



E-Bulletin EAGLE HARBOUR MONTESSORI DEC 7, 2023

WE ARE KIDS SUPPORTING OTHER KIDS - CAN YOU HELP US SUPPORT OUR SISTER SCHOOL ADMIRAL SEYMOUR?



Each year during the winter holiday season we choose to help others who need a little extra support at this time of year. This year with Tara (Hank's Mom) back on our PAC we asked her to reach out to our sister school Admiral Seymour. Our relationship with the school goes back many years, and we have often collected donations for them around the holidays.

When Tara reached out to see how we could support this year, Admiral Seymour asked us for **GROCERIES** to help families when they are in need.

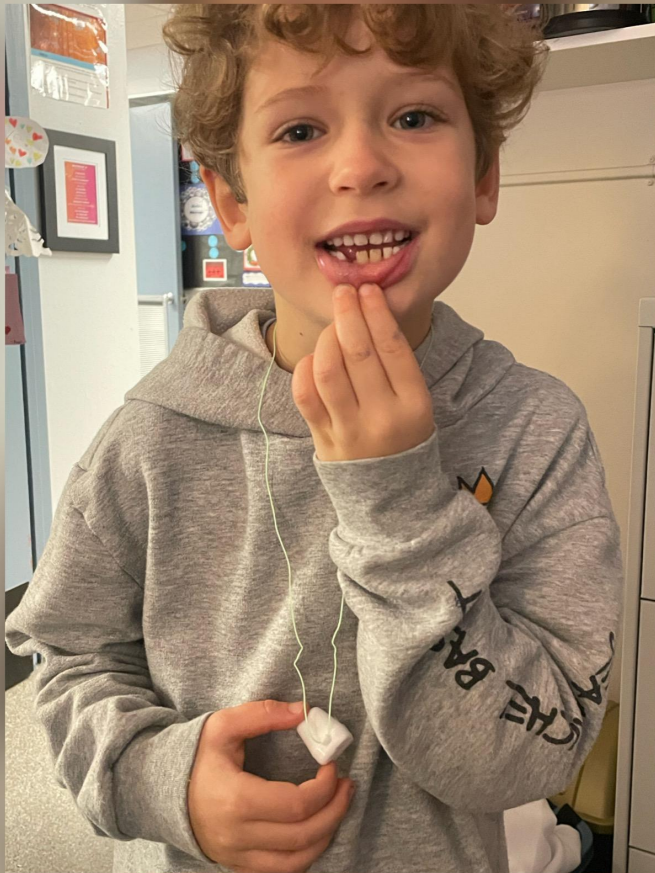
They also had another ask: "Like all kids – all over – Seymour kids get lice! In the last few months, the staff have had many requests for **LICE KITS**, or for financial help to try to get rid of the lice. It becomes such a bigger program when you don't have your own laundry facilities at home, or when you don't have the extra bits of money to buy the many loads of laundry to try to get rid of the critters! It seems like a little thing – but it's a very hard hurdle for many."

To this end our children will be holding a special **DRIVE THRU FOOD DRIVE ON DECEMBER 14TH DURING DROP OFF. Starting at 8:00am on December 14th the children will be out front accepting non perishable food items. Anything you can do to help is greatly appreciated.** Tara will be with us too to collect **CASH** donations to buy **30 lice kits** that our sister school can keep on hand to give out to families when they are needed.



For more information about our sister school and how we can help please click [HERE](#)

A LITTLE BIT OF SCHOOL MAGIC



PIC•COLLAGE

Fredric - "Miss Tobin look how wiggly my tooth is. I really want it to fall out."

Miss Tobin - "Do you have an apple or carrots in your lunch?"

Frederic - "I am pretty sure I do. Why?"

Miss Tobin - "Eating hard foods can often help the tooth fall out"

Frederic - "I hope so. See these two teeth I swallowed them. I also really want a tooth holder from school."

Miss Tobin - "I see. Well keep working at it. It will come out eventually."

.... five minutes later a very excited Fredric, running at full speed, dashes into the office and exclaims " my tooth fell out!"

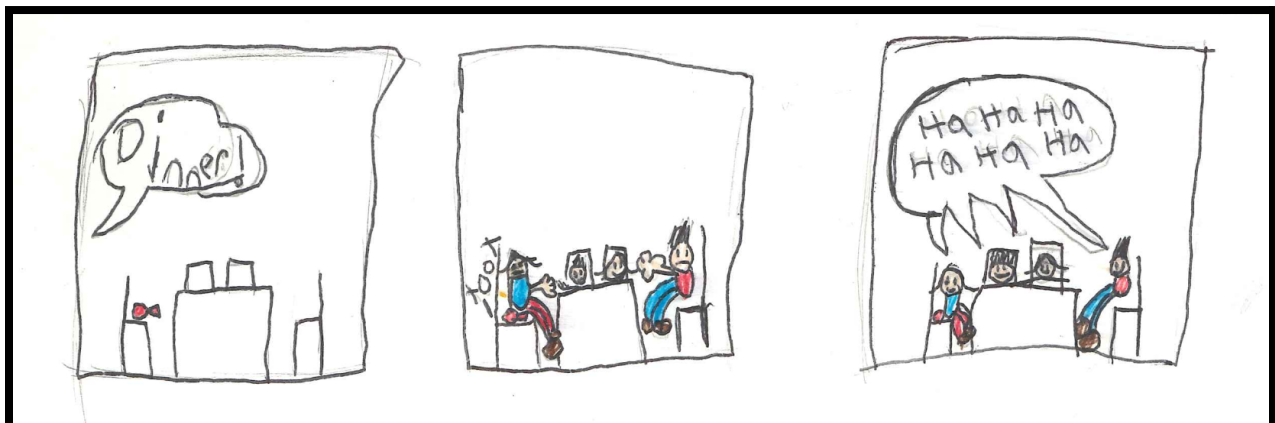
Miss Tobin - "Whoo hoo! We better get you that tooth holder."

Frederic - "Can I have a green one?"

Miss Tobin - "Did the carrots help?"

Frederic - "Nope I just twisted it and yanked it out! And this time I didn't swallow it."

JORDAN'S ALMOST FAMOUS COMICS



EHMS CALENDAR

December 14	Thursday	Holiday Food and Lice Kit "Drive Thru" for our sister school - Admiral Seymour - information above
December 21	Thursday	Holiday Musical - Doors Open at 6:00pm - curtains up at 6:15pm
December 21	Thursday	PAC Meeting - Mingler before the Holiday Musical 5:00pm
December 22	Friday	Learning Updates Posted to the Parent Portal after school
December 22	Friday	Last Day of School before Winter Vacation - Early Dismissal 12:05 pm
December 25 - January 7		Winter Break
January 8	Monday	First Day Back From Winter Break
January 9	Tuesday	PAC Meeting - 8:45 am

[EHMS SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023/24](#)

KIDS HOLIDAY MARKET

THANK YOU!

Great news: we raised just over \$800 for our school!! All proceeds directly support your child's learning by purchasing new learning resources, replacing ones that are a little tired, supporting field trips, buses for larger field trips and so much more!

The kids had a great time and some went shopping for the first time ever by themselves!

Thank you to the **Parent Volunteers** who helped set up, wrap, man the doors, and clean up. Without your kindness and support this event wouldn't have been possible.



A **BIG**, thanks to our fearless Fundraising Coordinators Randeep (Jordan's Mom) and Melissa (Grace and Angus' Mom) who work so hard to put these events together.



LEARNING UPDATES WILL BE PUBLISHED DECEMBER 22

We want to take this opportunity to remind each family to login into the MYEducation BC Family Portal soon. The MyEducation BC is the platform used to access your child’s Learning Update Document.

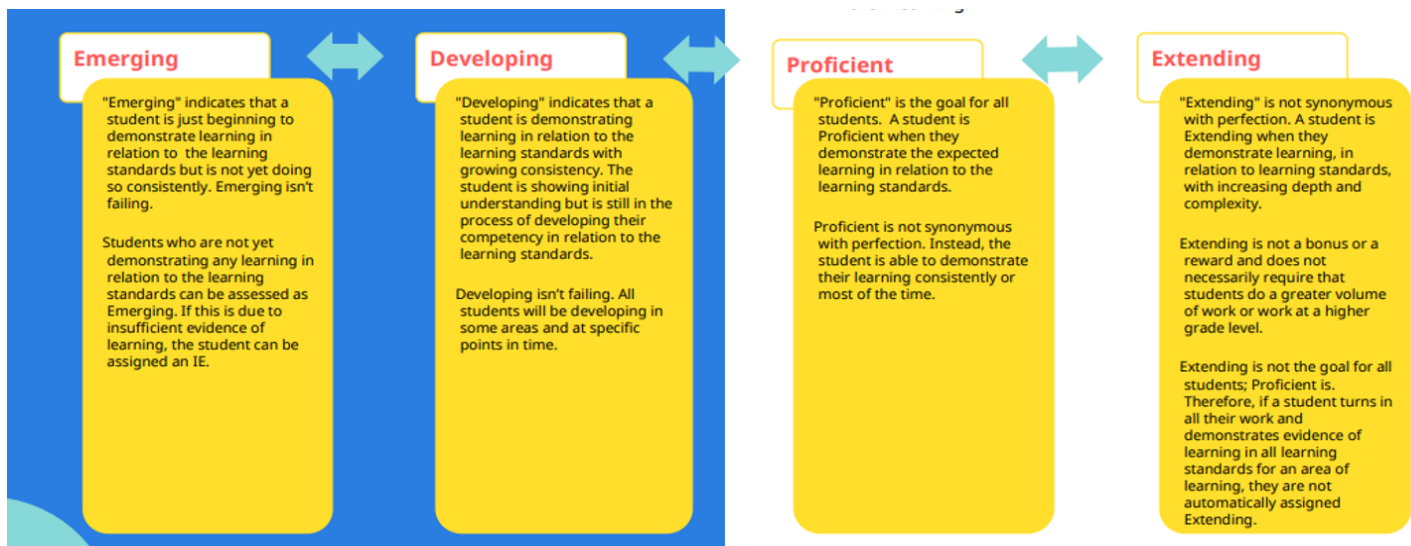


Our first Term Learning Update will be posted on the My Ed Parent Portal on **December 22**. If you are not familiar with this site, now is a good time to make sure you can access your account. Here is a helpful [LINK](#) to access your Parent Portal and a great [VIDEO](#). Please email Mrs. Undseth aundseth@wvschools.ca if you need any assistance with your login.

NEW this year learning updates will be available on the parent portal until **July 31, 2024**.

To understand your child’s new Learning Update please take a look at the [reporting information for parents and caregivers](#). The following infographic explains the proficiency scale and gives an expanded description of each proficiency. **PROFICIENT** is the goal for all students. **NOTE:** Core Competencies will be sent home with your child on December 20, 2023.

The Provincial Proficiency Scale	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXTENDING
	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning



SURVEY FOR THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE



We know that many families depend on school-age child care to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent's full work day. That is why the Province's [ChildCareBC](#) plan is working to expand access to child care for all families that want and need it.

The Ministry of Education and Child Care is conducting a parent survey to better understand the regional and provincial demand for school age child care. While we know there is unmet demand for school-aged child care, there is no current provincial or regional data quantifying the demand. Your participation will help the Province plan for future school-aged child care expansions.

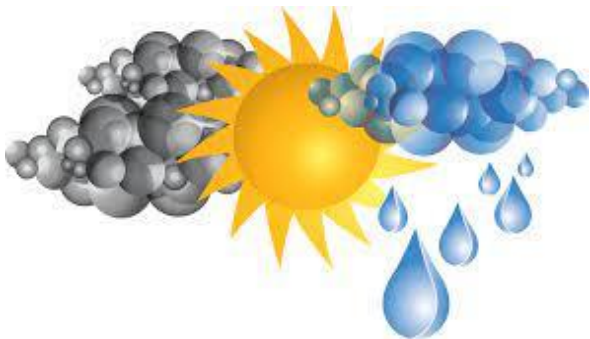
Who should fill out this survey? If you have children attending Kindergarten to Grade 7 at a B.C. school, we want to hear from you about your family's child care needs.

What will this survey be used for? The survey results will be used to support planning for future initiatives under the ChildCareBC plan. All responses are voluntary and anonymous; you and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Information received will be combined and shared with your school and district as a summary.

How do I complete the survey? [HERE](#) and is available in 18 languages. The survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete and is available starting **November 21**. Please only complete the survey once. The link is intended especially for you. Please do not share the link with anyone else.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca. If you encounter any technical difficulties, please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) at support@awinfosys.com.

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.

WEATHER-RELATED SCHOOL CLOSURES

Our School District endeavours to keep schools open on regular instructional days, including those with accumulating snowfall ([Weather Closures and Procedures](#)). Any decision to close schools will be made by the Superintendent and will be based on the safety of students and staff. We aim to communicate any decision to close schools by 6:00 am. Please check the [school district website](#) for the most current information on school closures.



EAGLE HARBOUR MONTESSORI PAC NEWS

DECEMBER 21st PAC MEETING



**Please join us in Mr. Price's classroom
from 5:00PM - 6:00PM**

For December's meeting all parents and anyone attending the Winter Musical are invited to join us before the Winter Musical for some mingling and light refreshments while the kids get ready.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR JANUARY TO MARCH 2024



We are excited to present the following programs as next term's after school extra-curricular enrichment! All programs run from 2:40-3:40 pm and take place at Eagle Harbour Montessori. At this time, **Yoga** is accepting registrations. Registration info for the other programs will be posted once available. Programs run only if we meet a minimum number of sign-ups. Please direct inquiries to Carrie (Jowan's mom) at siucarrie6@gmail.com.

Ball Lab (6 yrs and up)

Monday Jan 15-Mar 11 (no class Jan 29 and Feb 19)

Ball Lab focuses on teaching young athletes the skills required to be high performers in life through the sport of basketball. We develop elite team players by reinforcing our 4 core principles: commitment, confidence, concentration, and composure. Click [HERE](#) to register.



Chess Club (6 yrs and up)

Tuesday Jan 16-Mar 12



You are invited to explore the strategic world of chess at this exclusive 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. **Registration to come.**

Paint with the Masters with Art Mania (K-Gr 5)

Wednesday Jan 17-Mar 13 (no class Feb 7)

Students will learn foundational paint techniques while learning through fun stories about famous artists. Click [HERE](#) for more information. Click [HERE](#) to register.



Yoga with Menka (K-Gr 5)

Thursday Jan 18-Mar 14

\$135 per term (\$15 per class)

Classes are fun using art, anatomy, stories, games and songs. Mats will be provided by the school, but participants are welcome to bring their own. Click [HERE](#) for more information. To register, email menkapurswaney@gmail.com.



SCHOOL DISTRICT EVENTS AND OFFERINGS

Just B4 Preschool: An Opportunity for Children Starting Kindergarten in September 2024

West Vancouver Schools is launching a 'Just B4' preschool at the Properties Family Hub (at Chartwell Elementary). The program is geared to children who are not currently registered in a full time child care/preschool setting – it would be a perfect stepping stone of independence for any child entering Kindergarten in September 2024.

For more information or to register, please email Laine Anderson (District Vice Principal of Early Learning and Childcare) at LAnderson@wvschools.ca.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)



Is your child entering Kindergarten in September 2024?

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JUST B4

Early Learning Program

Just B4 is a preschool program for 4 year old children who will be entering Kindergarten starting in September 2024.

- Strengthens the early years to Kindergarten transition
- Joyful, play-based opportunities to develop skills essential for living and learning together
- Opportunity to connect with other children and families in the community
- Guided by the BC Early Learning Framework & First Peoples Principles of Learning

Just B4 is geared to children who are **not** currently enrolled in preschool, full-time childcare or other formal early learning programs.

Fee: \$125 per month

For more information and to register please email District VP of Early Learning & Childcare [Laine Anderson](mailto:Laine.Anderson@wvschools.ca) [Laine Anderson](mailto:Laine.Anderson@wvschools.ca) [Laine Anderson](mailto:Laine.Anderson@wvschools.ca)

Location: Properties Family Hub portable at Chartwell Elementary School (1300 Chartwell Drive)
Program: 2 afternoons per week (1:00 pm - 3:00 pm) starting in November and running through June

www.wvschools.ca

COMMUNITY NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

CHECK OUT THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER OFFERINGS AT THE WVML



We have so many fun programs planned for the next two months, and beyond!

Read on to learn more. [NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER NEWSLETTER](#)

WEST VAN LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Spring baseball for ages 5-16 is open! **NEW:** We have girls only programs this year.
Click [HERE](#) to register.



Incredible Years™ Parenting Program (IY) for Children Aged 2-7 Years

IY is an evidence-based early intervention program focused on strengthening parenting competencies and fostering parent involvement with their children.

This 15-week program includes weekly online group educational sessions, and individual phone support sessions in which caregivers have the opportunity to discuss specific challenges they experience at home, and practice what they learn in sessions. We ask that caregivers plan to attend all 15 sessions.

Goals of the Program:

- Strengthen parenting skills
- Improve children's social skills
- Improve children's school readiness and cooperation with teachers
- Prevent and treat behaviour problems

Upcoming Session: Winter 2024

When: Wednesday evenings, January 10 to April 17, 2024 (Note: the program will run during Spring Break, March 18, 2024 to April 1, 2024)

Time: 6:15-8:15pm

Where: Online through Zoom

Cost: Free

Eligibility: Residents of the North Shore with children aged 2-7 years old.

Registration: for more info or to be added to the waitlist, please contact Marlae Vermeer (Family Counsellor, Hollyburn Family Services): mvermeer@hollyburn.ca

COMMUNITY CENTRE HAPPENINGS



WINTER BREAK camp registrations are now open:
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Browse your recreation activities and programs
[INFO GUIDE HERE](#)

Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover
and join us: [MORE INFO HERE](#)

'intheknow'

Connect and Learn

MONTHLY ONLINE EVENTS FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS FALL 2023

Every month, we host events for parents & caregivers who are parenting a child or youth with a mental health and/ or substance use challenge called "in the know."

SEPTEMBER

Mental Health and Preparing for the Transition to Post Secondary

Speaker: Dawn Schell, University of Victoria and Melissa Feddersen, University of British Columbia Okanagan

OCTOBER

Working Together: Families and Schools

Speakers: Ashley Ragoonaden, Principal at Ecole KLO Middle School

NOVEMBER

Emotion Regulation

Speaker: Nicole Allen, RCC

DECEMBER

ADHD - The Real Deal

Speaker: Dr. Don Duncan

Join us to watch a video and talk with other families about what helps. Online events are facilitated by FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Workers.

familysmart.ca/events



Open House Information Session for Professionals

The Help for the Hard Times Workshop series provides a framework for parents/caregivers to consider as they support their child after a crisis. The workshop includes practical strategies, tips and tools that support caring, connected relationships.

Join this information session to learn more about Help for the Hard Times, and how you, as a Healthcare Provider, Service Provider, Educator, Police and RCMP can help connect families to this free workshop.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- How to support a safety plan at home
- How to take care of yourself and family after a crisis
- How to find the resources you need

DATES:

September 13th, October 4th, November 8th, December 13th

TIME:

12pm - 1pm (PST)

To register: familysmart.ca/events



familysmart.ca/workshops



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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