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May 29-Jun 2	Bike to School Week
Jun 23	Acti-Jeux – Early Dismissal Gr K-3 1:20pm Gr 4-7 1:45pm
Jun 29	Last Day of Classes - Early Dismissal Gr K-3 1:15pm Gr 4-7 1: 30pm

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:

Centennial Thank you

It is not often that a school can boldly and proudly celebrate their 100th year. We were honoured to host two special events over the past week and are thrilled at their success. The Family and Alumni Fair last week was a hit! The performers, many games, and food trucks created a festive and almost-summer vibe that brought current and past PJ families together to revel. Our Alumni Tea this week was a joy; the stories that were shared from decades ago brought tears to many eyes. The photos passed around and the archival materials from the past century evoked nostalgia and laughter amongst our Alumni. Our school opened its doors and spaces to give tribute to PJ's Centennial year and, in doing so, also allowed recognition of one of our Frist Peoples' Principals which states that *learning is embedded in memory, history and story*. We thank all who joined us to commemorate PJ's past and present! We also wish to say an enormous THANK YOU to Robin Turnill, PJ PAC parent, for her endless hours overseeing all of the event coordination, and a huge thank you to all parents at PJ who volunteered their time to help as well. #PJPROUD

REMINDERS:

Grade 6 Band Registration is open for next year!

For Families of Current Grade 5 Students and New Students Starting Grade 6 at Pauline Johnson in September 2023

In Grade 6 students can join the **Pauline Johnson Band Program** and learn to play a symphonic band instrument. Learning to play a symphonic instrument is both challenging and rewarding. For information about all the brain benefits of learning to play a musical instrument, check out this [TedEd Video](#). No music experience is necessary to join band. Ms. King will be teaching the PJ Grade 6 and 7 bands for 2023-2024. Elementary Band is an optional enrichment music program and there is an annual fee.

Before June 1st, 2023: \$390

After June 1st, 2023: \$425

Registration is now open to join the Pauline Johnson Band Program by [CLICKING HERE](#).



[How playing an instrument benefits your brain - Anita Collins](#)

Check out our Patreon

page: <https://www.patreon.com/teded> View full lesson: <http://ed.ted.com/lessons/how-playing-an-instrument-benefits-your-brain-anita-collins> When you listen to music, multiple areas of your brain become engaged and active. But when you actually play an instrument, that activity becomes more like a full-body brain workout ...

www.youtube.com

Playing a musical instrument has many benefits but takes time and commitment. Please discuss this with your child while considering this opportunity.

We hope all students and families consider this opportunity seriously. It could be the start of a lifelong involvement and passion in music. Please contact Janine.King@wvschools.ca or tzielinski@wvschools.ca if you have any questions or need clarification about any of this information.

ParticipACTION Community Challenge

Help us become the most active community in Canada. Join the ParticipACTION Community Challenge. For more information: see [Participaction Instructions for Schools and Families](#) AND [Participaction Poster](#).

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!

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

School Supplies for 2023/24 Available to Order NOW

Order your child's school supplies for the next school year at creativepacks.ca. Order by July 3rd for free shipping and delivery to the school (orders placed after this will incur shipping costs and be delivered to your home). When ordering remember to select the grade your child is going into, NOT their current grade. Visit ecolepjpac.com for details.

Gelato Friday tomorrow, June 2!

\$2 for a cup of TCBY! On sale at the end of the school day, under the covered area beside the library.

PJ Park Cleanup Tomorrow, June 2!

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

Reminder: PJ PAC AGM Wednesday, June 14th, 6:30-8:30pm - Babysitting provided

The PJ PAC AGM will be held on Wednesday, **June 14th from 6:30-8:30pm** in the school library. Tell us what you want to see next year! Babysitting provided. Register here: [REGISTER](#)

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 [here](#) for the schedule of events or visit wvculturalfest.ca for more information.

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, sportpersonship, 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.

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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.