

December 7th, 2023

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Hawks Highlights

Dec	12	Primary Winter Concert	4:30 pm in the gym
	14	Intermediate Winter Open House & Showcase	4:00-6:00 pm in the gym
	19	Grade 4/5 Field Trip to Britannia Mines	
	18-22	Spirit Week	
	22	Early Dismissal 11:30 am / 11:50 am	
	25- Jan 5	Winter Break - School Closed	
Jan	8	School Re-opens	

Winter Celebrations

Kindergarten to Grade 3 Families - Winter Concert - Tuesday, December 12th @ 4:30 pm

All Kindergarten to Grade 3 Hawks will be performing in our Primary Winter Concert. Due to limited capacity in the gym, we are only able to accommodate two guests for each primary family. Tickets for the two guests have been sent home with the children today. We would encourage any other family members who wish to see the performance to attend our dress rehearsal on Tuesday, December 12th at 11:00 am in the gym. As this is a formal concert, we would ask that the guests follow audience etiquette as follows:

- **No talking**
- **No phones, photos, or filming - please be in the moment!**
- **Stay for the entire performance. (All children in Kindergarten to Grade 3 will be singing in the Finale. We may also invite the audience to join in too!)**
- **Arrive on time**
- **Consider carpooling or parking a distance away. NO PARKING in the turnaround or staff parking lot.**

Please look for more information from your child(ren)'s classroom teacher regarding timing, costumes, ways to support at home, etc.

Grade 4 to Grade 7 Families - Intermediate Winter Open House & Showcase - Thursday, December 14th 4:00 - 6:00 pm

All families are invited to join the Grade 4-7s for a Winter Open House & Showcase. The Junior and Senior Bands will be performing along with the choir, the Grade 4/5s and any other HAWKS who will be showcasing their musical talents.

Winter Spirit Week!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ugly (Christmas) Sweater Day	Holiday Movie Character Day	Red, Green, and White Day	Holiday Hat/Hair Day	Pajama Day

An important reminder from M. Hugo...

Please make sure to send appropriate inside gym shoes (**running shoes with a non-marking sole**) for physical literacy classes in the gymnasium. Without proper footwear it is difficult to participate in activities and results in damage to the floors.



PAC Fundraising Initiative

We are thrilled to be fundraising to enhance the Cedardale playground with more space to play, to skip rope, play four-square and more! Click on the poster below to donate. If you prefer to donate by cheque, please make cheques payable to Ecole Cedardale PAC. Our HAWKS are so excited for your support!

CHQ DRIVE



deadline...
15 Jan 24
Ecole Cedardale

Playground Enhancements

\$50,000.00



scan to donate:

Ministry of Education and Child Care Survey

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, we are sharing the survey information below to help inform the Province's [ChildCareBC](https://www.childcarebc.ca/) initiatives:

This is a friendly reminder to complete the 2023 School-Aged Child Care Demand Parent Survey by December 14 to help inform the Province's planning for future expansion of school age child care. Thank you to the parents who have already completed this survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated. While we know school-aged child care is a vital service families rely on to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent's full work day, we do not yet have regional or provincial data to understand the demand.

By completing this survey, you can help the Province to better understand your community's needs for school-aged child care. The survey will take 10-15 minutes and the results will help inform future [ChildCareBC](https://www.childcarebc.ca/) initiatives.

To complete the survey, please follow this link:
<https://www.awinfosys.com/survey/full3/minofed/main/SchoolAgeParents.asp?SchoolNumber=1162>
Please do not share the link with anyone else.

If you have any questions, please contact ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca. If you encounter any technical difficulties, please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) at support@awinfosys.com. If you have already completed the survey, thank you and please disregard this note.

We greatly appreciate your input and thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,
Ministry of Education and Child Care

Cedardale Parent/Caregiver Visitors and Volunteers - IMPORTANT!

Not only do we love seeing parents and caregivers in the building, but we are also so appreciative of everything that parent volunteers do to contribute to our caring community!

If you are visiting, volunteering, simply dropping something off, picking up your child for an appointment, etc. please be reminded of the following general protocols:

Visitors & Volunteers

- Please enter the school via the **front doors only** and make your way immediately to the office to sign-in.
- Please be sure to have made prior arrangements before entering learning spaces during the school day (i.e., do NOT enter your child's classroom, even if it's just to drop off a lunch or project, these items should always be left at the office, so as not to disrupt the learning environment). This includes outdoor learning spaces such as the playground (recess), the garden, the outdoor classroom, etc.
- Please do not "drop-in" on your child's teacher or other school staff. Email in advance or call the school to set up an appointment time. Staff are always happy to meet, but advance notice allows for us to give you our full attention at an appropriate time.

Following these guidelines will help keep all of the children safe and protect the learning environment.

Illness Guidelines

Our staff has been noticing that children are arriving at school unwell or have returned to school without being ready. In some circumstances, children have been unwell and have been sent to school medicated, but their symptoms reappear throughout the day. If children require medication, especially for a fever, they are not well and should stay home.

This is a reminder to please keep your child at home if they are sick. We appreciate this is a more blurry line than in the past, so here are some details to help:

- heavy congestion, fever, a runny nose that is not clear, nausea, heavily fatigued, a newer cough = stay home

- clear runny nose, a persistent cough after being to the doctor to determine non-contagion = come to school

The overall health of our community is important.

Thank you so much for your care and attention to this.

Mme Kristina Hayes

Weather Closures and Procedures

West Vancouver Schools endeavours to keep schools open on regular instructional days, including those with accumulating snowfall ([Weather Closures and Procedures](#)). Any decision to close schools will be made by the Superintendent and will be based on the safety of students and staff. We aim to communicate any decision to close schools as early as possible.

Please check the school district website for the most current information on school closures.

School closures may also appear on several local news sources including:

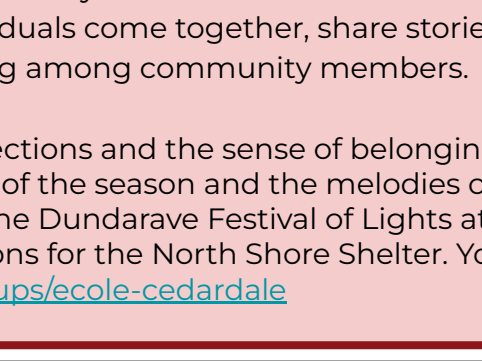
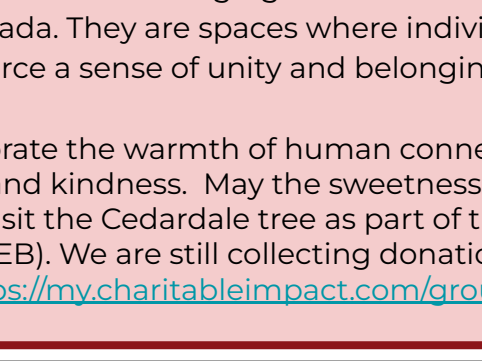
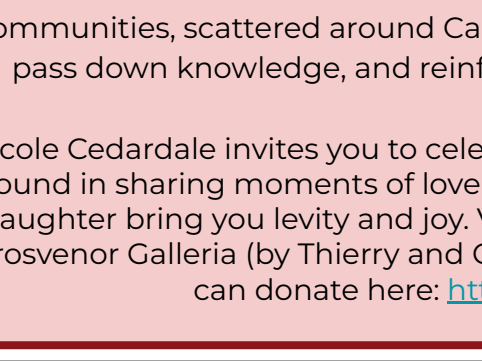
- News 1130 <http://www.news1130.com/>
- CKNW 98 <http://www.cknw.com/news/>
- Global TV <http://globalnews.ca/live/bc/>
- CBC <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia>

PAC & Parent Initiatives

The Ecole Cedardale Elementary Family presents: Noël dans ma cabane!

An homage to the sweet aroma of the maple shack, the delectable culinary masterpiece known as Poutine (PootSIN), the golden flow of maple syrup and snowy sleigh rides through the forest...it's a French Canadian Christmas!

Our tree was inspired by the French Canadian sugar shack, or "cabane à sucre". For generations, people have come together to revel in timeless rituals, share tales, songs and laughter over delicious maple treats.



The *cabane à sucre* serves as a communal space where members of the community gather. It is traditionally a place where people come together during the maple syrup harvesting season to boil sap, socialize, and celebrate. It holds cultural significance and plays a role in preserving and celebrating traditions. The process of boiling sap to make maple syrup is a longstanding tradition passed down through generations, often accompanied by music, storytelling, and culinary customs.

The *cabane à sucre* has connections to the natural world. It is intimately linked to the maple trees and the seasonal cycle of sap collection, highlighting the importance of nature and sustainability in the production of maple syrup.

The *cabane à sucre* contributes to a sense of belonging and cultural identity within the French Canadian communities, scattered around Canada. They are spaces where individuals come together, share stories, pass down knowledge, and reinforce a sense of unity and belonging among community members.

Ecole Cedardale invites you to celebrate the warmth of human connections and the sense of belonging found in sharing moments of love and kindness. May the sweetness of the season and the melodies of laughter bring you levity and joy. Visit the Cedardale tree as part of the Dundarave Festival of Lights at Grosvenor Galleria (by Thierry and OEB). We are still collecting donations for the North Shore Shelter. You can donate here: <https://my.charitableimpact.com/groups/ecoledardale>

Community Connections, Pro-D Day Opportunities & Extracurricular Opportunities

WVSS Highlanders Happenings: Invitational Events for our Family of Schools

We look forward to seeing our future Highlanders at these WVSS events!



WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY SCHOOL

The "Big" Robotics Competition at WVSS

Date: December 9 and 10 (mornings are skills, afternoon are competitions)
Saturday, Dec 9: VRC Robotics Tournament High School- 8:15am -6:40pm, North gyms
Sunday, Dec 10: VRC Robotics Tournament Middle School 8:15am -6:40pm, North gyms
Time: 1pm - 5pm . Come and see a little or a lot! Competitions all afternoons!
Where: the 'old gym' at WVSS

Audience: all students and parents are welcome! Cheer on our WVS team TenTon!

WVSS Winter Concert (7pm)

Date: Thursday December 21

Time: 7pm at the Kay Meek Theatre - more information to come!

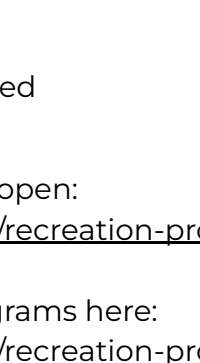


This Saturday Dec 9th noon to dusk
Paddle Songs and Reconciliation
Noon Squamish Elder Wendy Charbonneau
2pm Viper Central
3pm MIDMAY

Friday Dec 8th 4-5pm
GROSVENOR AMBLESIDE GALLERIA
Mulgrave Junior Choir

Saturday Dec 23rd 4-8pm
Christmas Wassail and Bonfire Night
Los Duendes - Psych Latin Funk Fusion
Square Dancing
Carolling
Santa arrives by Search and Rescue Boat, Music
Dancing etc.

Saturday Dec 16th - noon to dusk
World Christmas
NOON Bollywood dancing class for beginners
1pm Scottish Country Dancing
2pm Ukrainian Songs with Zeellia
3pm Burstin' with Broadway.



West Vancouver Rec Centre Camps and Programs

Let's Play Wheelchair Basketball at the WV rec centre
Drop ins welcome!
Ages 5-12
All equipment and wheelchairs are provided
Registration is [here](#)

Winter Break camp registrations are now open:
<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities/camps>

Browse your recreation activities and programs here:
<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities>

Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us:
<https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers>

Canadian Parents for French- Gather in Dundarave for a fun French sing-a-long

We are planning to gather in Dundarave for a fun sing-a-long, for which our French-speaking members have volunteered their time to practice before the sing-a-long (30-minute meetings to practice some Christmas songs in French). Join us online every Friday from November 17th to December 8th, from 4:30 to 5:00 pm, to practice our songs, and/or in-person at Dundarave on December 15th for our Sing-A-Long.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84151694760?pwd=kVnK0022ahdjd0Aoc6oK5xmt6kLP1>
Meeting ID: 841 5169 4760

Passcode: 8CG1Aa

Please send us an email at cpfwestvancouver@gmail.com and we can send you the songs' lyrics, and links to listen to the songs on your own, tout en française!

Hoops Basketball Academy

Basketball and Fitness After School Program (KG - Gr3). Learn the fundamental skills of basketball in a fun and encouraging environment. This program focuses on introducing fitness, improving coordination, and developing basketball skills. *Fun and movement is the focus!!*

Winter Registration NOW OPEN 🏀👤

Basketball and Fitness After School Program (KG - Gr 3)

KG - Gr1 ---- 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm (Thursdays)

Gr2 - Gr3 ---- 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm (Fridays)

Sessions will be held @ Ecole Cedardale Elementary

For more information and to register, visit us at: www.hoopsbasketball.ca

West Vancouver Little League registration is open!

Spring baseball for ages 5-16
We have girls only programs this year!
<https://wvll.ca/registration>

Multi-Sport Pro-D Day Camp by Private Coaching Co!

Join our staff for an amazing day of Sports, Games, Arts & Crafts, Adventures and FUN!

This day camp is available to students between the ages of 6 and 11 and is suitable for anyone of any skill level or experience!

Participants will move through a variety of sports such as basketball, soccer, tennis, football, hockey, volleyball, and more. Campers will be fully submerged in the world of sports and activity and are bound to leave the day with a smile on their face!

Date: Monday, January 29th

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Ages: 6-11

Cost: \$80 + GST

Registration Link: [Sign Up Here](#) For help, please email matt@privatecoachingco.com

Grade K-3 Multi-Sport After School Program

Dates: Mondays, January 8th - March 11th (No Session January 29th and February 19th) (8 Sessions)

Times: 2:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Grades: K - 3

Cost: \$240 + GST

This excitement filled program focuses on FUN, physical literacy and sport skill improvement through fun games and activities. Participants will move through a variety of sports such as basketball, soccer, tennis, football, hockey, volleyball, handball, and more. Participants will be fully submerged in the world of sports and are bound to leave the day with a smile on their face, eager for the next day!

NOTE: This is a non-competitive program and is suitable for athletes of any experience or level

Registration Link: [Sign Up Here](#)

West Vancouver Field Hockey Club registration

After trying out their field hockey skills and games, the children received a certificate and a WVFC wristband. If your child enjoyed the experience and is interested in playing more, contact info@wvfhc.com.