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PJ Orange Shirt Day

PJ will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day tomorrow, 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](#).

ELL Families – THANK YOU!

It was so wonderful to meet so many of you for our ELL Parent Information Session. Thank you for your time. We look forward to working as a team over the 2023-2024 school year.

We're on WhatsApp!

PJPAC is transitioning to WhatsApp. Click [here](#) to join the PJ PAC group where we'll communicate important reminders and helpful information about PJ. Remember to turn your notifications on!

A Special Invitation from your Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Executive

Join us for our very first PJ parent meeting of the year on **October 10th from 6:30-8:30pm** at PJ. We will be kicking things off with a year in review so that you can find out more about what is coming up and how you can get involved and then move right into a fascinating (and short) financial update. Mme. Zielinski will then take the mic to give her Principal's update and then we will welcome our special guest of the night, Mme. Stevenson (PJ's Vice-Principal), who will be speaking to us about how we can support French learning from home. The night would not be complete without a wine and cheese mingler!

Note: No children are allowed in the building due to liquor license requirements. We will be offering a zoom link for those who choose to join us from home.

[Click here to register for our in-person meeting.](#)

[Click here to register to join us by zoom.](#) After registering you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about how to join the meeting.

World Teachers' Day

Let's show our teachers how much we value them on [World Teachers' Day](#). Sign up [here](#) to drop off treats for PJ's extraordinary educators on October 5th, at the office before school.

Fun Lunch News

Reminder: [Fun Lunch](#) begins on Tuesday. Remember to send your child with their own cutlery as none will be provided.

Information Session: Need help figuring out how to use [Munch-A-Lunch](#)? Have a question about the program or [volunteering](#)? Join our online Fun Lunch information session on October 4 at 12:30pm. The zoom link to join this session is below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85299681878?pwd=eDZ4bkl2SU1pRE5DUVRQaUVUeFI6dz09>

Meeting ID: 852 9968 1878

Passcode: PJFunLunch

Halloween at PJ

Teachers will organize individual activities and celebrations for their class on Tuesday, October 31st to enjoy the fun and spirit of Halloween. Please look for more information from your child's teacher. A reminder – if your child chooses to dress up that day, the expectations are:

- Choose costumes that respect inclusivity, kindness and safety
- Costumes should be sensitive to the state of the world right now
- Avoid political statements, stereotypes and cultural appropriation
- No costume masks, no props, absolutely no weapons of any type
- Costumes should not impede students in the learning environment (mobility, distractions) – ***blow up costumes are not permitted***

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

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 \$3555! If you still wish to donate to the foundation, [our link](#) will be live until tomorrow at 3:00pm.

Individual Photo Day

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

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.](#)

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

After school Field Hockey Program at PJ run by West Vancouver Field Hockey Club (WVFHC)

The after-school field hockey program at PJ aims to provide structured coaching and games to elementary school children. We strive to give players the opportunity to learn and excel in a team sport in a fun and safe manner. Please find the [program information here](#) and a [Registration link](#)

Coach Isabelle will be the main coach of the program – [her bio is here](#) - Isabelle also coaches in the Premier Field Hockey Academy for West Vancouver Schools.

For additional information, please contact:

Charlotte Burns

General Manager

After School 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>

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 29	Orange Shirt Day at PJ
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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 20 th	Pro-D Day – No Students in Session
Oct 25,26,27	Grade 6 Outdoor School (Permission forms due tomorrow at 12 noon)
Oct 31 st	Hallowe'en – see message above re: costumes and more to come from your child's teacher
Nov 1 st	Pajama Day at PJ

[2023-2024 Calendar](#)

[PJ Year at a Glance Calendar 2023-2024](#)

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