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Apr 29	Student Learning Survey CLOSES at 11:59pm
May 8	Kindergarten and Gr 6 Immunization Clinic – Save the Date
May 9	Class Photos (am only)
May 12	Summer Learning Elementary Registration CLOSES

Please visit the [West Vancouver School District website](#) for all important dates for the remainder of this school year.

## [2022-2023 Calendar](#)

## REMINDERS:

### Saleema Noon – Parent Education Session on Sexual Health

Please mark your calendars for **Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm for our **VIRTUAL** Parent Education Session from our Sexual Health Expert. Students in Grades K-7 will have

their learning session on April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. We strongly encourage your attendance at the parent session so you can learn more about what your child will be learning. This information has never been more important as social media and news portray body image and sexual issues in increasingly harmful ways for our youth.

## **Centennial Celebration on May 25th - Many Parent Volunteers Needed!**

Mark your calendars for PJ's biggest event of the Century! On May 25th, we will celebrate PJ's 100th on the school grounds from 3-6pm. There will be food trucks, live music, games, balloon artists and more - in other words, lots of fun to be had by all.

In order to make this milestone event a huge success, we need our PJ parents to volunteer to help out on this big day. **Please find the volunteer sign-up sheet [here](#) and choose from one (or more) of the many opportunities available.** We thank you for your help in making this a memorable and special event for our children, teachers and staff, alumni and the entire PJ community.

### **Special Requests**

We are actively seeking coffee, chocolate or wine donations from parents who may have businesses or contacts for these items. It is our plan to give small gifts to our PJ neighbors who surround the school as the day of the event will have lots of traffic and noise in the neighborhood, and we would like to thank them for their understanding. We are looking for approximately 30 donated items to use for gifts.

As well, we are looking for face painters for the Centennial, and if you know of a company who we could speak to, we would appreciate the introduction.

### **Centennial Lead Contact Information**

If you would be willing to connect us with donations or face painters, or have any questions about volunteering for the event, please contact Robin Turnill, Centennial Lead, at 604-916-6199 or by email at [robin@pivothrservices.ca](mailto:robin@pivothrservices.ca). Thanks very much!

### **Centennial Spirit Wear**

Back by popular demand - PJ's online store is NOW OPEN! Shop our special edition Centennial spirit wear [here](#). **Place your order before May 3rd and you will receive your order by the end of June.** The store will stay open until mid-June but any orders received after May 3rd will not be delivered to PJ until the first week of September. For any questions, please reach out to our Spirit Wear Coordinator, Julie Wang, at [spiritwear@ecolepjpac.com](mailto:spiritwear@ecolepjpac.com). Happy shopping! See [here](#) for more ordering information.

**Please see the Centennial invitation [here](#).** We look forward to seeing you on the big day!

## **2023 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools**

Are you interested in learning during the summer? West Vancouver Schools will be offering a robust Summer Learning Program for both elementary and secondary students during July 2023.

Online registration for both the elementary and secondary Summer Learning programs is now open. Elementary registration closes on May 12. Secondary registration closes on June 16.

More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or on the [Summer Learning Website](#).

## **Canadian Parents for French invites you to celebrate National Canada Film Day!**

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We will be showing two movies in French with English subtitles on April 19th, 2023 at the Kay Meek Arts Center. Please RSVP to one (or both) movie (s) as the theatre has a capacity limit.

4.00pm-5.30pm: **Leap! / Ballerina.** To RSVP click [HERE](#)

6.00-8.00pm: **April and the Extraordinary World / Avril et le monde truqué.** To RSVP click [HERE](#)

Although CPF membership is not required to RSVP for this event, we encourage you to [become a member](#) to enjoy more events and resources that supports your kid's journey in French Immersion.

For questions, please do not hesitate to email [cpfwestvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:cpfwestvancouver@gmail.com) or [alma.cpfwv@gmail.com](mailto:alma.cpfwv@gmail.com).

## **Student Learning Survey 2022/2023**

School District #45 is participating in the 2023 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers can complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys any time before 11:59 pm **April 29th, 2023**, providing immediate results to the school and the district.

1. Students in Grades 4 and 7 will complete the survey at school.
2. All Staff associated with a school complete the survey.
3. **Parents/Guardians/Caregivers of Grade 4 and 7 students are invited to complete the survey**
1. **Any other family members wishing to participate with students in other grade levels are welcome to do so.**

**To complete the survey:**

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access.
1. Go to [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)
1. Under the section Direct Access – no logon number required select:
  1. **District:** the name of your child’s district (45)
  2. **School:** the name of your child’s school (Ecole Pauline Johnson Elementary)
  3. **Language:** the language of your choice
1. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen.
2. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
4. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message “Thank you for sharing your views”.
5. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.

**The e-survey site will be open until April 29th.**

If you have any questions, please contact Mme Stevenson [cstevenson@wvschools.ca](mailto:cstevenson@wvschools.ca)

## **Elmacon Math Contest**

The contest is organized by PIMS under the guidance of Dr. Cary Chien, formerly of David Thompson Secondary School in collaboration with the BCAMT and volunteers from UBC, SFU and the Lower Mainland. ELMACON gives students from grades 5 to 7 a chance to experience mathematics as an exciting sport.

The contest is modelled after the successful MathCounts competitions (which are also supported by PIMS), but is aimed at younger students. Students from each of grades 5, 6, and 7 compete in separate divisions. Each division enjoys three rounds of competition.

See the official ELMACON website at <http://www.elmacon.org/> for full details.

*Note: no calculators are allowed and there is a nominal registration fee.*

## **2023 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools – French offered, too!**

Are you interested in learning during the summer? West Vancouver Schools will be offering a robust Summer Learning Program for both elementary and secondary students during July 2023.

Online registration for both the elementary and secondary Summer Learning programs opens on **Monday, April 3 at 8:00 AM**.

More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or on the [Summer Learning Website](#).

## **District Track and Field Season Update – Dates for your calendar**

### **District Field Meet(s)**

Tuesday May 23rd at WVSS Field, 3:30-5:00pm (Grade 6/7)

Wednesday May 24th at WVSS Field, 3:30-5:00pm (Grade 4/5)

### **District Track Meet**

Thursday June 1st at SFU Fox Field, Time T.B.C. (Grades 4-7)

Unfortunately, these dates are set and will not be able to be moved. Look soon for more information about timing, transportation, as well as a School and District Permission Form for the Track and Field season.

## **PJ REPORTING OF STUDENT ABSENCES**

Is your child sick? Have an appointment, or something happened and your child cannot be at school? Please email [paulinejohnson@wvschools.ca](mailto:paulinejohnson@wvschools.ca) with any and all of this information.

## **Extended Holidays**

Please be reminded that any extended holidays are to be requested of the Principal for approval. Tara Zielinski. [tzielinski@wvschools.ca](mailto:tzielinski@wvschools.ca)

## **FROM YOUR PAC**

## **Gelato Friday is Tomorrow!**

Hey PJ students, come and end your week with a little gelato after school! Line up after school this Friday, April 14 (tomorrow!) by the under-cover area at the back of the school and enjoy a delicious individual cup of gelato for \$2 each. Parents and siblings are most welcome!

## **Fun Lunch**

Fun Lunch ordering is open. Order here: <https://munchalunch.com>.

Please note that there is 14 day cut-off before the delivery date and only paid orders can be processed by vendors. Don't forget to confirm payment after submitting your order(s)!

## **FOLLOW US**

Info and reminders from PAC on social media.

[Instagram](#) / [Facebook](#)

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**

### **Hayley Watson Learning Opportunities**

On Monday April 24, Open Parachute founder, Hayley Watson is returning to West Vancouver to facilitate a parent session. The registration link is

<https://kaymeek.com/events-hidden/dpac-0424>

See here for the [DPAC parent session](#) information poster.

### **District of West Vancouver Opportunities**

**Camps:** PD Day camps & Summer camps – Summer Camp registrations start on May 3rd.

**Learning Programs** for everyone

Including Lego, Chess, Science, STEAM with Zen Maker Lab, Language programs (French DELF, Spanish, Korean and Mandarin Chinese), Indigenous Arts & Culture, and more

**Music Programs**, for all ages:

Early Years' music classes, Private lessons, Semi-Private lessons, Choirs, and Group drum circle

**Dance Program**, for various age groups

## **Host Families Needed – Exciting 2024 Fee increase**

Apply now and welcome a student for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year.

Did you know?

Hosting fees of \$1,100 per student per month. Many families will host two students which can provide up to \$22,000 per year income subsidy.

Effective February 1, 2024 the fees increase to \$1,400 per student per month!

Don't miss out, placing students starts now. See below message from an actual student letter joining our program this fall. Open your home for this amazing opportunity for all family members.

*"I genuinely believe that Canada is the place where I belong to. It has everything I'm looking for: contact with nature, beautiful landscapes, friendly people, security, and excellent public schools. But, the main reason why I chose Canada is the people; I will be welcome and feel at home"*

Call Homestay Manager Martina Brazeau for more information at 604.341.0515 or visit our webpages

**Learn more! Apply to host!**



## **Ignite Your Passion (IYP): Junior Choir Open for Students**

West Vancouver Schools Ignite Your Passion program continues to offer choir for students. This upcoming 2023-2024 school year, the IYP Junior Choir is open to students Grades 5-7.

Does your child love to sing? If so and students are entering Grades 5, 6 or 7 for the 2023-2024 school year, this IYP Passion Junior Choir is an excellent extension for the music programs offered in our district's elementary schools. Singers will learn vocal techniques, how to sing in harmony, how to express themselves through music, how to begin to analyze a score and read music, how to be a singing actor, and so much more. For more information, please go to the district website at:

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/ignite-your-passion/jdhc>

We look forward to receiving student registrations! Come on out and sing!

## **WV Schools Premier Academies and Programs**

[Please see here for links](#) to the details about the Academies and District Programs offered for the next school year.



## WV Schools Early Learning District and Community Events

Events at Schools April 2023 – June 2023

Stay tuned for invitations from the school your child is registered at for invitations to school-based events.

[Follow this link](#) to see all Community events to support our Early Learners.

## West Van Little League

Spend your Spring playing West Van Little League baseball. Kids ages 5-16 are invited to play and all experience levels are welcome. It's a great way to develop new skills while having fun with old and new friends in the community. Registration is open

[wvll.ca](http://wvll.ca)



## BC Gov Decriminalization of illicit substances

[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/erase/documents/decriminalization\\_information\\_for\\_parents\\_guardians\\_and\\_caregivers.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/erase/documents/decriminalization_information_for_parents_guardians_and_caregivers.pdf)

## SAFETY:

### Daily Health Check and What to Do When Sick

See [here](#) for **most recent updated** information (February, 2022) from BCCDC.

### Vaccinations for Ages 5-11

- For information on COVID vaccinations for children ages 5-11, please click [HERE](#)
- For updated Mask FAQ from Vancouver Coastal Health please see [here](#)

### Hand Hygiene

- Rigorous hand washing with plain soap and water for at least 20 seconds is the most effective way to reduce the spread of illness

- If sinks are not available, use alcohol-based hand rub containing at least 60% alcohol
- Incorporate hand hygiene into daily schedule in all environments

## **FOLLOW US ON TWITTER #ECOLEPJ**

Keep up to date on what is happening at the school by following @tarazielinski or go to this link <https://twitter.com/tarazielinski> to stay in touch and find valuable articles on education, parenting, technology and other interesting tidbits of information.