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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](#)

[NEW:](#)

Principal’s Corner – Tuesday, April 25th at 12:00 noon

Join Mme Zielinski virtually as she shares her last Principal’s Corner of the 2022-23 school year. Delve a bit deeper into the district’s recent French Immersion Review to

gain insight into the suggestions made and the action plan for addressing the future of French Immersion in West Vancouver Schools.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

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Field Events this year at PJ (Long Jump and Shot Put)

Any **intermediate** students interested in participating in Field events this year (Long Jump and Shot-put) are invited to come tryout at PJ on the gravel field on Thursday May 4th from 3:00PM-4:00PM. **Please note, this is DIFFERENT than Track events.**

Students are welcome to try out for both events or just one if they prefer.

If students attend the try-out and are selected to represent PJ, they will be expected to attend two before school practices on Thursday May 11th and Thursday May 18th from 8:00AM-8:40AM and as well as the Field Meet at WVSS.

Students who are selected to represent their grade teams will be coming home with a permission form on Friday, May 5th.

WVSS Field Meet

The Field meet will take place at the WVSS gravel field from 3:30-5:00pm on Tuesday, May 23rd for Grade 6/7 students and Wednesday, May 24th for Grade 4/5 students. Students will be responsible for their own transportation and parent supervision at the meets.

Your Field Coaches,

Mme Lacock, Mme Michele & Mme Kar

Sing Project 3.0 Video

A big thank to PJ and the whole district for participating in the Sing Project 3.0 on March 30. We are excited to share the [final video](#) with you and are proud of our three choir members in Grade 7: Cia, Avery, and Alex – BRAVO! #PJPROUD!

REMINDERS:

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. 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. 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](#).

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
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

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.

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 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

FROM YOUR PAC

Save the Date!

Our next PAC evening will be on May 3rd (6:30-8:30pm). 😊 There will be an important in-person vote, and we want to hear from you about what you want to see next year. We are also happy to be able to offer **babysitting** for the meeting! Babysitters are Grade 6 and 7 PJ students who have taken the Babysitting Course. We will take children that are ages 3 to 12. See you then!

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Info and reminders from PAC on social media.

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Hayley Watson Learning Opportunities

The District of West Vancouver School's Parent Association Committee is hosting a parent ed event at West Vancouver's Kay Meek theatre this Monday April 24th with clinical psychologist, and founder of the mental health platform Open Parachute, Dr. Hayley Watson.

This event is open for anyone to attend, so if you know someone, or belong to any parent groups who may be interested please share this along. Tickets are \$10 + process fee.

Tickets can be purchased here: <https://kaymeek.com/events-hidden/dpac-0424>

More on Dr. Watson and open parachute: <https://www.openparachute.ca/about-dr-hayley-watson/>

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
AN EVENING WITH DR.
HAYLEY WATSON**

In this session, you will be taught skills for building mental health resilience in your child, so they can navigate the challenges they face throughout their academic journey.

You will be given a framework for understanding common barriers to student resilience (stress/overwhelm, perfectionism, low motivation, low self-esteem, unhelpful thoughts etc), and specific tools that you can use to support your child in overcoming these challenges.

**SUCCEEDING IN
TODAY'S WORLD:
HELPING YOUR
CHILD LIVE UP TO
THEIR FULLEST
POTENTIAL**



[Register here](#)

APRIL 24TH
\$10 + SERVICE FEE | 7PM-8:30PM
AT THE KAY MEEK THEATRE

If you would like to submit your questions prior to the evening, please email them to dpac@wvschools.ca



Climate Change Adaptation

A forum for dialogue and change. TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023

6:30–8:30 p.m. Music Hall, West Vancouver Community Centre, 2121 Marine Drive

FREE In-person only. Registration is required. [See here for registration details](#).

Gleneagles Community Centre Spring Festival

Saturday May 6th, come to the Gleneagles Community Centre and celebrate Spring!

[More information here](#).

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!



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



BC Gov Decriminalization of illicit substances

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

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