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May 22	Victoria Day – School CLOSED
May 23	Grade 6/7 Field Events at West Vancouver Secondary School (3:30-5:00pm)
May 24	Grade 4/5 Field Events at West Vancouver Secondary 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:

Multi-Age Classes

Each year, schools work collaboratively to create classes that are balanced and provide a culture for all learners to thrive in. Teachers, principals, and district specialty staff begin this process in the spring of the previous school year and invest a great deal of thought and effort into making the best educational decisions for organizing and placing learners into classes. Multi-age/combined configurations are done with great care, and are very common across West Vancouver, the province, and the country.

Factors that our team at École Pauline Johnson considers for classroom configuration and placement include:

- Unique individual needs
- Learning styles
- Class size and composition requirements
- Curricular demands of the French Immersion context and programme
- Enrollment demands
- Social/emotional needs
- Possibility of new and fresh friendships

When school staff return in September, changes to school enrolment have often occurred over the summer. Changes include new families registering and other families informing the school that they will no longer be returning. This sometimes means that new class configurations and placements need to occur at this point in time.

We are looking forward to the end of a wonderful school year, a restful summer, and anticipate a welcoming start to 2023-2024!

Bubble Tea Thank you!

Thank you to all the families that participated in our Bubble Tea Fundraiser for the Grade 7 Quebec Trip! Share Tea had their blenders working overtime to produce 195 drinks which exceeded all our expectations! We appreciated everyone's patience during distribution and especially wanted to thank the families who waited until the following day to receive their bubble tea.

Thank you from the Grade 7 Fundraising Team

REMINDERS:

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-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/student-reporting-for-families>.

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

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

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

Centennial Celebration on May 25th!

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. We are still looking for a few volunteers. Please find the volunteer sign-up sheet [here](#). 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.

If you 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!

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

Alumni Tea - Volunteers Needed!

On May 30th, we are hosting an Alumni Tea as part of our Centennial celebrations during this milestone year. We will be honouring our Alumni who have been past students of PJ over the years. To make this special event possible, we will need help from our parent community to volunteer by setting up and decorating the gym, serving food and tea/coffee, bringing in goodies and cleaning up at the end of the event. Please sign up [here](#).

Thank you in advance for all of your help in putting on this memorable event for our Alumni! If you have any questions, please reach out to our Centennial Lead, Robin Turnill at robin@pivothrservices.ca.

If you know of any Alumni who would like to come to this event, please forward on the invitation [here](#). We look forward to seeing many PJ Alumni at our Centennial Celebration Tea!

PJ PAC AGM

We invite you to attend our PJ PAC AGM which will be held **on June 14th from 6:30-8:30pm** in the school library. The AGM portion will include voting on:

- an update to our constitution (more details to follow soon in a separate e-mail)
- the proposed 2023/2024 budget
- slate of Executive positions for the 2023/2024 year

After the AGM portion we will be moving into our *“What do you want to see next year?”* discussion. We hope to come up with action items based on our last parent engagement survey. The survey results are summarized in the attached presentation which was made at the last PAC meeting. Join us! Lend your voice! Be a part of making plans for next year! We will be discussing communication to parents, volunteering, school events, budget (how we raise money and how we spend money) and also school spirit. We will also bring some delicious sweet treats to share.

Babysitting will be provided for any PJ students and siblings (age 3-12). A babysitting registration link can be found within the meeting registration.

[REGISTER FOR THE AGM TODAY](#)

FOLLOW US

Info and reminders from PAC on social media.

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Neurodivergent & Thriving

Understanding Neurodiversity, A Youth Perspective. Join in June 7th 7-9pm for a free community conversation focused on supporting neurodivergent youth at Mountainside Secondary School. [Registration is required through this link.](#)

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.



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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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.