

E-Bulletin EAGLE HARBOUR MONTESSORI June 27, 2024



From Valedictions to ballet we had it all this week. Our students' stars shone very brightly this week as they danced, skipped and sang their way through our talent show then so eloquently said farewell and thank you to our grade 5's as they move on to their new adventures.

New adventures await all of us as we close this leg of our school journey. We want to thank all of you for making sure each day was filled with laughter, joy and a community that is second to none. A special thank you goes to our **PAC** for tirelessly supporting us and making sure our little school in the woods had everything we needed to be successful.

To our **students**, you are the reason we do what we do and each day you showed up with kindness in your hearts and a willingness to do your best no matter what! We wish all of you a wonderful summer filled with the people and things you enjoy the most.

On a personal note, I want to thank you - our community for entrusting me with your children and allowing me to play a small part in their learning journey. My time at our little school in the woods has been more than I could have imagined and for that I am truly grateful. This "Rainbow Alicorn" (ask your children who gave me that name and what it means) is officially signing off.

EHMS CALENDAR

June 27	Thursday	Learning Updates Posted to the Parent Portal
September 3	Tuesday	First Day of the New School Year 8:35 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
September 4	Wednesday	Kindergarten Gradual Entry Begins
September 18	Wednesday	Montessori Education Nigh and Welcome Back BBQ
September 20	Friday	Professional Day - School Not in Session
September 30	Monday	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - School Not in Session
EHMS CALENDAR 2024/25		

SUMMARY OF LEARNING DOCUMENTS

Today families will receive a Summary of Learning document, similar to a report card. Unlike the Learning Updates of Terms One and Two, this report is a summary of the progress your child has made this school year and the performance descriptors (Emerging, Developing, Proficient, or Extending) indicate your child's ability after the school year.

Because the summary captures the entire school year, it is focused on the skills and competencies that students developed throughout the year rather than the knowledge and understandings that are typically developed in each subject area each term. BC's Curriculum has a "Know, Understand, Do" model, and the focus of the Summary of Learning is therefore on the "Do": what can your child do, and how independently can they do it.



REMEMBER your Summary of Learning and past Learning Updates will only be available on the parent portal until **July 31, 2024 for downloading and viewing.**

Here is a helpful [LINK](#) to access your Parent Portal and a great [VIDEO](#). Please email Ms. Atkinson aatkinson@wvschools.ca before **July 5th** if you need any assistance with your login.

PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES



On January 26th, 2024, the Province announced three significant actions to enhance the safety and well-being of students in relation to digital technology, including the introduction of restrictions on the use of personal digital devices in schools (this would apply to cell phones, laptops, tablets, smartwatches, etc.). These updated policies will be in place for the 24-25 school year.

Most West Vancouver Schools already have technology guidelines in place. We recognize that the unregulated use of personal devices can be a significant distraction from learning.

These devices can interrupt class time, interfere with student focus and disrupt the educational environment. However, we also understand that when used thoughtfully and with supervision, digital technology can offer valuable opportunities for our students. These tools can enhance the learning by enabling students to create content, communicate, collaborate and share.

Starting in September we will be refocusing our approach with personal digital device use in both elementary and secondary schools. In compliance with our technology guidelines, personal digital devices will only be used with the direct permission of the teacher and/or administrator, who will provide clear guidelines to ensure their use is intentional and purposeful in supporting student learning. Additionally, considerations will be made to accommodate students' medical and health needs, accessibility, and accommodation requirements.

Applicable Times

Elementary Schools: Personal digital device expectations will be in effect throughout the full school day, including before school, after school, and during break times.

More detailed information about these new expectations will be shared at the start of the 2024-25 school year.

In September, we will ask parents and guardians to support these guidelines by minimizing calls and texts to their children during school hours. It is important for students to remain focused and engaged in their learning without the expectation of responding immediately to messages. We also encourage families to start thinking about how they can support these new expectations to ensure a smooth transition for everyone.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation as we work together to create a safe and productive learning environment for our students.

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION WITH US AT THE VANCOUVER PRIDE PARADE



Join West Vancouver Schools as we come together to celebrate diversity and promote inclusion at the **Vancouver Pride Parade on August 4**. All students, parents and families are welcome as we support the LGBTQ+ community, and spread messages of love and acceptance. See you there! Register here [Vancouver Pride Parade Registration 2024](#)

SCHOOL FEES AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 2024 - 2025

2024-25 MONTESSORI FEES

Our annual Montessori School Fees are now due. Payment may be made all at once or over three installments through [SCHOOL CASH ONLINE](#)



2024-25 SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Believe it or not, staff are well into the process of thinking about and planning for next September. Our teachers at Eagle Harbour Montessori School are pleased to once again offer the opportunity to purchase quality standardized school supplies through [School Start](#) for the 2024/2025 school year.

Supply kits are now available to order by phone, email or online and will be delivered directly to the school in September. School Start is offering early bird prize winning opportunities as an incentive. Please click here [ORDER 2024-25 SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS](#) to order supplies for next year - and scratch that off your 'to do' list!

HEADS UP - AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR FALL 2024

The PAC is excited to be announcing the following programs for after school enrichment in the Fall. We are adding **Sportball**, a popular multisport program, to the current mix. Art Mania will teach **Nature Art and the Art of Emily Carr** for the first time at our school. Sportball and Yoga are currently accepting registrations. Registration info for the other programs will be provided as they become available. All programs take place at the school from 2:45 p.m. -3:45 p.m., allowing parents an extra hour before having to pick up. All programs run only with enough sign-ups. Thank you for supporting EHMS after school programs and please contact Carrie Siu (Jowan's mom) at siucarrie6@gmail.com with any questions.

CHESS 6-11 yrs

TUESDAY Sept 24 - Dec 3, 2024 (no class Nov 12)

You are invited to explore the strategic world of chess. 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.



Instructor: Coaches James Chan, Denise Ozcifci & Clement Cheng

NATURE ART AND THE ART OF EMILY CARR 6 -12 yrs



WEDNESDAY Sept 25 - Dec 4 (no class Oct 9)

Enter the world of this iconic west coast artist and create nature themed art. Young artists will explore Emily Carr's passion for nature through painting, drawing, and sculpting their own experiences of the natural world. Learn all about line, form, shape and texture and discover how Emily Carr used the colours of Nature to recreate the world around her.

Instructor: Shahla Karbalaei of Art Mania

YOGA WITH MENKA K-Gr 5

THURSDAY Sept 26 - Dec 5 (Oct 10 class at 1:10 p.m. & no class Oct 31)

\$150+GST

It is not just flexibility! Yoga teaches balance, discipline, perseverance, consistency, kindness, resilience, gratitude, stillness and self regulation. This class will run for its third term at our school and has been well-loved by kids and parents. Registration is now open! Please [SEE POSTER](#) for details and registration.



NEW! SPORTBALL Gr 2-5

FRIDAY Sept 27 - Dec 6 (no class Oct 25)

A multisport program where we introduce 8 different sports to the kids (soccer, volleyball, basketball, t-ball, tennis, golf, football and hockey). Baseline skills for each sport are introduced along with team building and coordination games. The program is based upon physical literacy and giving the kids a chance to thrive in a fun and non-competitive environment. **Register [here!](#)**



COMMUNITY NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

WEST VANCOUVER BASKETBALL CLUBS SUMMER CAMPS



The end of the school year is here which means the WVBC summer camps are just a few weeks away. This year, the WVBC will be offering 4 weeks of camps beginning July 8 for players in Grades 2-10.

All camps will be held at West Van Secondary School and will be led by former Canadian Men's National Team player and WVS Teacher/ Basketball Academy Head Coach Greg Meldrum. Space is limited so best not to delay in signing up. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to <http://www.wvbc.ca>

ELEVATE YOUR SUMMER WITH ULTIMATE CAMPS!

Are your kids looking for the "**Ultimate**" way to stay active this summer? Elevate Ultimate is the leader in youth Ultimate Frisbee and Disc Golf. We pride ourselves on teaching students a variety of life skills such as conflict resolution and teamwork through this self-refereed sport.

There is a Summer Camp near you, and we have a variety of programs available for all skill levels. For more information and to register to hold a spot for your child, [check out their programs here](#), and to get \$40.00 off, please use discount code: **Welcome40**



WEST VANCOUVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY SUMMER NEWSLETTER



The WVML SUMMER [NEWSLETTER](#) for kids and families is here! We have lots going on and some of our registered programs are filling up fast! All the information for our Summer Reading Club is inside the newsletter!

As always: everything is free, open to all and no library card is required.



Summer SWIM CAMP

Summer fun for kids ages 6-17 for OSA to YDG and equivalent groups!

WHY JOIN THE OTTERS SUMMER SWIM CAMP?

Our swim camp is a great summertime adventure for your kids that are sure to enjoy. Campers will be training with high level trained coaches where they will swim with friends and meet new ones!

TIME TRIALS

Time trials (mini swim meets) will be held at the end of Sessions 4 and 8 on July 19 and August 23. No additional fees for campers enrolled in two of the preceding four weeks. Swimmer times will count towards group placement for the 2023-2024 season.

SESSION DATES

JULY 03

JULY 08

JULY 15

JULY 22

JULY 29

AUGUST 07

AUGUST 12

AUGUST 19

Otters and Non-Otters are welcome to sign up for summer camp!

3 X 1 HOUR SESSIONS PER WEEK

Non-Otters members must contact Laura Fleury for an assessment prior to registering for any summer camp session.

Please contact Laura Fleury at otters.registrar@gmail.com

or

Coach Janusz at (604) 505-7946 for any questions

2121 Marine Drive
West Vancouver,
BC V7V 4Y2

Register Here

<https://otters.uplifterinc.com/>



CHRIS KENNEDY, WV SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT

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