



E-Bulletin EAGLE HARBOUR MONTESSORI DECEMBER 12, 2024



Eagle Harbour Montessori

SHOW YOUR SPIRIT!

Don't forget, tomorrow, **Friday, December 13, 2024**, wear your festive sweaters or holiday colours!



SPECIAL TALENTS

Calling all parents! Do you have an idea for a fun activity to do with students before the winter break begins? Maybe baking or creating a unique craft? Please email Jessica at jrichardson@wvschools.ca if you do—we would love to invite you in!



Winter Musical

**PLEASE SEND COSTUMES WITH YOUR CHILD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN A BAG LABELLED WITH THEIR NAME! We are ready to start dress rehearsals!

The musical, "A Kid's Life" is less than two weeks away from showtime. The students are excited to showcase their hard work.

When: December 19, 2024

Where: Drop off your child(ren) between 5:15-5:30 pm in Ms. Harden's classroom

Parents are invited to Mr. Price's room for an informal PAC meeting and some snacks.

Showtime: 6:00-7:00 pm (doors open just prior to showtime) in EH Gym

Tickets: Bring two non perishable food items for the Harvest Project for entry to the show!

Costumes: Sweatsuits if they have it (no pajamas please). Ideally matching top and bottoms in any colour or pattern.

LOST & FOUND!!

Oh, the Land of Lost and Found,

Where treasures big and small abound,

Water bottles, hoodies, jackets too,

A lunch box filled with something... goo?

Each waits patiently, safe and sound,

To be collected and homeward bound!



Please take a moment to check the lost and found by December 19. All remaining items will be donated during the winter break.

ADMISSIONS 2025-26

K-12 registration for both in-district and out-of-district students opens on **January 15!** If you have students in your family or network who are looking to join our district, please help spread the word about this important date.



West Vancouver Schools offer a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community that values excellence in education. Our schools take pride in creating meaningful learning experiences and providing opportunities that support the growth, well-being, and success of every student.

To learn more about registration expectations and processes, please visit our admissions page: West Vancouver Schools Admissions

We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our vibrant and supportive school community!

Personal Digital Device Expectations

As we reflect on the first four months of the school year, we're proud to recognize the progress we've made together in implementing our Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations. Thanks to the collective efforts of our students, families, and staff, we've seen a significant improvement in how digital devices are used in our schools. This has fostered more focused and engaged learning environments, aligning with our shared goal of supporting student success.

This success would not have been possible without everyone's ongoing support and commitment. While we celebrate these strides, it's important that we remain consistent in maintaining these expectations and continue to remind and support students to ensure this positive momentum is sustained.

Why We're Doing This

The purpose of these expectations is to minimize distractions and maximize learning opportunities. Digital devices, when used appropriately, are powerful tools for collaboration, creativity, and communication. However, ensuring they don't interrupt instructional time or disrupt the learning environment remains a priority.

What You Can Continue to Do

Here are some ways families can help reinforce these expectations at home:

- 1. **Celebrate Progress** -Acknowledge your child's efforts in adhering to the guidelines and discuss how this has positively impacted their focus and learning.
- Reinforce Healthy Habits Continue encouraging a balanced approach
 to device use at home by promoting activities like reading, outdoor play,
 and family time.
- Model Consistency Show your support by modeling mindful device use when on the school grounds or in the school building AND during shared family time.
- 4. Support School Communication Please avoid contacting your child during instructional time, this includes communication through phones and smartwatches. Remind them that non-urgent messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.
- 5. **Stay Engaged** Revisit the Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices to refresh your understanding of the expectations and discuss them with your child.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support in making this initiative a success.

DATES AT A GLANCE

DECEMBER	
9-20	NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS
13	Festive Sweater/holiday colours Spirit Day BRING COSTUME FOR MUSICAL Craft afternoon
19	"A Kid's Life" Musical by EHMS 5:15-5:30 PM (drop off) Showtime 6:00 -7:00 PM Bring 2 non perishables for entry
20	PJ Day Early Dismissal 12:05 PM Last Day of classes before Winter Break Learning Updates (MyEd)

EAGLE HARBOUR MONTESSORI (EHMS) PAC NEWS

December PAC Mingler

Please join us for an informal holiday hang before the Winter Musical on December 19th! After you drop off your performer(s) in Ms Hardern's classroom at 5:15-5:30 PM, head on over to Mr Price's room for some light refreshments while we wait for doors to open at 6 PM.

Holiday Centrepiece Workshop Fundraiser - Only 1 Spot Left!! Dec 13th, 10 AM - 12 PM at Andrea's House Our very talented EH parent Talia Cohen (Noga's Mom), owner of Nogori Flowers (www.nogoriflowers.com/) is offering an informative and fun Holiday Centrepiece Workshop. Build a unique and custom centrepiece and support our school fundraising initiatives - it's a fantastic deal! Materials are provided. Cost is \$115. Please email Andrea to reserve your spot ehpac@wvschools.ca.

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EAGLE HARBOUR MONTESSORI AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

After school programs are now finished for this term. Kids will need to be picked up promptly at 2:35 PM unless alternative arrangements have been made. Thank you so much for supporting these PAC-initiated programs!

Please contact Carrie Siu (Jowan's mom) at siucarrie6@gmail.com with any feedback or questions.

NEW!! MONDAY THEATRE BUGS with *Art Mania* for K-Gr 5 January 6 - March 10, 2025 (no class Jan 27 & Feb 17) 2:40-3:40 pm

\$216

Perfect for kids who love stories and expressing themselves through performing, this class offers budding performers a chance to dive into the world of acting through engaging games and activities. Kids will build confidence, teamwork and imagination while having a blast! Please see attached poster for more info. Register here.



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TUESDAY CHESS with Coaches James, Clement & Keith for 6-11yrs January 7 - March 11, 2025 2:45-3:45 pm

Our popular Chess club is returning next term! Eagle Harbour kids are invited to explore the strategic world of chess. This club includes fundamentals for beginners along with strategies for the more advanced players. Players will have the opportunity to improve their skills by playing against other players of various levels. Register here.



WEDNESDAY STORY BOOK CREATIONS with Art Mania K-Gr 5

January 8 - March 12, 2025

2:40-3:40 pm

\$270 (includes all art materials)

In this engaging class, students will explore traditional folk tales from around the world and create art inspired by these stories. Each week, they will dive into projects such as colourful Carp Streamers from Japan, Inuit multi-media paintings, Russian nesting dolls, and more! See attached poster for more info.



Register here.

THURSDAY YOGA WITH MENKA K-Gr 5

January 9 - March 13, 2025 2:45-3:45 pm \$150+GST

Children will become aware about making good food choices and how practicing yoga can help us digest the nutrients in our food! Yoga also helps the digestive tract, making us think better and feel clearer! Please see the poster for more info.

Register here.



FRIDAY SPORTBALL for Grades 2 - 5

January 10 - March 14, 2025 (no class Feb 14) 2:40-3:40 pm \$162+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 has a maximum of 12 kids, so sign up early to avoid disappointment!

Register here.

DISTRICT NEWS



http://dundaravefestival.com

Saturday Dec 14th - noon to dusk World Christmas - Presented by Westerleigh PARC

NOON UBC African Drummers

- 1 2pm Bollywood dancing class for beginners
- 2 3pm Scottish Country Dancing & Ceilidh
- 3 4pm Burstin' with Broadway.

Saturday Dec 21st 4-8pm

Christmas Wassail and Bonfire Night - Presented by Maclean Homes

Los Duendes - Psych Latin Funk Fusion

Square Dancing

Community Carolling around the bonfire

Santa arrives by Search and Rescue Boat, Music Dancing etc.

We want to make information accessible and easy to find, when looking for local programs, events, and resources in West Vancouver. Check out this link <u>HERE</u> for more information.

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