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Student Release Drill – Follow-Up

Thanks to all PJ Staff and families, our release drill was a huge success last Friday. We successfully released a total of 174 students in under 60 minutes. Thank you for taking part in this important event. While we hope to never have to formally activate such a procedure in an emergency, practising the process is one step towards being better prepared in keeping your children safe.

Reporting

As communicated last Spring, the Ministry of Education and Child Care has implemented a new Learning Update Policy which defines and provides direction for the ways our school will be communicating your child's learning. The goal of the Learning Updates is to provide personalized, descriptive feedback to effectively communicate with students, parents, and caregivers about where students are in their learning, next steps, and how families and teachers can work together to support student growth.

The provincial Reporting Policy mandates that students in Kindergarten through Grade 9 will be assessed using the four-point proficiency scale and students in Grade 10 through Grade 12 courses will be assessed using letter grades and percentages. Each term, students at all levels will be sharing self-reflections and making goals around British Columbia's Core Competencies – Communication Skills, Thinking Skills, and Personal and Social Skills.

Teachers will be communicating and reporting throughout the year in the following formats:

- 3 Formal Written Learning Updates (2 Mid-year Learning Updates, and 1 Summary of Learning)
- 2 Informal Learning Updates (ex. Parent-Teacher Conferences, Student-Family-Teacher Conference, Interim Report)

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, responsible for creating reporting requirements, has provided [reporting information for parents and caregivers](#) in the following languages: [English](#), [French](#), [Chinese \(Simplified and Traditional\)](#), [Tagalog](#), [Farsi](#), [Urdu](#), [Punjabi Gurmukhi](#)

Please come to our PAC meeting tonight to hear more!

MyEd BC Family Portal User Accounts – For NEW FAMILIES to PJ

Today you will receive an email from the MyEd BC server inviting you to initialize your Family Portal account. You may need to check your junk folder. If you do not receive an email, please contact Mme Susie at schubb@wvschools.ca. Please follow the instructions on that email carefully to initialize the account by replacing the temporary password – be sure to choose a password that you will be able to easily recall in March and June for those reports. **This must be done on a COMPUTER and will not work on a phone or tablet.**

Then take some time to familiarize yourself with the Family Portal. The district has provided a great deal of useful information and answered frequently asked questions about the Family Portal at this link: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/family-portal/#1582137227642-38c8a1cb-8ca3>

Here is a quick link to [the video](#) that goes over the process.

Please note that families who already have set up their Family Portal (through a different district or have an older child at a secondary school) will not have received this email.

Friday, December 1st Communicating Student Learning Reports will be posted on this portal. PAPER COPIES OF REPORTS WILL NO LONGER BE SENT HOME. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU DOWNLOAD REPORTS TO SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

PAC Meeting Tonight

Don't miss our [PAC meeting](#) tonight at 6:30pm in the library. We'll be discussing [Fun Lunch](#) and gathering feedback, plus we'll have a guest speaker explaining more about Learning Updates (report cards). Register [here](#) to attend.

The Poppy Campaign

Every year, from the last Friday of October to November 11, tens of millions of Canadians [wear a Poppy](#) as a visual pledge to honour Canada's Veterans and remember those who sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today.



While the Poppy is distributed freely to all who wish to wear one, the Legion gratefully accepts donations to the Poppy Fund.

Donate online

Donations to The Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Command Poppy Trust Fund can be made online to fund national Veteran support initiatives. *Dominion Command cannot issue tax receipts due to our not-for-profit status.

[Donate today](#). If your child would like to donate in person at the school, we will also be accepting at the office.

Student-Led Open House – Save the Date!

On November 21st between 1:30-2:45pm PJ will host a Student-Led Open House. Please wait for a message from your child's classroom teacher for particular details about how that will work in your child's classroom.

Fun Lunch Back-Up Volunteers Needed

We're looking for several volunteers who could fill-in when our regular Fun Lunch volunteers are sick. If you are periodically available weekdays from 12pm and 1pm, please sign up [here](#). Training provided for this fun and easy in-school role.

Purdy's Chocolates Fundraiser

Yes, it's that time of year again! Think of the time and energy you can save by ordering all your stocking stuffers and appreciation gifts [online from Purdys](#), while also supporting a school fundraiser. Check out the [online catalogue](#) to see how you can support our school by buying great chocolates. If you don't know what you like, buy a couple to try! Fundraiser closes November 25, and orders will be ready to pick up at the school on December 12. For more details and instructions on how to order, visit our [website](#).

Santa's Workshop: Donation Drop-off Starts Next Week

We will begin collecting donations for [Santa's Workshop](#) next week. Gather up all the items you're ready to get rid of but would make a great gift for someone else, then keep your eyes open for an email with detailed instructions coming soon.

Gelato Day on Friday

Bring \$2 for [gelato day](#), tomorrow after school. Line up under the covered area behind the school (next to the playground) and choose a cup of your favourite TCBY flavour.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Please note that any opportunities from previous weeks can be found in [past e-bulletins](#).

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

Nov 9	Gelato Friday
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Nov 10	School Remembrance Day Ceremonies
Nov 13 & 14	School Closed
Nov 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo Retakes – AM only • 5:00pm - Grade 7 Parent Grad and Fundraising VIRTUAL Meeting with the Principal (virtual MS teams link sent October 17th)
Nov 21	Student-Led Open House – More details to come
Nov 24	Gr 6 Immunization Clinic – Forms sent home Nov 8th
Dec 1 st	First Term Ends – Report Cards on the Family Portal

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