

THE MAGIC AND JOY OF GIVING



YOU GAVE AND WE DID IT!

We collected over **500 non-perishable** food items and raised enough money to buy **31 lice kits** in under **30 minutes** during drop off. **JUST AMAZING!**

The generosity and kindness of our little school in the woods is astounding!

There were so many smiles and so much joy during our day. A huge thank you to **Tara (Hank's Mom)** for re-connecting us with our sister school.



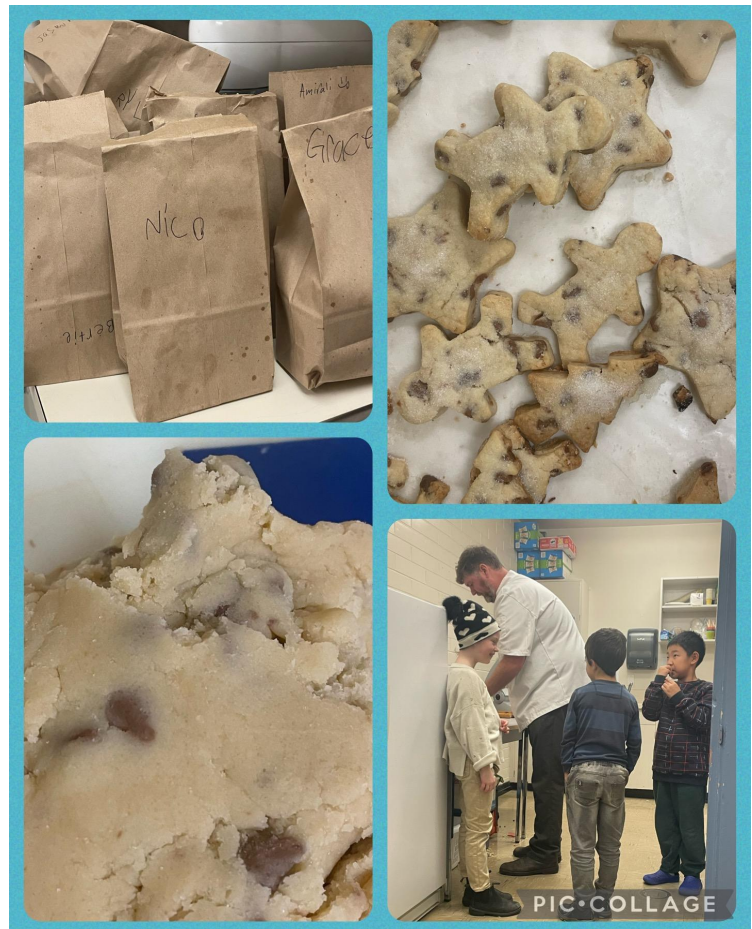
NOTE: This is the last week of our **Fall Term after school programs**. A very special thank you to **Carrie (Jowan's Mom)** for organizing such wonderful programs! Check out what she has planned for the Winter Term below. Very fun stuff!

EHMS CALENDAR

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](#)

A LITTLE SCHOOL JOY FOR THE SEASON



I NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS VACATION

A "little" note from Ms. Harden about costumes

Our holiday musical is fast approaching, and it's time to start considering costumes! The instructions are generally simple and playing into stereotypes (to an extent) is permitted. **PLEASE NOTE: SHOES WILL NOT BE WORN ON THE STAGE.** Socks should match/be part of the child's 'costume'/outfit.

MOST students are to dress generally as '**highschoolers**' - take that as you will.

I have been asked about make-up - that is a family decision, but if done so, should be applied *at home with adult support* and with the resulting look being appropriate for school and not distracting.

Some students have specific 'sub' categories (and associated stereotypes to lean into/to draw from) *if they choose to.* (Other students are also welcome to follow these leads if they are inspired to).

For examples, see below.

Student athletes may choose to wear a jersey of a team.

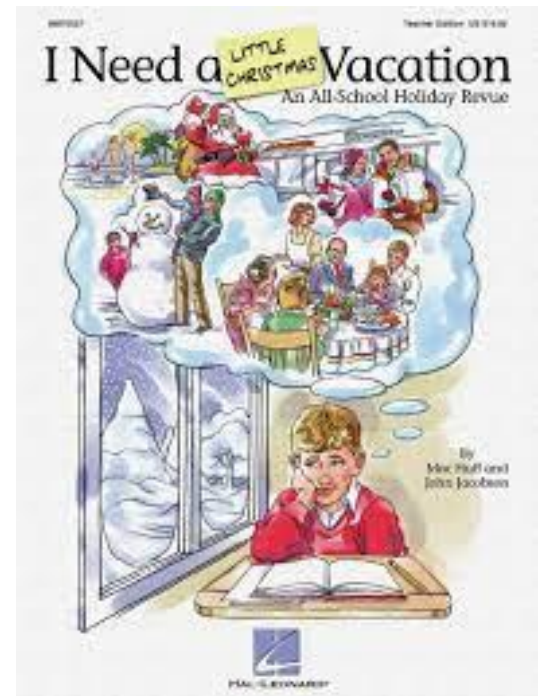
Student dancers/dance fanatics may choose to wear dance warm-up clothing/a leotard with jogging pants or leg warmers over it.

Drama club members may choose to wear dramatic 'flair' pieces - (fancy hair-clips, hats/berets, feather boas, etc.) to show their creative side.

Science students will be provided with (optional) lab coats to wear over their clothes

Other Unspecified students and choir members may choose to wear something to reflect their own interests, culture or heritage, provided it is something that would make sense to be worn at school OR can play up any other 'highschool-esque' style or influence that speaks to them, OR just dress in normal school clothes.

If there are any additional questions about costumes or props, please contact Ms. Harden.



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.

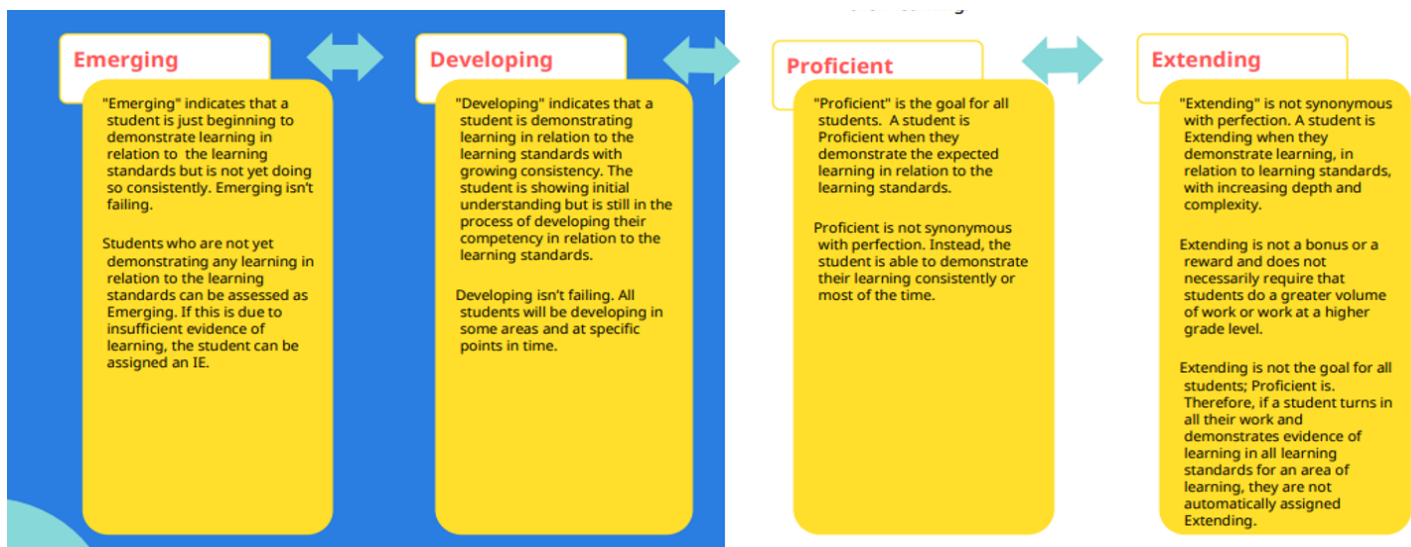


Our first Term Learning Update will be posted on the My Ed Parent Portal on **December 22**. If you are not familiar with this site, now is a good time to make sure you can access your account. Here is a helpful [LINK](#) to access your Parent Portal and a great [VIDEO](#). Please email Mrs. Undseth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

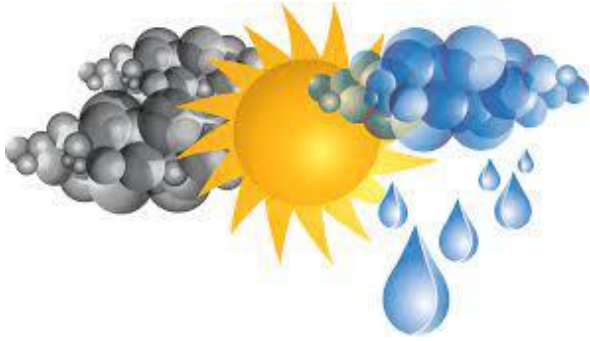
NEW this year learning updates will be available on the parent portal until **July 31, 2024 for downloading and viewing**.

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.



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. Click [HERE](#) to register.

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.



COMMUNITY NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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.



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](#)



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](#)



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 École 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



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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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