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May 8	Kindergarten and Gr 6 Immunization Clinic
May 9	Class Photos (am only)
May 11	Grade 7 Bubble Tea Distribution – see School Cash Online to order!
May 12	Summer Learning Elementary Registration CLOSES
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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Thank you to all PJ PAC members and PJ Families

PJ staff hearts (and bellies) were so full yesterday, after an amazing appreciation luncheon organized by PAC, and supported by our school families. We thank all who participated in the planning, organization and execution of a wonderful luncheon for our staff. We feel appreciated!



PJ Reading Link Challenge Winners

Congratulations to our Reading Link Challenge team that tied for third place at the West Vancouver School District Level competition held Wednesday May 3 at The West Vancouver Memorial Library.

Our team has worked hard since November reading 6 books. They won the school level challenge that we held in our own library in April allowing them to advance to the district finals where they competed against 12 other WVSD elementary schools!!

Congratulations to the team, to ALL the RLC participants, to the parents and teachers for their continued support and to the WVML.



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

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](#).

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](#)

Gelato Friday Tomorrow, May 5

Come one, come all! It's Gelato Friday tomorrow, so bring a toonie and enjoy a cup of gelato after school with your pals. Line up at the back of the school by the playground. See you there!

PJ Park Cleanup Tomorrow, May 5

Come Volunteer in the PJ Park! This is a fun family event that encourages stewardship of our Park and helps keep our gardens in shape. We will meet on Friday May 5th at 3pm. Bring the whole family, no experience necessary.

WHEN: Friday May 5th 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

Alumni Tea

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@pivotherservices.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!

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Info and reminders from PAC on social media.

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

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.](#)

Gleneagles Community Centre Spring Festival

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

[More information here.](#)

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>

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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