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May 17	Grade 7 GAUSS Math Exam (1:30-2:30pm) – no exceptions

May 19	Pro D Day – No Students in Session
May 22	Victoria Day – School CLOSED
May 23	Grade 6/7 Field Events at Westcot Elementary School (3:30-5:00pm)
May 24	Grade 6/5 Field Events at Westcot Elementary School (3:30-5:00pm)
May 25	3:00-6:00pm PJ Centennial Fair @ PJ – come one, come all!
May 26	12:00 noon 2024 Québec Trip Parent Information Session

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

[2022-2023 Calendar](#)

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NEW:

K-12 Student Reporting Policy Support Materials for Families

Information for parents and caregivers regarding the changes are now available in 8 languages. The documents aim to help parents and caregivers understand the upcoming changes to the K-12 Student Reporting Policy, which will be implemented this fall for the 2023/24 school year. The complete information package can be found here: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/student-reporting-for-families)

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PJ Library news



[La bibliothèque](#)

sites.google.com

April and May have been a busy time for our school library with competitions, and clubs. Plus, check out the library's new tech device that students are going to love learning with.

Cécile Gambin

Teacher-Librarian /bibliothécaire

École Pauline Johnson

REMINDERS:

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

CONTACT US for more details

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!

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

PJ Park Cleanup Tomorrow, May 12!

It looks like the weather is cooperating this time, so our **PJ Park cleanup** is on! This is a fun family event that encourages stewardship of our Park and helps keep our gardens in shape. We will meet tomorrow, **Friday May 12th at 3pm**. Bring the whole family, no experience necessary.

WHEN: Friday May 12th 3pm

WHERE: Meet at the Learning House (by the Garden Boxes)

PLEASE BRING: (If not we have extra)

-Brooms/dustpans (to clean up woodchips!)

-Gloves

-Garden Brown Bags or Bins

-Garden forks

-Shears or Secateurs

-Trowels

-Shovels

-Rakes

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Info and reminders from PAC on social media.

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Youth Camps for 10yrs+ at the WV Community Centre.

Camps offered:

Red Cross Babysitter's Course (certificate only option)

Red Cross Babysitter's Course – camp edition

Youth Summer Break Camp

Youth Rec Employment Readiness Program

Click [here](#) to register.



Simon Fraser Movement and Sport Festival

May 18th Empowering Girls through movement and Sport.

[See here for registration details.](#)

Dr. Ross Greene 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.](#)

West Vancouver Community Cultural Fest

[Please see here for details](#) about the event or see wvculturalfest.ca for more information.

WVSS Senior Girls Volleyball Camp

WVSS Senior girls' volleyball team is offering a camp – [see the here](#) for more information.

Any questions can be directed to Kathy Finch KFinch@wvschools.ca

West Vancouver Basketball Club Summer Camps

May is here which means that the WVBC Summer camps are just around the corner. This summer, the WVBC will be offering 4 weeks of camps beginning July 10 for players in Grades 2-10. All camps will be held at West Van Secondary School. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to <http://www.wvbc.ca>

Host Families Needed for International Students – 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. 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"

Contact the Homestay Coordinators for more information at homestay@wvschools.ca or visit our [web pages](#)

Looking for Summer Camps? Try ULTIMATE Frisbee!

If you are looking for an outdoor, physically active, and FUN summer camp for your students, check out Elevate Ultimate's Ultimate Frisbee [summer camps!](#) The camps are running at Confederation Turf throughout the month of July, 2023.

Ultimate frisbee is a great sport for everyone of all genders and skill levels. Elevate Ultimate's professional staff promote values such as open-mindedness, sportspersonship, and inclusivity.

Elevate Ultimate is owned by former Team Canada Ultimate Frisbee representatives, Ari Nitikman and Danie Proby. Both Ari and Danie have played the sport at an elite level and currently coach at all levels.

For more information, please see the attached flyer. Please use code Westvan50 for \$50 off any [summer camp](#)!

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

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.

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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