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Apr 3-6	Sleep Week
Apr 3	Summer Learning Registration OPEN
Apr 7	Good Friday – No School in Session
Apr 10	Easter Monday – No School in Session
Apr 17	Saleema Noon Sexual Health Parent Session (6:30pm) <i>Virtual Link to Come</i>
Apr 22	Earth Day
Apr 24	Hailey Watson Learning Opportunity – Parent Session at Kay Meek
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.

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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 or alma.cpfwv@gmail.com.

Grade 7 Bake Sale Wednesday, 12 April after school

Please stop by the undercover area near the playground after school for a post-Quebec trip fundraiser.

Please remind your children to bring their loonies and toonies to buy a tasty treat! We will have homemade cookies, cupcakes, and hot chocolate for sale.

Proceeds from the bake sale will support the ongoing fundraising efforts for the Grade 7 Quebec trip.

Thank you for your support!  

The Grade 7 Students

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

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.

Saleema Noon – Parent Education Session on Sexual Health

Please mark your calendars for Monday, April 17th 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 20th and 21st. 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.

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.

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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.

CPF BC Families French Camp

The registrations for the CPF BC Family French Camp is opened now. The link for registration is <https://bc-yk.cpf.ca/en/bc-family-french-camp/>



OKANAGAN - GWILLIM LAKE VANCOUVER ISLAND

An British Columbia Family French Camp, French immersion students and others, French-speaking visitors bring their families along to camp!

Families camp in their own tents or trailers and together we form a friendly neighbourhood, surrounded by the sounds of children playing and singing in French with their "Maman". BCFFC's energetic and funny francophone counselors!

- Parents don't need to be able to speak French!
- Programs are available for children entering kindergarten all the way up to teens completing high school!
- Our dynamic and capable Francophone mothers (Camp counselors) "Les Mamas" keep children highly motivated all week!
- Parents enjoy a rewarding blend of lounging time and sharing in a variety of small-subject dates.
- Evening activities are fun for the whole family!

"Every day was filled with fun, songs, adventures, laughs, and evenings of French. Our children are begging to come back next summer!"

Summer 2023 Dates

BC Family French Camp is offered at different times and at three different locations throughout the province. Families camp for one week on their own campsite. Activities at each location are designed to take advantage of the local geography, flora, and fauna.

Okanagan
(near Kamloops)
WEEK 1: July 1 – July 8, 2023
WEEK 2: July 8 – July 15, 2023

Gwillim Lake
(near Chetwynd)
July 22 – July 29, 2023

Vancouver Island
(near Nanaimo)
WEEK 1: August 12 – August 19, 2023
WEEK 2: August 19 – August 26, 2023

Camp Registration
Applications for Summer 2023 camps will be accepted starting Feb. 26, 2023

For more info please visit
www.bcffc.com

CPF Membership
CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON

CPF MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED to attend BC Family French Camp and is available at time of registration, or from bcffc@cpf.ca

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) promotes French immersion among families for young Canadians. BC Family French Camp enjoys the support of CPF BC & is pleased for their members are required to be members in good standing.

« Au BCFFC, je retrouve mes amis et in-ous réunis pour l'été de notre vie! »

For more info visit www.bcffc.com | www.facebook.com/bcffc007
[@BCFFrenchCamp](https://www.instagram.com/BCFFrenchCamp) | [@BCFamilyFrenchCamp](https://www.tiktok.com/@BCFamilyFrenchCamp)

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

The Card Project - last chance to order!

A friendly reminder to those who want to order beautiful products made with their children's artwork:

Orders are due by Easter Monday, April 10

Our school access code is – PJ71

To order, go to www.TheCardProject.ca
Orders will be delivered in time for Mother's Day.



Thank you for participating in this fundraiser.

Questions? Contact Marcelle at 604 924 2660
or at Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca

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Cooking classes in French at Little Kitchen Academy - Edgemont Village

Friday, April 14 4-7pm, Age 6-8

Friday, April 21, 4-7pm, Age 9-12

Register at this link:

<https://www.amilia.com/store/en/little-kitchen-academy-north-vancouver/api/Activity/Detail?activityId=bVdrwpQ>

Wing Chun Self-Defense for Children, Youth and Adults at PJ

Come join us in The West Vancouver branch of Wing Chun Self-Defense (popularized in Hollywood by Bruce Lee and more recently in the Disney movie Kung Fu Panda)! Wing Chun emphasizes self-protection, mental and physical strength, bravery, resilience, and respect for self and others with fun games and skills training.

Friday: 3:15pm-4:15 pm (Age 5-9); 4:30pm-5:30pm (Age 10+)

Date: March 31st; April 14th, 21st, 28th; May 5th, 12th, 26th; June 2nd, 9th, 16th

Location: PJ Gym

Price: \$200 (\$20/session)

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.

Lights UP – Now enrolling for Spring 2023

SING DANCE ACT SHINE After School with [Lights Up Musical Theatre Schools](#)!

We provide singing, dancing and acting classes for children and teens across the lower mainland.

Now your child can experience the joys and benefits of musical theatre by taking part in our afterschool 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 afterschool activity in their own school, right at the bell!

SPRING SHOW! THE LION KING

This Spring we will be putting on a version of the musical “The Lion King,” created for our after-school students!

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

After School Thursdays

April 6 – June 8 (9 sessions)

3:00-5:00 PM

GRADES: K to 7

Fee: \$345* (*plus GST)

<https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/pauline-johnson/>

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



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https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/erase/documents/decriminalization_information_for_parents_guardians_and_caregivers.pdf

SAFETY:

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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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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.

