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### PJ Classroom Placement

As stated in our previous bulletin, each school year our École Pauline Johnson staff of educators, specialist teachers, and administrators, work collaboratively to create classes that are balanced and will provide an inclusive culture for learners to thrive in. Please know that teachers begin this tentative process in the late Spring and invest a great deal of thought and effort into making the best educational decisions for organizing and placing students into classes. While our placements are not finalized until September, we take into consideration a wide range of criteria including:

- *Student social-emotional well-being and coping*
- *Diversity of learning needs and balancing classes*
- *Workable instructional groups*

- *Positive social groupings*
- *Possibilities for new and fresh friendships and leadership opportunities*
- *School Base Team recommendations*
- *Ministry class size and composition requirements*
- *District enrollment pressures*

**Multi-grade learning configurations are now a reality at PJ across more grades than in the past and are largely due to District wide enrollment pressures.** To help parents understand the rationale of these arrangements the WVSD has devoted a [webpage](#) to help parents who may be unfamiliar with this arrangement. Combined classes have proven to be effective learning environments with a host of advantages to both the classroom learning community as well as the academic achievement of students. ***What is important for parents to remember is that in today's classroom, all teachers strive to meet each child where they are at with their learning, regardless of their grade level, and provide them with learning opportunities accordingly.***

### **Cops for Cancer – Twoonie Drive**

West Vancouver Schools is stepping up to raise money for cancer research with our community partner, WV Police Department. This year we will be supporting 3 police officers who will be biking over 800 km throughout the Lower Mainland, Sunshine Coast and Sea to Sky to raise awareness for childhood cancers. Please send a twoonie with your student between now and May 31st to donate to this cause, benefiting pediatric cancer research and supporting programs such as Camp Good Times.

### **WVML e-newsletter**

The WVML Late April / May 2024 e-newsletter for kids, families and educators is here! We still have lots going on, even with the weather taking a beautiful turn. <https://wvmlbc.patronpoint.com/email/preview/200>

As always: **everything is free, open to all and no library card is required.**

### **2024 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools**

Are you interested in learning during the summer? West Vancouver Schools will be offering a robust Summer Learning Program for both elementary and secondary students during July 2024.

Online registration for both the elementary and secondary Summer Learning programs is now open. Elementary registration closes on May 10. Secondary registration closes on June 14.

More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or on the [Summer Learning Website](#).

## **Fun Lunch Volunteers**

We are looking for 2 parents who can volunteer for [Fun Lunch](#) distribution in May. If you are available from 12 to 1pm on either Wednesdays or Thursdays, please sign up [here](#). If you can't commit to a regular schedule but would like to help occasionally, sign up as a back-up [here](#).

## **Fun Lunch Survey Closing Soon**

PJ's [Fun Lunch survey](#) closes this Tuesday (April 30). Please give us your feedback, whether or not you have ordered [Fun Lunch](#), via a quick survey.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**

### **Youth Week May 1 – 7**

Cities and organizations across the province are planning for BC Youth Week 2024. There are many events taking place across the North Shore for youth. All events and activities can be found at the website:

<https://www.bcyouthweek.com/events/vancouver-sea-to-sky>

### **CMHA Mental Health Week: May 6-12**

A Call to be **KIND** is this year's theme for Canadian Mental Health Associations Mental Health Week and will centre on the healing power of compassion. Resources are available at their website: <https://cmha.ca/mental-health-week/toolkits/>

These resources are for students, staff, and adults!

### **WV Parent Workshop Series #1**

When: Saturday, May 4, 2024, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where: West Vancouver Community Centre

Who: Parents & guardians of children (birth-6 years)

[More details and registration information here.](#)

## **West Vancouver Basketball Club Summer Camps**

The WVBC is proud to be offering its 16th year of summer camps this July and August. This year, the WVBC will be offering 4 weeks of camps beginning July 8 for players in Grades 2-10. All camps will be held at West Van Secondary School and will be led by former Canadian Men's National Team player and WVS Teacher/ Basketball Academy Head Coach Greg Meldrum. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to <http://www.wvbc.ca>

## ACTIVITIES AT YOUR WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CENTRE / GLENEAGLES COMMUNITY CENTRE

### Spring Term General Recreation Programs have begun:

Adult American Sign Language (NEW!), Beginner French, Indigenous Arts & Culture, Science, Chess, etc:

[www.westvancouver.ca/learning](http://www.westvancouver.ca/learning)

Music for Various Ages: [www.westvancouver.ca/music](http://www.westvancouver.ca/music)

Pro-D Day Camps (May 17): [Visit here.](#)

### Important Dates:

Summer Camp Registrations Open on Wednesday, May 1st.

[www.westvancouver.ca/camps](http://www.westvancouver.ca/camps)

Other Summer program Registrations open on Wednesday, June 19th.

### Browse all your recreation activities and programs here:

<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities>

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

[www.westvancouver.ca/newcomers](http://www.westvancouver.ca/newcomers)

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

## IMPORTANT DATES

May 02	Ultimate Jamboree (Grade 7 Ultimate Team) 1:00-5:00pm More to come...
May 06	Class and Whole School Photo Day – am only
May 08	Welcome to Kindergarten (for new kindie families for Fall 2024)

May 17	Pro D Day – No students in session
May 20	Statutory Holiday – No School in Session

## **2023-2024 Calendar**

### **PJ Year at a Glance Calendar 2023-2024**

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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.