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REMINDER: PRO-D Day TOMORROW – NO SCHOOL

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Thank yous from the Principal

Our staff at PJ would like to thank many people this week.

Thank you to Kamyar Yazdani for spearheading our back-to-school traffic safety blitz, and to the many parent volunteers and West Vancouver Police Department who made sure drop-off ran smoothly and safely. Remember, traffic safety is everyone's responsibility, every single day, not just when parents in orange vests are monitoring the process. Please continue to obey the rules of the road, keep our PJ kids safe, and be kind to each other – even when no-one is watching!

Thank you to our Past PAC Chair (Rowena), our in-coming Co-Chair (Barry) and our New Parent Liaison (Devika) and to all of our new parents that came out this week to our New Parent orientation session. Your participation in this welcoming event left me hopeful for the year with so many wonderful people a part of our PJ family.

Thank you to our PAC for providing the treats for our Terry Fox Run and to Division One students and parents for leading and participating in our traditional, annual assembly. Please see below for how to donate to this important cause – let's beat our amount raised last year!

PJ Orange Shirt Day

PJ will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 29th so please dress your child in an orange shirt on that day if possible. Orange Shirt Day is a day for creating awareness of the individual, family, and community inter-generational impacts of Indian Residential Schools. Click here to read more about [The Story of Orange Shirt Day](#) and here for a list of [retailers](#). If you have run out of time to order, there are many local Indigenous-owned options that so please explore.

September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and there will be many events through our communities. The West Vancouver Memorial Library has put together some [suggested resources](#) and Miss604 has [compiled local events](#).

Fun Lunch - Order Now

Fun Lunch is now available to order on [Munch-a-Lunch](#). Order by September 22 for delivery beginning the week of October 3. For ordering instructions and more information, visit PJPAC's [Fun Lunch page](#). **Volunteers are needed** to distribute Fun Lunch from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, one day a week for a month. We would not be able to run this program without our amazing parent volunteers, so thank you for [signing up](#) to help.

Kindergarten Registration for 2024/25 School year

Parents of Children born in 2019 are invited to an info session at the Kay Meek Theatre. [Please see here](#) for details and registration information.

PJ Library News

Our PJ Library is looking for parent volunteers Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings and afternoons. For more information, please see the [PJ Library Blog](#) or contact Mme Gambin directly at cgambin@wvschools.ca.

Terry Fox Run Pledges – UDATE

Our Terry Fox Run on Monday, September 18th was a great success. The weather was ideal for running and the students enjoyed an assembly led by our Grade 7 LFI class. Thank you again to the PAC for providing a snack to every student.

Thank you to our generous PJ families, we have surpassed our goal of raising \$3250 for the Terry Fox Foundation. As of today, we have raised \$3305! If you still wish to donate to the foundation, [our link](#) will be live until September 29th.

Individual Photo Day

Come looking your best on **October 5th** your 2023-24 school photo!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Family Smart Monthly Online Events – Fall Series

[Please see here](#) for more information and registration details.

Greetings from Artmania!

For over 20 years, Artmania has been providing art-focused learning in classrooms across the North Shore. Our after-school programs explore exciting techniques and materials that are often beyond schools' art classroom resources and are designed to supplement the art curriculum within schools. The benefits of arts education are undeniable: children develop confidence, creativity, problem-solving skills, and facilitate socialization and communication skills. This fall we will be introducing accessibility for PJ Students to our popular acting programs at the Music box at John Lawson Park. We have a new program we are developing in the fall, where the students will be picked up at school and take a supervised walk to the Music Box for acting in the park (weather permitting), the music box as well as art programs at The Silk Purse art studio. [Please see here our Fall Program](#) offerings. Please reach out if you have any further questions to: mary@artmania.ca

West Vancouver Memorial Library – Partners in our Education

The WVML September / October 2023 e-newsletter for kids, families and educators is here! [September/October 2023 Update from WVML \(patronpoint.com\)](#)

This issue features programs and resources related for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, an exciting Youth Department space planning project and so much more!

As always: everything is free, open to all and no library card is required. For more information contact:

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

Wing Chun emphasizes self-protection, mental and physical strength, bravery, resilience, and respect for self and others with fun games and skills training. [Please see here for more details.](#)

Lights Up!

Lights Up Musical Theatre Afterschool

Thursday 3-5pm

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

Fall Programs at West Vancouver Community Centre & Gleneagles Community Centre

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[Click here to view the programs and activities available](#)

Want to learn languages, science, Lego, chess..., visit

<https://westvancouver.ca/learning>

Live! Music Series, Thursday, October 19, 4-5pm, Free

Come enjoy the musical hour with Gergana Velinova Jazz Trio in the Atrium

[Event info](#)

Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us:

<https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers>

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

There will be a community event honoring the National Day for Truth and reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) on Friday September 29th at the Strength and Remembrance Pole,

North Vancouver RCMP Detachment. This event is organized by community partners in pursuit of the principles of truth and reconciliation. The organizers include: Integrated First Nations Unit (IFNU), North Vancouver RCMP, First Nations Court, and the North Shore Violence Against Women Committee (NS VAWIR). The ceremony is led by elder Xele'milh. [Please see here for more details about this event.](#)

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, merci.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 22	Pro-D Day – No Students in Session
Sept 25 9:15am	ELL Parent Information Session @ PJ
Sept 26 6:00pm	Grade 6 Outdoor School Virtual Parent meeting. Link to come!
Sept 27 5:15pm	Grade 7 Graduation Year – Parent Meeting Virtual link sent last week
Sept 29	Orange Shirt Day at PJ
Oct 2	National Truth and Reconciliation Day – Statutory Holiday (In Lieu) - School Closed
Oct 5	Individual Photo Day
Oct 9	Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed
Oct 11	Meet the Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal K-3 12:10pm/ Gr 4-7 12:20pm More information to come
Oct 12	Meet the Teacher Conferences – Regular Dismissal
Oct 25,26,27	Grade 6 Outdoor School (Permission forms went out Sept 8 th)

2023-2024 Calendar

PJ Year at a Glance Calendar 2023-2024

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