



E-Bulletin EAGLE HARBOUR MONTESSORI DEC 21, 2023

# "I NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS VACATION" TONIGHT AT 6:00PM

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING FOR SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR BIG NIGHT:

- Students should be dropped off to their classrooms this evening **between 5:15 - 5:30**
- Doors will open for our audience at **6:00**
- The show will begin at **6:15**
- Students will be picked up in their classrooms after the show
- Costume reminders are below

We would like to thank our whole EHMS community for your support as our students worked so hard to create this special performance for you, but we would like to give special thank you's to Ms. Hardern for her leadership and unwavering commitment to the arts, Mr. Price for making sure our sound system is professional and all our voices are heard, Ms Cummins for the program, Mrs Undseth and Mrs Mackenzie for the magical set!



Please do not park in the school round-about or in front of the gym doors TONIGHT. This is a safety issue and reserved for emergency vehicles only. There is additional parking along Marine Drive and by Parc Verdun on Gallagher Place.

# PJ DAY AND REINDEER PANCAKES TOMORROW (FRIDAY)



Yes, tomorrow is the last day before Winter Break! **Remember to pick your children up at 12:05.** To celebrate our little school in the woods has a tradition of wearing PJ's, bringing **ONE** stuffy and eating reindeer pancakes. The whole school will be invited to enjoy some pancakes and decorate them like reindeer (apple ears, raspberry nose, and chocolate chip mouths). **PLEASE NOTE:** The pancakes are nut-free and vegan. There will also be a gluten-free option.

## MAGIC AND JOY

At this time of year we often hear the words magic and joy. These two words accurately describe our little school in the woods most of the time but they are particularly poignant now. We have watched the last few months unfold and each day is truly filled with joy and around every corner there is magic - be it in those twinkling eyes of the children, the laughter of the parents on the playground after school - (yes we said parents) , the smiles when a child achieves a goal, the screeches of delight when a child loses their tooth at school and the pride when the children work together to accomplish something they thought was really hard. All this magic and joy is simply not possible without you, our community! We are grateful to be part of such a wonderfully caring community and want to thank you for giving us this magic and joy in each day. We wish all of you a very happy winter holiday filled with the people and things you hold dear! Nathan and Debbie

## EHMS CALENDAR

December 21	Thursday	<b>Holiday Musical - Doors Open at 6:00pm - curtains up at 6:15pm</b>
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	<b>Last Day of School before Winter Vacation - Early Dismissal 12:05 pm</b>
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](#)

## JORDAN'S ALMOST FAMOUS COMICS



## I NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS VACATION

### A "little" note from Ms. Harden about costumes

**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.

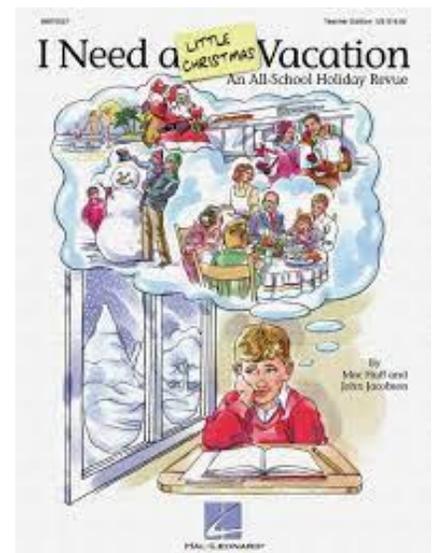
**Some students have specific 'sub' categories** (and associated stereotypes to lean into/to draw from) *if they choose to*. (Other students are also welcome to follow these leads if they are inspired to).

**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



# LEARNING UPDATES WILL BE PUBLISHED DECEMBER 22

Your child's Learning Update for Term One will be posted to the MYED parent portal tomorrow. Here are a few helpful ideas for you to consider when reviewing the Learning Update with your child from K to 5:

1. Print a copy of the PDF to keep for the future - **Reports will be available to download until July 31, 2024.**

2. The EHMS teaching staff have done an incredible job of assessing, writing and editing a very personalized Learning Update for each of our learners. With the amount of time and energy our students put into learning, it is only fitting that you, as supportive adults, review your child's Learning Update together.

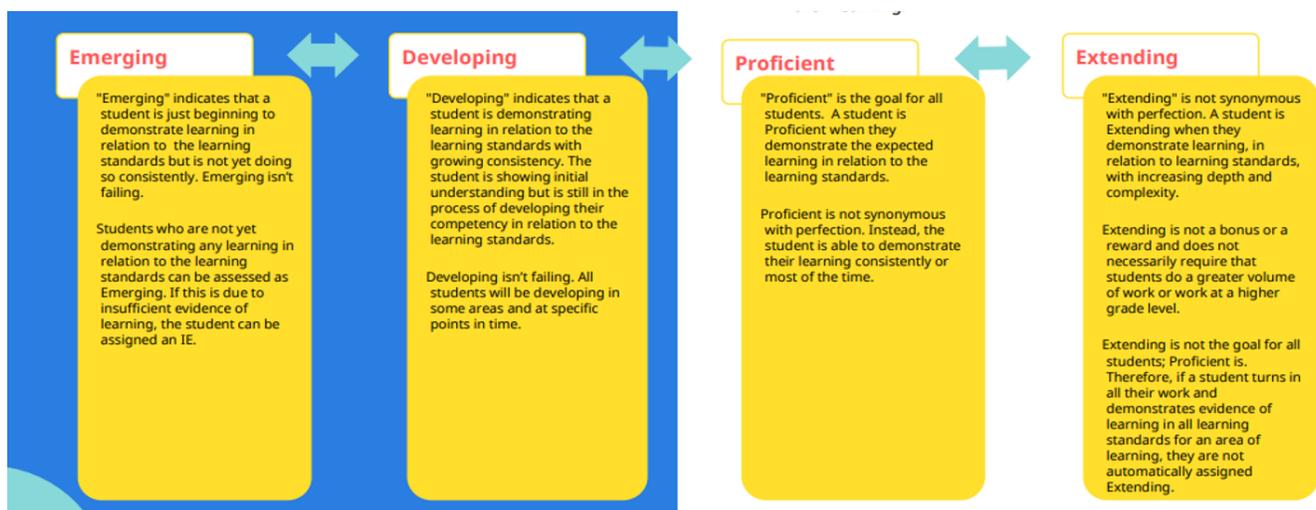
3. Plan to implement one or more of the suggestions from your child's teacher located in each of the learning areas.

4. Some good questions to ask when talking with your child:

- What are you most proud of this term ?
- What would you like to work on getting better next term?
- Your child may not be able to answer questions you have about certain teacher comments. If that is the case, please contact your child's teacher and they will be happy to clarify.

5. Your child's Self -Reflection and Goal setting activities were sent home or posted to their Google Classroom **ON** December 20, 2023.

The following infographic explains the proficiency scale and gives an expanded description of each proficiency. **PROFICIENT** is the goal for all West Vancouver students.



## 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



## ALL PROGRAMS NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS

We are excited to present the following programs as next term's after school extra-curricular enrichment! All programs run from 2:40-3:40pm and take place at Eagle Harbour Montessori. Programs run only if we meet a minimum number of sign-ups. Please direct inquiries to Carrie (Jowan's mom) at [siucarrie6@gmail.com](mailto:siucarrie6@gmail.com).

**Ball Lab** (6 yrs and up)

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

**This program is in need of 7 more registrants to run. Please sign up ASAP!**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://familysmart.ca/events)

## 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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