



E-Bulletin EAGLE HARBOUR MONTESSORI JAN. 26th , 2023

## WELCOME TO THE TEAM MRS. UNDSETH!



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We are so pleased to announce and introduce to our community Mrs. Undseth. Mrs. Undseth will be taking on the Administrative Assistant position here at Eagle Harbour. She is new to some of us but may be a familiar face to others.

Mrs. Undseth is excited to be back in the nest and is looking forward to reconnecting with old friends as well as making new ones. Please stop by to say hello and introduce yourself.

If you have questions, need assistance or need to **report a school absence** please call or email Mrs. Undseth at [aundseth@wvschools.ca](mailto:aundseth@wvschools.ca) or 604-981-1380.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

**TOMORROW - JANUARY 27th - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS.** Our staff will be learning together with their colleagues from across the district at our District Wide Professional Development Day!



## DATES AT A GLANCE

January	27	Professional Development Day - School is NOT in Session
After School Programs Jan - March 8	Mondays	Ball Lab <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a> for more information and to register
	Tuesdays	Chess Club <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a> for more information and to register
	Wednesdays	Artmania <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a> for more information and to register
FEBRUARY	8 & 9	Student Led Conferences - Early Dismissal @ 1:15 pm
	14	PAC Meeting - 8:45 Library
	16	DreamRider Theatre - Zero Heroes
	24	TCBY Treat Day - Bring your \$3.00
	17-20	District Reading Break & Provincial Family Day Holiday School is NOT in Session Friday or Monday
<a href="#">2022-23 EHMS SCHOOL CALENDAR</a>		

## CAN YOU HELP OUT OUR AMAZING FUNDRAISER - RANDEEP?

### CALLING ALL OR ANY PHOTOGRAPHERS



The PAC is looking for a parent photographer who would be willing to volunteer their time for the Family Photo Fundraiser later this year. If you are interested in learning more please reach out to our lovely Fundraising Coordinator Randeep (Jordan's Mom) [rstjacques83@gmail.com](mailto:rstjacques83@gmail.com).

### SILENT AUCTION COMING SOON - WE NEED YOU!

We need your help Parents! We need a few people to help plan out the Silent Auction Fundraiser coming this April. This is a big event that raises money for the school and our kids so if you're available please reach out to our wonderful Fundraising Coordinator Randeep (Jordan's Mom) [rstjacques83@gmail.com](mailto:rstjacques83@gmail.com).



# STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES FEBRUARY 8 & 9

Providing each student an important opportunity to take ownership and really appreciate the depth, scope and purposefulness of their daily activities, these conferences invite you to join as your child investigates and reflects on their learning journey so far this year. Remember the students need to attend these conferences with you as they will be your guides for this very special learning opportunity. Please follow the instructions below to book your interview time

Go to <https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/j5unv>

1. Click on "**Make a booking**"
2. Enter event code **j5unv** when prompted
3. Enter your information (email, your name, student name)
4. Choose grade and teacher
5. Choose the date and time that works best for you from the options provided.



Please note that Wednesday, **FEBRUARY 8th** we will have **early dismissal at 1:15** to accommodate the conferences.

## WHATEVER THE WEATHER

As you all know, here in BC we can have every type of weather, sometimes within the hour! Please be sure to send your child to school in weather **appropriate clothing** and **keep a dry change of clothes in their bag** or at school in the event that they succumb to the lure of the mud puddle. Unless the weather is deemed too dangerous, we will always head outside for recess and lunch.



## SEASONAL HEALTH INFO FOR PARENTS

Vaccinations remain the best defence against both influenza and COVID-19. [Beyond Vaccinations](#) there are basic things we can all do to help prevent the spread of respiratory illness:

- Stay at home if you feel unwell and try to avoid spending time with people at higher risk of serious illness.
- Practice respiratory etiquette: Wear a mask in crowded, public spaces, and cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- Clean your hands regularly.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth and nose.
- For more information, visit [BC Centre for Disease Control](#) or the [Provincial Infection Control Network](#) of British Columbia.



Please click on the link [Cold Flu COVID Parent Resources for Flu Season Poster](#) and [Parent Resources for Flu Season](#) for more information.

## ADMISSIONS 2023-24



**Registration for all grades including out of catchment and out of district students is now open as of 8AM on January 16, 2023.**

If you know a family interested in attending EHMS next year, please direct them to our school or district website to begin the registration process.

## LEARNING SURVEYS

Each year in British Columbia, students in grades 4 and 7 are asked to complete the Learning Surveys. The learning survey asks students questions about their school experiences. Parents with children in Grades 4 and 7 are also invited to complete a parent survey. A parent may complete a survey for each child in the targeted grades. The parent survey is available in English, French and 16 other languages. Parents can complete surveys on their own time by clicking [LEARNING SURVEY](#).



# STUDENT AND FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND

The Ministry of Education has provided West Vancouver Schools \$650,000, a one-time funding for us to make the 22/23 school year more affordable for students and families in need. We have now received the funding for our 18 schools and have allocated the money based on the specific needs of each of our school communities.



Our allocation:

- Will allow schools to cover costs for school fees, school supplies or other school related costs for students in need
- Some funds will be used to benefit large groups of both elementary and secondary students

Families are encouraged to reach out to our vice principal, Ms. Tobin [dtobin@wvschools.ca](mailto:dtobin@wvschools.ca) if any financial support is needed for school-based supplies, fees or activities.

## EAGLE HARBOUR MONTESSORI (EHMS) PAC NEWS

### JANUARY PAC MEETING

Here are the [Jan PAC Meeting Minutes - January 10](#). The next PAC meeting will be held in person on **February 14, 2023 at 8:45 AM**. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend!

### VACANT PAC EXECUTIVE POSITION COMING UP!

With deep gratitude and appreciation to our outgoing Fundraising Coordinator Randeep St. Jacques (Jordan's mom), we are looking to fill this position for the next school year. The Fundraising Coordinator is an integral part of our school community and truly has a big impact on our kids' lives and learning.

If you are thinking about getting more involved in the school this may be a great opportunity. To learn more or to nominate someone, please email Andrea at [ehpac@wvschools.ca](mailto:ehpac@wvschools.ca)

# EHMS HOT LUNCH ORDERING IS NOW OPEN

## Winter/Spring Hot Lunch

Parents can NOW log onto their Munch-a-lunch accounts and place Hot Lunch Orders for our Winter/Spring Session. We know life changes quickly along with our little one's food preferences, so please note:

- Ordering is left OPEN all semester in the event you want or need to make a change to an existing order or cancel an order all together (This must be done 7 days prior to hot lunch day)
- Orders must be placed at least 7 days prior to the next upcoming lunch date
- If your Child's food preferences change and you want to make a change to their upcoming hot lunch, YOU CAN!
- If you book a vacation or know your child will be away 7 days prior to their hot lunch day, you can cancel the order in your account
- In these cases, just log into your account, cancel the order, and then reorder something different from the menu or keep it canceled.
- If you choose to cancel, a credit will be reflected in your account to use for future orders or if not used up by end of year, your Hot Lunch Coordinator can issue a cheque for the refund.
- If your Child is sick or away on a Hot Lunch Day, please email Jenny/Andrea [aundseth@wvschools.ca](mailto:aundseth@wvschools.ca) / [JMackenzie@wvschools.ca](mailto:JMackenzie@wvschools.ca) before lunch that day if you would like them to set it aside for you to pick up later that same day. Otherwise the lunch will be thrown away.

## Eagle Harbour Montessori Pac Is Pleased To Offer Hot Lunch Two Wednesdays A Month & Every Thursday And Friday

### WHAT ARE THE HOT LUNCH OPTIONS?

1. **2 Wednesdays a month** we offer Hot Lunch from A Moveable Feast  
Options include Hot Dogs, Chicken Fingers, Pasta & Grilled Cheese (Gluten Free & Vegetarian Options available)
2. **Sushi Thursday's**- Every Thursday we offer Hot Lunch from Sushi Katsu  
Options include a variety of Sushi rolls, Miso soup, Gyoza, Teriyaki options, Fried Rice & Spring Rolls (Vegetarian options available)
3. **Pizza Friday's**- Every Friday we offer Hot Lunch from Panago Pizza  
Options include individual slice Pizza, personal pizza's, Caesar salad & Cinnamon Sticks (Gluten Free & Vegetarian Options available)

### HOW TO ORDER IF YOU ARE A NEW PARENT TO EAGLE HARBOUR

1. Visit [Munch a Lunch](#) website

2. Create your family account by clicking on "New Users click here" and follow the prompts. If you already have an account from last year, your login and password remain the same.
3. Review the choices with your child and double check your quantities at the end of the ordering process. Scroll down all the way to the bottom to verify your order then press "Submit My Order". Remember, there are no refunds or changes after the deadline.
4. You can pay for your orders by credit card.
5. After creating your account, you can return to your account anytime by clicking on "Returning Users click here"

CONNECT WITH THE EAGLE HARBOUR HOT LUNCH COORDINATOR:

Tricia Foley (Evelyn's Mom)  
triciafoleycoach@gmail.com



**CONNECT WITH THE EAGLE HARBOUR PAC**

**WhatsApp class group** - every class has a permanent WhatsApp group (same group every year). Parents can update each other, ask questions, set playdates, and whatever else relevant to that class. A parent can choose to join or not and leave the group whenever it's not needed anymore (kid graduated class for example). To join, click the below link from your mobile device:

- Class Parent** - Emilyn Golden [Ms.Stephen](#)
- Class Parent** - Carrie Siu and Parisa Serri [Ms. Hardern](#)
- Class Parent** - Katy Brier [Ms. Tobin & Ms. Cameron](#)
- Class Parent** - Sharon Lee Flynn [Mr. Price and Ms. Yu](#)

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## IPALS PROGRAM Immigrant Parents as Literacy Supporters

### PROGRAM #1

with Mandarin translation

**Mondays, 12:00 - 2:30 PM**  
Hollyburn StrongStart Room  
(1329 Duchess Ave West Vancouver)

January 9, 16, 23, 30,  
February 6, 13, 27, March 6

**Tuesday, March 7 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM**  
Virtual Question and Answer on MS Teams

### PROGRAM #2

with Farsi translation

**Tuesdays, 5:00 - 7:30 PM**  
Hollyburn StrongStart Room  
(1329 Duchess Avenue West Vancouver)

January 10, 17, 24, 31,  
February 7, 14, 21, 28

**Tuesday, March 7 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM** *Connect. Care. Love where you live.*  
Virtual Question and Answer on MS Teams



## What is IPALS?

IPALS is a literacy program for newcomer families with children from 3-5 years old.

Parents and caregivers learn strategies to encourage their young children to develop language and literacy skills to help them connect to their community and school learning systems.

## Free, Fun Learning

Due to funding requirements priority registration is given to those with a Permanent Resident card.

For more information or to register, please email:  
[ddevita@wvschools.ca](mailto:ddevita@wvschools.ca)



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# EARLY YEARS FAIR



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 | 10 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**  
West Vancouver Community Centre | Atrium



### It's all about the early years!

Find out about Early Learning & Care programs and services.

### Special Attraction

This year's fair will feature a free *Sing Along* with Katie. Sing to familiar tunes and Katie's original songs!

**FREE**

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**QUESTIONS**  
604-925-7270

### Participating Organizations

Vancouver Coastal Health • Thrive Family Centre • Cypress Corner Childminding • West Vancouver Memorial Library • Gordon House Child Care • West Vancouver School District • Supported Childcare • West Vancouver Child & Family



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## Youth & Vaping: Information, Considerations, Impacts

**Thursday**  
**Feb 9, 2023**  
**7-9 pm**  
**Handsworth**  
**Secondary**



**FREE**  
**Parent**  
**Community**  
**Conversation**

### Key Note Speakers:

Dr. Milan Khara  
Medical Lead: VGH Smoking  
Cessation Clinic

Lindsay MacDonald  
Tobacco & Vapour Reduction  
Coordinator  
VCH

### Let's talk

- Products
- Stats
- Health
- BC Legislation
- Local Supports
- And More...

### Register here

<https://youth-vaping.eventbrite.com>



## Youth & Vaping: Information, Considerations, Impacts

Free Parent Community Conversation Thursday, Feb. 9th 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information



# 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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