



Eagle Harbour
Montessori School



E-Bulletin EAGLE HARBOUR MONTESSORI September 12, 2024



SCHOOL COMMUNICATION - Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

Regular home communication is important to us. Please make reading our E-Bulletins a weekly routine for your family to stay up-to-date with school events and information. An **Eagle Harbour E-Bulletin** will be emailed home every Thursday. Archived Bulletins can be found on the [Eagle Harbour Montessori School](http://www.eagleharbourmontessori.ca) website under the school *Publications* tab. Please familiarize yourself with our website as it is your primary source of information. We also have a school Instagram account. Check us out @eagleharbourmontessori



TIMELY ARRIVAL

Please assist your child in arriving at school **on time**. Eagle Harbour's **new** morning bell will ring at **8:30am**. Schedules and routines are extremely important to a child's development and academic achievement as key concepts and lessons begin at the start of our school day. If your child will be late or absent, please email the office and your classroom teacher or call the school at **604-981-1380**.

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

Student Verification Forms were sent home on Friday. Parents/guardians are required to review this information and note any changes (or discrepancies in information) before returning it to the school office by **Friday, September 13th**. In order to keep our records current, we request that any changes in citizenship, custody, or residential information be supported by original documentation submitted to the school office. This would include respectively: a Canadian citizenship card or passport; legal custody agreement; a purchase/tenancy agreement and utility bill(s). Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

We recognize that it is a lot of paperwork at a busy time, but ask that you complete them as soon as possible to enable your child to have access to the technology at school and fully participate in events and neighborhood learning walks.



MONTESSORI PARENT NIGHT & PICNIC – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

Our annual Parent Night and Picnic will be held on **Wednesday, September 18th at 5:00 pm**. Parents are invited into their child's classrooms to learn more about the year ahead.

Classroom sessions will run from **5:00-5:15 pm, and 5:15-5:30 pm** to allow families with multiple children in the school to visit each classroom their child may be in.

Following the classroom sessions, all families are invited to join in this fun Eagle Harbour tradition! Bring a blanket to spread out and a snack to share (no nuts please). This is one (of many more opportunities to come) to mingle with other Eagle Harbour families and the staff. We hope to see you all there!

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Practices started this week. Tuesdays at lunch recess (11:55) and Thursdays at 7:45 am. Please make sure your child has appropriate footwear and is ready to have fun! The meets are scheduled at Ambleside after school on the following **Tuesdays: September 17th, September 24th and October 1st** from **3:45 – 4:45 +pm**.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Thursday, September 19, 2024

This day was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly and has been designated as a day of non-violence and cease-fire. This year's theme is "**Cultivating a Culture of Peace**".

On September 21, 1938, when Maria Montessori opened her first training course at the newly established training center in the Netherlands, she addressed



students and officials in attendance. Montessori called everyone to action, the kind of action that inspires to contribute to a better world: *“Let’s unite, teachers and pupils alike. We all have to commit unanimously to a common and noble goal: to serve humanity.”*

DATES AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER	
10	PAC meeting 8:45 am
16	First full day of Kindergarten
17	Cross Country meet #1 at Ambleside 3:45pm
18	Parent Evening & Picnic 5:00pm-7:00pm
19	International Peace Day
20	Professional Development Day (school not in session)
24	Individual School Photos
24	Cross Country meet #2 at Ambleside 3:45pm
26	Terry Fox run
27	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day observed at EHMS)
30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (school not in session)

2024-25 MONTESSORI FEES

Our annual Montessori School Fees are now due and payable through [School Cash Online](#). Payment may be made all at once or over three installments.



EAGLE HARBOUR MONTESSORI (EHMS) PAC NEWS

PAC Meeting

Thank you for joining us this past week for our September PAC meeting. Meeting minutes can be found [HERE](#). Save the date for our next meeting: October 8th 8:45 - 10 AM in the school library.

We need YOU!

- **Class Parents needed!** Every class has a class parent that moderates the WhatsApp Class group and helps out with a few small tasks throughout the year. This role is really helpful for the PAC and is a minimal time investment. Please reach out to Andrea at ehpac@wvschools.ca or speak with Ms. Richardson if interested. We currently require class parents for Ms. Stephen's Class, Ms. Richardson's Class, and Mr Price's Class. Many thanks to Emily (Mason's Mom) for stepping up for Ms. Hardern's Class again this year!
- **Garden Committee Leader Role Available:** Know anyone that would like to lead the charge on the school garden? Please reach out to Andrea at ehpac@wvschools.ca or speak with Ms. Richardson if interested.
- **Traffic & Safety Committee Leader Role Available:** This is an optional role at our school PAC but very helpful in keeping our kids and community members safe. It involves attending a monthly meeting with North Shore Safety Council and planning any extra safety initiatives at the school that you think would be impactful. Please reach out to Andrea at ehpac@wvschools.ca or speak with Ms. Richardson if interested.

Connect with the Eagle Harbour PAC

1. **PAC Facebook group** - join our Facebook group; the place to post questions, get recommendations, or share information with the entire EH school community. [Join Group](#)

2. **WhatsApp Class Group** - every class has a permanent WhatsApp group (same group every year). Parents can update each other, ask questions, set playdates, and whatever else relevant to that class. A parent can choose to join or not and leave the group whenever it's not needed anymore (kid graduated class for example).

To join, click the below link from your mobile device:

Class Parent - **VACANT** [Ms. Stephen](#)

Class Parent - **Emily (Mason's Mom)** [Ms. Hardern](#)

Class Parent - **VACANT** [Ms. Richardson](#)

Class Parent - **VACANT** [Mr. Price](#)

Subscribe to the School Calendar

Did you know you can subscribe to the School Calendar so all school and District events are automatically and conveniently added into your calendar? <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/eagleharbour-montessori/events/>

Have you heard about the Unplugged Canada Pledge?

[Unplugged Canada](#) is a collective effort among kids and parents to delay smartphone use until kids reach at least 14 years of age. In today's digital age, it's challenging to balance technology with the most crucial aspects of childhood development. By choosing to sign the Unplugged Canada pledge, you're also providing them with the time to develop the critical thinking skills and resilience they will need to healthily navigate online spaces at a later age. Here are some [FAQs](#) if you want to learn more.

To participate, [Sign the Pledge](#). By signing the online Pledge, you promise not to give your child a smartphone until at least age 14. Unplugged Canada will not share your information with any third party outside of our organization and your personal information will not be made public.

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 the "[Support a Fundraiser](#)" tab. We are listed as Eagle Harbour Montessori School. Happy labeling!



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!](#)

Hello all, the PAC is excited to have planned the following programs for after school enrichment in the Fall. *Sportball* is currently full, but Chess, Art and Yoga still have spots

left. These programs take place at the school from 2:45-3:45 pm and do not run on school holidays. 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

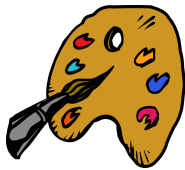
Sept 24 - Dec 3, 2024 (no class Nov 12)

\$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 [here](#).



WEDNESDAY NATURE ART AND THE ART OF EMILY CARR 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 [here](#).



THURSDAY YOGA WITH MENKA for K-Gr 5

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](#).



NEW! FRIDAY SPORTBALL for Gr 2-5

Sept 27 - Dec 6 (no class Oct 25)

\$180+GST

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. ***This program is currently FULL for the Fall. Registration for Term 2 will start in December.***

DISTRICT NEWS: WEST VANCOUVER RECREATION CENTRE

Indigenous Arts & Culture Workshop [this fall](#).

Small Group Music Classes: [Ukulele, Acoustic Guitar and Singing Classes are starting in September](#).

Language Program for Various Ages:

[Give yourself a gift of language skills in French, Spanish, Mandarin, Farsi, Korean, American Sign Language \(ASL\), Ukrainian and English as a Second/Third Language.](#)

Click here for [PD Day Camps](#)

Browse all your recreation activities and programs here:

<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities>

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I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Sʷwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides.