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May 19	Pro D Day – No Students in Session
May 22	Victoria Day – School CLOSED

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

## [2022-2023 Calendar](#)

## [NEW:](#)

**TidalWAV (Wild About Vancouver)'23 - An Outdoor Learning Festival at Stanley Park**

**Save the Date - Saturday, May 27th, 2023**

TidalWAV (Wild About Vancouver)'23 - An Outdoor Learning Festival at Stanley Park featuring sports, powwow and bhangra workshops, games, scavenger hunts, author readings and activities award winning authors Margriet Ruurs and Sheryl MacFarlane, sign up for June ParticipACTION Challenge, and nature walks by Lead Range, Chris Penton and Lori Snyder for an indigenous perspective.

[WILDABOUTSOCIETY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WILDABOUTSOCIETY@GMAIL.COM)

CONTACT US for more details

## Take a Hike Foundation and West Vancouver Schools Information Session

Starting in the 2023/24 school year, the West Vancouver School District will be partnering with the Take a Hike Foundation to offer a more comprehensive program to Inglewood Secondary for students in grades 10 -12. Take a Hike layers additional supports on top of existing school resources to provide students with a full-time alternative education program. Through group therapy sessions and land-based learning activities, clinical therapists and educators work collaboratively to help students process emotions, build resilience and self-awareness, and learn to use physical activity and mindfulness practices to improve well-being. Take a Hike currently works with school districts on Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland and the Interior. We are excited to partner with Take a Hike to help support the students and families of West Vancouver Schools.

We will be offering an information session on May 9th at 3:30pm for interested community members who would like to learn more about the Take a Hike program. Pete Prediger, Director of Programs & Clinical Director and Alaine Anicete, Program Manager will be sharing a short presentation and answer any questions about the program and partnership with West Vancouver Schools.

**Date:** Tuesday May 9th

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Location:** Inglewood Secondary School, 1735 Inglewood Avenue

**RSVP here:**

[WV Community Session](#)

Detailed information about the Take a Hike Foundation can be found [here](#).

## Hailey Watson Sessions

Thank you for attending the Hailey Watson session on Monday afternoon and for your help in promoting and supporting the parent session that night. The parent session was

very well attended (over 350 people) and the content was well received by the audience. During the parent session Hayley focused on building resilience and presented a simple model and strategies for parents to use. There was a lot of positive energy around the evening, and it may be a nice time to reshare the Open Parachute Parent Resource in your e-Bulletins or next PAC meeting etc.

[Parent Session Slides from Monday evening](#)

[Open Parachute Well Being Resources for Parents](#)

## **REMINDERS:**

### **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)

## **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!

## **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**

### **PJ Parent Meeting Reminder**

Please come and join us for our next PAC Meeting on May 3rd (6:30-8:30pm) for the in-person vote about financials. We will also be strategizing for next year and we want to hear from you!

Babysitting provided - babysitters are Grade 6 and 7 PJ students who have taken the babysitting course. **We will take children that are aged three to 12. Monday, May 1st is the DEADLINE for signing up for babysitting services – sorry, no exceptions.**

[Please RSVP here](#) if you need Babysitting for your child/ren.

See you then!

## **FOLLOW US**

Info and reminders from PAC on social media.

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

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**

### **ONLINE EVENT for PARENTS and CARING ADULTS**

Join us to listen to Dr. Ross Greene speak about how Collaborative and Proactive Solutions can help us show our kids we care about them. Solving problems together creates connection and allows our children to be a part of finding solutions to what is causing their concerning behavior. Dr. Greene's work reminds us that things go better for everyone, when we solve problems together and that kids do well if they can.

[See here for more information and to register.](#)

## **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

[wvl.ca](http://wvl.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.