

December 12th, 2024

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Hawks Highlights

Dec	16-20	Cedardale Holiday Spirit Week
	20th	Last Day of School Before Winter Break - Early Dismissal 11:30/11:50 am
	23rd	Winter Break
Jan	6th	School Re-opens

Hawks Highlights Contents

Action Items

- Spirit Wear Ordering - open again!
- Winter Spirit Week
- Pauline Johnson support request
- West Vancouver School Registration

Next week is...Winter Spirit Week!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Christmas Sweater Day 	Red, Green, and White Day 	Hawks Day 	Holiday Hat/Hair or Accessory Day 	Pajama Day

PJ Support

Last Thursday École Pauline Johnson suffered a kitchen fire incident that has caused a shift in their holiday plans for their annual Santa's Workshop event. The school gym and kitchen are currently out of commission for the time being, which means that they are not able to hold this big event there this year. Unfortunately, there was a sizable amount of donations that got damaged during the incident, and from a health and safety perspective, they are not able to have our children use these items as part of the Santa's Workshop. With all the challenges facing this event, a group of strong-willed parents were determined to save Christmas for all and have devised an alternative plan to still keep the Santa's Workshop tradition alive at PJ this year. It's truly a Christmas miracle in the making, but to ensure its success, we are asking for any possible community help.

Starting from now until December 17, PJ is asking for help with this miracle by increasing any/all donations. They need anywhere between 400-500 more items minimum to even be able to run this event successfully. If you have items in your home (gently used) that you could drop off at PJ, please place your donations at the front office of the school at any time. Please no books, clothing or any baby items accepted as the children don't typically select these items as gifts for their family.

#PJPROUD. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and may the holiday times bless you all with cheer and happiness.

Did you know?
On **Wednesdays** we show school spirit!
Wear your school gear to show your **HAWKS** pride!

Get ready to show your school spirit **every Wednesday** at Cedardale Elementary for mercredi d'esprit!

We have reopened the Cedardale store. The order system will stay live until the new year. Orders will be delivered in February with the Pink Shirt Day attire below. [Click here for the Spirit Wear Store.](#)

Join the **HAWKS** in wearing your favorite spirit wear, including our special **Pink Shirt Day attire** ([Click here!](#))

West Vancouver Schools Registration Opens January 15th, 2025

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.
2. Reinforce Healthy Habits - Continue encouraging a balanced approach to device use at home by promoting activities like reading, outdoor play, and family time.
3. 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. Add the Personal Digital Device Expectations for the New year blurb to eBulletins on January 9th and 16th

Personal Digital Device Expectations for the New Year

As we begin a new term, we'd like to remind students and families of our Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations, which have been key to fostering focused and engaging learning environments. Students are expected to use personal digital devices only with the explicit permission of a teacher or administrator, ensuring their use is intentional and supports learning.

Families can continue to support this by:

- Encouraging balanced screen time at home.
- Avoiding calls or texts to students during school hours.
- Modeling mindful device use when on school property and at home.

Let's keep building on the success of this initiative and continue supporting safe, focused learning for all!

Winter Fundraising & Events

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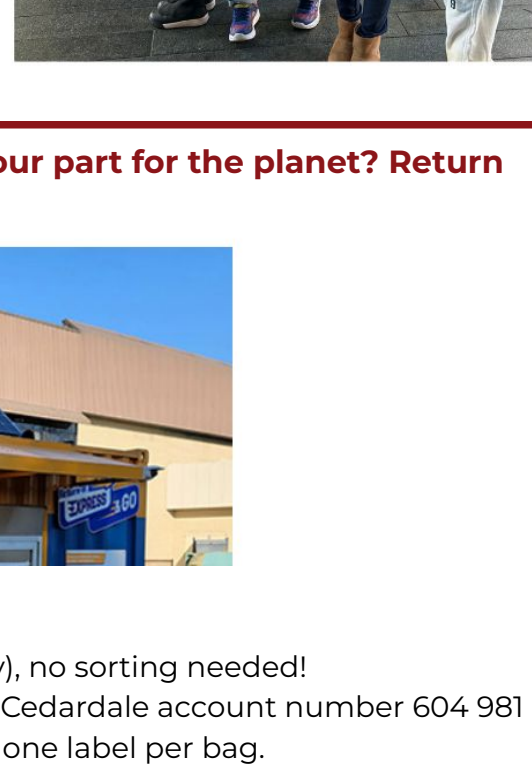
[Scan the QR Code or CLICK HERE to donate](#)

FUN, FESTIVE, AND FRUITY!
COME VISIT THE CEDARDALE TREE, DECORATED BY OUR KINDERGARTEN LEARNERS AT THE DUNDRAVE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS!
INSPIRED BY ONE OF OUR FAVOURITE SONGS "J'AIME LES FRUITS", THIS YEAR'S TREE IS SURE TO BE A-PEEL-ING

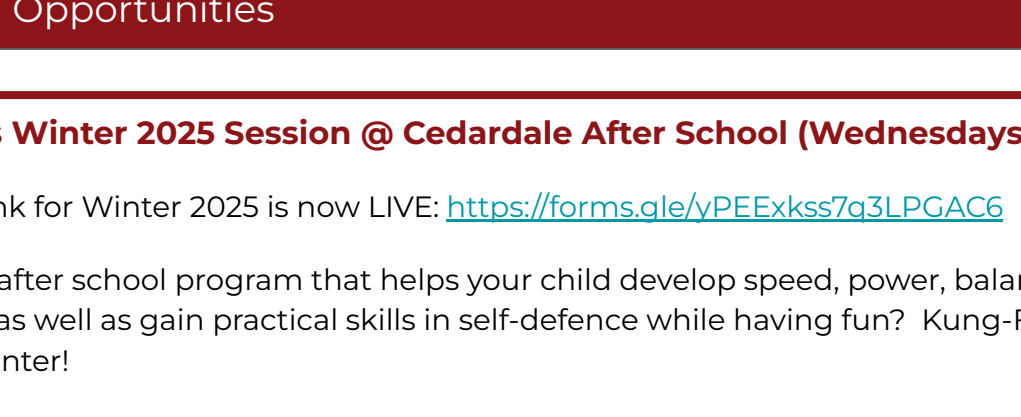
LOCATION: GROSVENOR AMBLESIDE GALLERIA

JOIN IN THE FREE SATURDAY COMMUNITY CONCERTS AND DANCING!

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL AND DONATE TO THE LOOKOUT FOUNDATION FOR THEIR WORK AT THE NORTH SHORE SHELTER.



Looking for an easy way to support Cedardale while doing your part for the planet? Return your recyclables at Return-it Express Park Royal!



- All you have to do is...
- Put your containers in clear plastic bags (70-75 liters in capacity), no sorting needed!
 - At the Express depot (like the one at Park Royal), use the Ecole Cedardale account number 604 981 1390 to log in at the kiosk and print your bag labels, remember one label per bag.
 - Put a label on each of your bags and drop them off.
 - Return-it will sort your containers and credit the school!

Customer ID: E246330
Express & Go Passcode: 9HOL

*Click on the image above for an instructional video

After School Opportunities

Kung-Fu Kids Winter 2025 Session @ Cedardale After School (Wednesdays)

Registration Link for Winter 2025 is now LIVE: <https://forms.gle/yPEExkss7q3LPGAC6>

Looking for an after school program that helps your child develop speed, power, balance and coordination-- as well as gain practical skills in self-defence while having fun? Kung-Fu Kids is resuming sessions this winter!

WHAT'S INCLUDED: Kung-Fu Kids mentorship chat group with online video lessons and tip sheets for both parents and students to watch and train on. All students receive a free red silk sash as their uniform and will be taught how to tie one securely, to be worn during class & at free red silk sashes.

WHAT'S NEW: Our academy has rolled out a report card and grading system so students and parents know their progress and can set goals on how to 'Level Up' their skills. We also have a points reward program that students earn for completing physical literacy and kung-fu challenges each week. They can then use the points to redeem prizes such as custom stickers, sports gear, and even movie passes! Note: The bigger the prize, the harder the challenges to be earned over one or more sessions.

We have 2 programs available on Wednesdays:

Grades K-2: 2:45pm-3:25pm (40 minutes) - Using music, games, storytelling, and essential kung-fu patterns (basic kicks, blocks and punches) to learn about balance, coordination, reaction, and timing to develop better focus, listening, and gross motor function skills. Kids will also learn about respect, communication & understanding among their peers. Certification and graduation will be held on the last day of class.

Fee: \$16/class + GST (9 classes is \$151.20)

Grades 3-7: 3:30pm-4:45pm (75 minutes) - We will begin with a general warm-up, proper stretching, body conditioning and fundamental self-defence techniques in kicking, striking, blocking, and stances/footwork. The main goal is to develop speed, accuracy and power. We will use various modern conditioning and sports equipment, as well as safety gear such as mats, striking pads and kicking shields. Skills and knowledge testing and certification will be conducted on the last day of class.

Fee: \$21/class + GST (9 classes is \$198.45)

Cedardale Elementary (Wednesdays) - 9 Sessions - January 8, 15, 22, 29 - February 5, 19, 26 (no class on 12th) - March 5, 12

Register Here: <https://forms.gle/yPEExkss7q3LPGAC6>

If interested please contact James Chang (james@westcoastkungfu.ca) for questions or to sign-up for a Zoom Info session.

Hoops Basketball Academy

Basketball and Fitness After School Program (KG – Gr3)
Learn the fundamental skills of basketball in a fun and encouraging environment. Fun and movement is the focus!

WINTER Registration NOW OPEN 🏀🏀

(KG – Gr1) ---- 2:40 pm – 4:00 pm (Mondays)

(Gr1 – Gr3) ---- 2:40 pm – 4:00 pm (Fridays)

After school sessions @ Ecole Cedardale Elementary

For more information and to register, click [Here](#) or visit us at: www.hoopsbasketball.ca

LIGHTS UP MUSICAL THEATRE AFTER SCHOOL AT CEDARDALE ELEMENTARY

Sing Dance Act Shine! At Lights Up After School, your child can experience the joys and benefits of musical theatre by taking part in our after school programs led by our talented and experienced Lights Up Musical Theatre Schools staff. These classes are a unique introduction to our weekend musical theatre programs and provide students with an enriching, rewarding, and most of all, fun after school activity right at the bell!

WINTER SHOW! INSIDE OUT!

This Winter, we will be putting on a student created specifically for our afterschool students! Inspired by the movies of the same name, students will sing, dance, and act their hearts out as they join Riley on a journey through her emotions!

Students are supervised from the bell. No need to pick up your child until 5pm! Performance for parents on the last day of classes!

After School Thursdays
JAN 16 - MAR 13
3PM - 5PM
(K-3 students supervised from 2:40pm)
GRADES: K to 7
Fee: \$365* (*plus GST)
<https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/cedardale/>

Community Connections

We are changing how we share community news and events. Starting now, individual "Community Connections" will no longer be included in our school bulletins. Instead, all local programs, events, and resources will be found in one convenient location, accessible through a [single link](#) that we'll update and share with you each week.

All school-specific information will continue to be featured in our regular ebulletin.