saplings instructors pick up children from school and walk with them to Park Verdun.

Please direct any inquiries to our After School Program Coordinator, Sharon Lee - Flynn at sharonleeflynn@gmail.com

SAPLINGS for K-5 - MONDAYS

2:40-4:30

September 12 - Dec 12, 2022 (12 classes)

Cost \$310



Kids will explore and experience the natural world through practical involvement. We believe the outdoors encourages imaginative play, creativity, hand-eye coordination, physical strength, and mental clarity. Our educators encourage children to develop their problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. Additionally, a multi-age environment promotes cooperation and teamwork, while raising children's emotional awareness. [Register Here](#)

ARTMANIA - VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM K-5 - TUESDAYS

2:40-3:40

September 13 - Oct 25 2022

Cost \$189

Architecture & Sculpture

This class is for the student that loves to build and create! Students will learn how to draw buildings and interiors and sculpt their designs too! Essential concepts include one and two point perspective, drafting floor-plans, elevations and engineering and design- ing structures. [Register Here](#)



Nov 1 - Dec 13 2022

Cost \$189

Storytelling through Art

Students will hear stories about famous artists throughout history, while learning essential painting skills to build their art toolbox. This is an opportunity to introduce the masters early in your child's art education, that will inspire exploration and discovery. A great way to help children relate to artists from more than a century ago in a memorable way. [Register Here](#)

ARTMANIA - THE ACTING CLUB K-5 - WEDNESDAYS

2:40-3:40

September 13 - Oct 25 (7 classes)

Cost \$196

(no class October 5th)

Join us with your friends to develop your creativity while strengthening your basic knowledge of acting with our industry professionals. Play is essential for the improvement and development of physical, cognitive and emotional well-being of children, helping them forge and reaffirm their personality. Join us once a week this fall for a fun time, getting goofy with your friends! [Register Here](#)



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CHESS CLUB FOR Grades 1-5 - THURSDAYS (13 sessions)

2:40-3:40

September 15 -Dec 8 , 2022

Cost \$195



You are invited to explore the strategic world of chess at the Eagle Harbour After School Chess Club. This club includes fundamentals for beginners along with strategies for the more advanced players. Chess Club players will have the opportunity to improve their skills by playing against other players of various levels and for advanced players, the opportunity to participate in province-wide tournaments. This class accepts beginners and experienced players alike from ages 6-11. Coach: James Chan, Master level player, top 10 in BC with a masters rating over 2200. [Register Here](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS

OPTIONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR FAMILIES

Each year the school district reminds families that they have the option to purchase insurance coverage against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. One option is *The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP)* provided by *Industrial Alliance*. This voluntary plan provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. As always, families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider. Learn more here: <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc> or contact Phone: 1.800.266.5667 Email: solutions@ia.ca



WVFC Adaptive Soccer

For Neurodiverse Players
4-16 years-old



Fall Program
Fridays: 5:00-6:00 PM
Ambleside Park Field D Turf
Sept. 16,23,30, Oct. 7,14,21,28, Nov. 4,18,25, Dec. 2,9

Inclusive, Supportive and FUN!
Register at www.westvanfc.com

CHRIS KENNEDY, WV SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT

Get insight into the thoughts and ideas of Chris Kennedy, Superintendent of the West Vancouver School District. Read his latest blogs and follow him on Twitter to learn more from the CEO of WV Schools in: <https://cultureofyes.ca/> or <https://twitter.com/chrkennedy>

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