



E-Bulletin EAGLE HARBOUR MONTESSORI

August 29, 2024

Welcome Back, Eagle Harbour! We are thrilled to welcome everyone back to school and we hope your summer has been filled with laughter, joy, and a few adventures. My name is Jessica Richardson, and I am truly excited to be part of this community as your school vice-principal. While new to Eagle Harbour, I have been a teacher and administrator in West Vancouver Schools for many years. Thank you to all of the Eagle Harbour staff and families who have been incredibly warm and welcoming. This school has a rich history of creating a safe and engaging learning environment for your children, and I know that tradition will continue in the 2024-2025 school year. Click here for our welcome message.



TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 8:35-10:15 am (** Grade 1-5 only)

Please meet us in the gym for a welcome from the staff and attendance. If you are not able to attend school on Tuesday morning, it is essential to contact Ms. Atkinson aatkinson@wvschools.ca or call 604-981-1380 to let us know where you are.

We will start the year with a whole school slip and slide and outdoor games (rain or shine!). If your child would like to participate, please send them to school wearing a bathing suit (or wetsuit, swim shirt, etc.). Please pack a towel and a dry change of clothes.



8:35	Arrive and head to the gym
8:40	Welcome and Attendance
9:00	Slip and Slide
10:00	Slip and Slide Closes
10:05	Freezies
10:15	Student Dismissal

Parents are welcome to stay and mingle with each other in our beautiful garden and enjoy coffee and treats generously provided by our PAC.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE



Students not in attendance by 3:00 pm on Thursday, September 5, 2024, may not be guaranteed a spot at Eagle Harbour Montessori School for the coming year. This policy is in line with our District Administrative Procedures, which ensure a smooth and fair enrollment process for all students.

The start of the school year is an integral period for students to establish a solid foundation for their academic journey. The initial two weeks hold significant value, as they set the tone for the curriculum and establish essential routines. Moreover, we typically experience a surge in registrations over the summer, making it crucial to have an accurate count of students attending.

If you feel your child's absence during these crucial weeks is unavoidable, please reach out to Ms. Richardson. <u>Jrichardson@wvschools.ca</u>

SEPTEMBER 4 & 5, 2024

Upper Elementary - All children entering/continuing in Upper Elementary (Gr.4 & 5) please go to Mr. Price's class.

Lower Elementary - All children entering or continuing in Lower Elementary (Gr.1, 2 & 3) please go to Ms. Richardson's class. All classes will be finalized Friday morning.



We are excited to welcome our newest students on Wednesday, September 4th. Schedule and details for the gradual entry process have been sent directly to Kindergarten parents/guardians. Here is a copy of the <u>Kindergarten Gradual Entry</u> 2024-2025. Full day Kindergarten begins on September 16th.

DATES AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER	
3	First day back (Grade 1-5) 8:35-10:15 am
4	Kindergarten Gradual entry begins
10	PAC meeting 9:00 am
17	Cross Country meet at Ambleside 3:30pm
18	Parent Evening & Picnic 5:00pm-7:00pm
20	Professional Development Day (school not in session)
24	Individual School Photos
30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



 ORDER 2024-25 SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS - if you have not ordered/purchased please do so ASAP. 2024-25 Class school supplies can still be ordered online for delivery directly to the school from <u>School Start</u>.

- 2. **Appropriate clothing:** To benefit from outdoor learning opportunities (rain or shine), it is important that each child has waterproof clothing (and an extra set of dry clothes left at the school (K-3).
 - Indoor running shoes and rain boots are also required this year.
- 3. **Devices Grades 4-5:** It is essential for learning that all 4-5 students come prepared with a laptop every day. Mr. Price has kindly created a document with helpful hints and guidance for choosing a computer for your child. Click **HERE** for more information.

If you have questions about your child's return to school procedures, please email Ms. Richardson at jrichardson@wvschools.ca after Friday, September 8th. If you have questions about other classroom related inquiries, your child's teacher is the expert to contact.

2024-25 MONTESSORI FEES

Our annual Montessori School Fees are now due and payable through <u>School Cash</u> Online. Payment may be made all at once or over three installments.

STAFFING

We have had some staff changes this year at Eagle Harbour. We are thrilled to introduce you to three new staff members who have joined our team. Please join us in welcoming back Ms. De Paula, who will be teaching in Ms. Richardson's Lower Elementary classroom and Ms. Stephen's Kindergarten class with her passion and expertise. Additionally, we are excited to introduce Ms. Chapman- Smith as our new Learning Support Teacher and Ms. Boram as our Education Assistant. We also have a new Vice-Principal at Eagle Harbour, Ms. Jessica Richardson.

EAGLE HARBOUR MONTESSORI (EHMS) PAC NEWS

WELCOME BACK AND SEPTEMBER PAC MEETING

September PAC Meeting - September 10th 8:45 AM - 10 AM

Please join us for the first Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting of the year! September 10th 8:45 AM - 10 AM in the **school library**. Meeting Agenda can be found **HERE.**

For those new to the school, PAC Meetings are held each month on the second Tuesday of the month from 8:45 - 10 AM. This is where parents and caregivers get together with school administration to discuss school updates, events, goals and challenges in a constructive and positive format. We look forward to having everyone's input on making this another fantastic school year at EHMS.

If you are not able to make it in person please join us virtually by clicking on the link at the bottom of the PAC Meeting Agenda.

Lastly, we are recruiting volunteers for Class Parents for this year; please talk to Ms. Richardson if you are interested!

Mabel's Labels Fundraiser!

Once again we're fundraising with Mabel's Labels to help support our school. Get some handy personalized waterproof name labels for your kids' stuff! Free Shipping and our school gets 20% of profits. Simply visit Mabel's Labels and select our school under "Support a Fundraiser" tab. We are listed as Eagle Harbour Montessori School. Happy labelling!



Tru Earth Laundry Detergent Strips!

If you happen to use Tru Earth Laundry Detergent strips or are interested in some of their other products, please order through this link to support our school with 20% of your order going to our school. Thank you for your support!



After School Programs Fall 2024 - please register ASAP!

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. All programs are now accepting registration. These programs take place at the school from 2:45-3:45 PM, pending enough registrations. Thank you for supporting EHMS after school programs. Please contact Carrie Siu (Jowan's mom) at siucarrie6@gmail.com with any questions.



TUESDAY CHESS for 6-11 yrs

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

\$170 (includes premium account with chesskid.com worth \$70)

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 Register <u>here</u>.



WEDNESDAY NATURE ART AND THE ART OF EMILY CARR for 6-12

yrs

Sept 25 - Dec 4 (no class Oct 9) \$270 (includes all art materials)

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

Register <u>here</u>.









Sept 26 - Dec 5 (Oct 10 class at 1:10pm & 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. Register here.

\$180+GST



NEW! FRIDAY SPORTBALL for Gr 2-5 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!