



Eagle Harbour
Montessori School



E-Bulletin EAGLE HARBOUR MONTESSORI September 5, 2024

It's official! Eagle Harbour Montessori School has a new logo (see it above). A huge thank you to Talia Cohen, who designed and created this special visual representation for Eagle Harbour. Our new, updated logo represents Eagle Harbour's identity and values. Here is a brief summary of the design story:

Three Trees: These trees symbolize the foundational principles or pillars of our school: Grace, Courtesy, and Respect.

Overlapping Elements: The overlapping elements signify the interconnectedness and unity within our school community. It highlights how these core values (Grace, Courtesy, and Respect) are interwoven and reinforce each other.

Variety in Trees and Colors: The variety in trees and colors likely represents the diversity among the students at our school. Just as different trees and colors contribute to the beauty of a landscape, diversity enriches and enhances our school community.

The Earth at Our Core: This suggests a deep commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability. By emphasizing the Earth at our core, we reinforce our respect and love for nature.

Thank you again, Talia, for your creative thinking, design expertise, and many hours of work. We appreciate you! A new logo means new spirit wear for our school! Stay tuned for more information.



Thank you to everyone for a fantastic start to the school year. It was great to reconnect after the summer holidays and we look forward to the year ahead together.

EHMS SCHEDULE FOR 2024-2025 UPDATED

Times

8:30-8:35 Welcome (school begins at 8:35)

10:35- 10:55 RECESS

10:55-11:55

11:55-12:15 LUNCH RECESS

12:15-12:38 LUNCH

2:35 Dismissal

West Vancouver Personal Digital Devices - NEW!

At West Vancouver Schools, we understand that personal digital devices offer students valuable opportunities to collaborate, create, and communicate, enhancing their learning experiences. We also recognize the importance of maintaining focused and safe learning environments for all students. Recently, provincial guidelines and legislation have further highlighted the need to minimize distractions, as digital devices can interrupt class time, interfere with student concentration, and disrupt the educational setting.

To support focused and safe learning environments, West Vancouver Schools is refining our approach to digital device use and will be uniformly applying personal digital device

expectations across all schools.

Starting this school year, personal digital devices will only be allowed with the explicit permission of a teacher or administrator, who will provide clear guidelines to ensure their use is intentional and directly supports student learning. Additionally, considerations will be made to accommodate students' medical and health needs, accessibility, and accommodation requirements.

Here's what this means for different school levels:

- **Secondary Schools:** Personal digital device expectations will be in place during instructional time. Instructional time is during classes, assemblies and all school related learning activities.
- **Elementary Schools:** Personal digital device expectations will apply throughout the entire school day, including before school, after school, and during break times. Cell phones will not be used at all during school hours.

By working together, we can create a safer, more focused learning environment for all students. These small steps at home can make a big difference in reinforcing the positive changes we're implementing at school. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

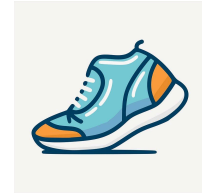
We welcomed our newest students on Wednesday, September 4th. Schedule and details for the gradual entry process have been sent directly to Kindergarten parents/guardians. Here is a copy of the [Kindergarten Gradual Entry 2024-2025](#). Full day Kindergarten begins on September 16th.



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 8:45 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
27	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (observed at EHMS)
30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (school not in session)

CROSS-COUNTRY SEASON



September means Cross Country season is starting! This team is open to students in Grades 3-5. District wide meets will be held at Ambleside.

WHO: PRACTICES are for everyone who would like to join us, parents included!
DISTRICT MEETS - are for interested students in grades 3 - 5 (held at Ambleside fields)

WHEN: PRACTICES - Tuesdays at 11:55 am & Thursdays at 7:45 am beginning Sept 10th

DISTRICT MEETS - Tuesday Sept 17, 24 and Oct 1 at 3:45 pm

WHERE PRACTICES - By the basketball court at the back of the school

PLEASE NOTE: Permission forms (going home Friday Sept 6) are required for students wishing to participate.

***NEW* WVECA Athletic Fees** - Due to the increasing cost of fees associated with running our Elementary Athletics programs in all West Vancouver schools, the WVECA will be charging \$10 per student per sport for the 2024-2025 school year. These fees were Board approved in the Spring of 2024 for the upcoming school year. If this fee is prohibitive please reach out to Ms. Richardson.



WE ARE A NUT AWARE SCHOOL

In order to ensure the safest environment for each of our students, we are a **NUT AWARE** school. What this means for you and your family - we kindly ask that no nuts or nut butters (this includes sesame seeds) of any kind come to school/in lunches.

EAGLE HARBOUR MONTESSORI (EHMS) PAC NEWS

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.

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 are giving your child the chance to nurture meaningful relationships and be more present in the world around them. 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 in this DPAC endorsed initiative, [Sign the Pledge](#). By signing, you pledge to not 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.

Unplugged Canada: Raising Awareness Event at the Kay Meek Arts Centre on September 14th from 4:30pm-6:30pm

Unplugged Canada will be hosting a speaker session exploring the impact of devices on children and the benefits of delaying their use until at least 14. Our panel of experts will lead discussions and offer practical advice on approaching this topic with your children and other community members.

Special Guests:

- Brooke Shannon - Founder of "Wait Until 8th" in the USA.
- Sharon Selby - Registered Clinical Counsellor
- Margot Denomme - former Crown Attorney and founder of RAAD ("Raising Awareness about Digital Dangers");
- A local pediatrician on the front line seeing the impact of phone use on our children everyday.

[Register for your Event Brite ticket for this important event, UNPLUGGED CANADA, here - For only \\$5.](#)

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.



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!

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I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the S?wx_wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides.