

I NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS VACATION



As many of you already know, our very talented students will be putting on a live theatre production on **December 21st at 6:15pm. The doors will open at 6:00pm.** Spoiler alert it may be about needing a little vacation.

There will be more information coming over the next couple of weeks, but for now we just wanted to share a sneak peek of what's to come.

Costumes are very simple this year as the show takes place in a school. Most students will be dressing as high schoolers and Ms Hardern will send out this information next week.

As you can see from the photos the entire school is involved and are practicing hard to hone their skills and bring it all to life.

None of this is possible without the support and talent of our staff but in particular Ms. Hardern. We are grateful to her for leading this learning and ensuring the arts are accessible to all of our students.



REMINDER NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday!

DON'T FORGET

There is no
School on

MONDAY

EHMS CALENDAR

December 1	Friday	Kids Holiday Market - More Details Below
December 4	Monday	Professional Day - No School in Session
December 21	Thursday	<i>Holiday Musical - Keep your evening free - you don't want to miss this!</i>
December 21	Thursday	PAC Meeting - Mingler before the Holiday Musical
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 TODAY

Eagle Harbour Families - the time for the Kids Holiday Market is **HERE!** Kids from Eagle Harbour and the surrounding community are invited to finish their holiday shopping at our Kids Holiday Market! All items are \$2 each. Now that's a bargain!

Be sure to send your kids a list of whom they are buying for and \$2 for each gift needed on that list tomorrow December 1st.

Eagle Harbour kids shop first but all kids are welcome!

KIDS' HOLIDAY MARKET

LET YOUR CHILDREN DO THE SHOPPING

OUR HOLIDAY MARKET ALLOWS CHILDREN TO PURCHASE NEW/LIGHTLY USED GIFTS FOR EVERYONE ON THEIR XMAS LISTS.

CHILDREN COME IN WITH THEIR BUDGET, LIST AND COME OUT WITH WRAPPED GIFTS!

2:30pm - 6:30pm
Friday, December 1
Eagle Harbour School Gym
5575 Marine Dr West Van, BC

CASH ONLY

PROCEEDS GO TO EAGLE HARBOUR MONTESSORI PAC.
 ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL: RSTJACQUES83@GMAIL.COM

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR SUCCESS!



What a huge success! Thank you to all the families who supported our little book fair. You helped us raise over **\$1200** to purchase **NEW** books for the library. This makes a huge difference in the lives and learning for our students and we are so grateful!

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all the parents who volunteered to make this happen and in particular thank you to Katy (Bertie's Mom) for volunteering to coordinate the event and volunteering so much of her time. Without her help the book fair simply wouldn't have happened this year so when your kids are happily reading the new books they purchased or borrowed from the library, please thank Katy!

MY EDUCATION BC FAMILY PORTAL



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 in **December**. 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 or password.

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.

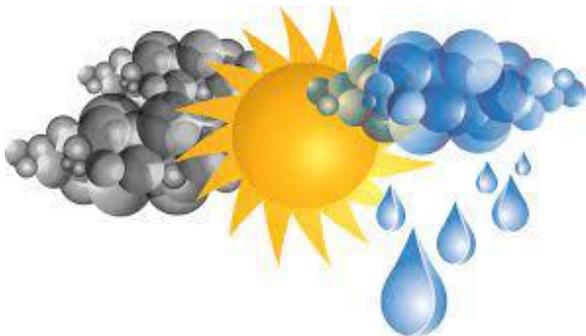
Who should fill out this survey? If you have children attending Kindergarten to Grade 7 at a B.C. school, we want to hear from you about your family's child care needs.

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 PAC MEETING



Thank you to everyone who attended this month's PAC meeting - check out the [November Meeting Minutes](#)

For **December's** meeting we'll be meeting before the Winter Musical for some mingling and light refreshments while the kids get ready. Stay tuned for more details!

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.



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.

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.



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 format early learning programs.

Fee: \$125 per month

For more information and to register please email District VP of Early Learning & Childcare Laine Anderson laineanderson@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](#)

"Social Media Awareness" Family Session on December 5th at 6:30 pm. This free 60-minute session is being hosted by the Ministry of education and ERASE

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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 REC 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

Speakers: 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



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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