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## e-Bulletin September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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### **PJ Orange Shirt Day**

PJ will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day on Friday September 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

September 30<sup>th</sup> is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and there will be many events throughout our communities. Schools will be closed in honour of the day.

## Individual Photo Day

Come looking your best on **October 2nd** for your 2024-25 school photo! ***Please try to avoid outside appointments for students that day – we can not estimate the timing that your child will have their photo taken.***

## Grade 4 and & Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA's)

Over the next few weeks students in Grades 4 and 7 from our school and all across British Columbia will be completing these assessments. While at school, our staff will ensure that students are supported and that conditions are conducive to learners being able to demonstrate their best ability. We are also asking for your support to help your children by ensuring they:

- have eaten a good breakfast
- have a water bottle
- are well rested
- arrive on time (most assessment sessions will take place in the morning when students are fresh)
- arrive with their laptop device (as applicable) fully charged

Our goal is to have the students see this as a valuable experience, feel proud of their work, and for staff and families to use this assessment as a tool to help inform and guide our instruction. Results will be shared with parents in December or early January.

We will get the schedule out to you as a family very soon so you may plan ahead.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you,  
Tara Zielinski

## PJ Spirit Wear Store Is Open

Spirit Wear is now available to order until October 15! Grab your t-shirts, hoodies, and caps in both child and adult sizes—NEW: now with select styles in yellow! Show you're #PJproud and order yours today [here](#). We will hold our first PJ Spirit Wear Day where everyone is encouraged to wear PJ clothing or PJ colours. Save that date - **November 22nd.**

## PJ Parent Meeting

Reminder to attend this year's first PJ Parents Meeting on Oct 3, 6-8PM at the school library. This is a wine and cheese event. The meeting agenda will be posted [here](#) soon. Please register [here](#) to attend this event so we can ensure sufficient snacks and drinks will be provided:

## World Teacher's Day

We are looking for your help to show our appreciation to our amazing PJ teachers on World Teacher's Day on October 4th. Food and Drinks can be dropped off on a table that will be setup right beside the front office on Oct 4 in the morning (8:30-9:30am). Thank you in advance for your contributions. Sign up [here](#).

## PJ Community Park

Our school playground needs a cleanup and some planting. Please join us after school on Oct 4th to do some gardening. It's a fun and energetic event and children are welcomed to join. When your children participate in gardening at school, they feel that they've become stewards of these green spaces, and they take pride in their park. There are many opportunities to get involved with the PJ Park and you can start by joining the PJ Park Committee. Contact [Laureline Balzan](#). Learn more about the history of the PJ Community Park Project [here](#).

## Scholastic Book Fair

Save the dates! PJ is holding a Scholastics Book Fair on **October 8-10, 2024**, in the library. Our students are excited for this year's [Book Fair](#) that will be held during your child's library block during school hours as well as during the Parent/Teacher conferences. To facilitate your child purchasing books during class time please consider signing up for [MyDoh](#) – it is a safe Smart Cash Card designed for students.

Also, we are looking for [parent volunteers](#) to help run a successful Book Fair. Please click [HERE](#) to sign up. Please email me at [cgambin@wvschools.ca](mailto:cgambin@wvschools.ca) should you have any questions. Merci!!

## erase: Parent Resources

Every child deserves an education free from discrimination, bullying, harassment, intimidation and violence. The ERASE strategy is helping ensure every child feels safe, accepted and respected. ERASE is based on creating safe and welcoming school cultures that support learning. That means having schools that are equitable, inclusive, diverse, tolerant, respectful and accepting. There are some incredible family courses and resources for you! See here to access these:

<https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>

## 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](mailto:paulinejohnson@wvschools.ca) with any and all of this information, merci.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 26 6:00pm	Grade 6 Outdoor School – Parent Meeting (Link in your in box)
Sept 27	Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – School is Closed for Observance
Oct 1 6:30pm Virtual	<b>Québec 2025</b> Grade 7 Parent Information Session See message from Mme Zielinski with the MS Teams Virtual Link
Oct 2  5:00-5:30pm Virtual	Individual Photo Day  <b>Grade 7, Graduation, and High School</b> Grade 7 Parent Information Session See message from Mme Zielinski with the MS Teams Virtual Link
Oct 9	Meet the Teacher Conferences – <b>Early Dismissal</b> K-3 12:10pm/ Gr 4-7 12:20pm More information to come
Oct 10	Meet the Teacher Conferences – <b>Regular Dismissal</b>
Oct 14	Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed

Oct 24	Photo re-takes – AM only
Oct 25	Provincial BC Pro D Day – No Students in Session

Please visit the West Vancouver School District website for all important dates for the remainder of this school year.

[Past e-Bulletins can be found here](#), on our school website.

## [2024-2025 Calendar](#)

## [PJ Year at a Glance Calendar 2024-2025](#)

## [OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS](#)

### [Pauline Johnson Grade 1-4 Multi-Sport After School Program](#)

Sign up now, spots are filling up:

**Dates:** Fridays, Oct 4th - Dec 6th (8 Prorated Sessions)

**Times:** 3:00 - 4:30

**Grades:** 1-4

**Cost:** \$240 + GST

This excitement filled program focuses on FUN, physical literacy and sport skill improvement through fun games and activities. Participants will move through a variety of sports such as basketball, soccer, tennis, football, hockey, volleyball, handball, and more. Participants will be fully submerged in the world of sports and are bound to leave the day with a smile on their face, eager for the next day!

See for yourself! [Multi-Sport Trailer](#)

**Register Here:** [Pauline Johnson Multi-Sport, Fall 2024](#)

NOTE: This is a non-competitive program and is suitable for athletes of any experience or level!

For any questions or assistance, please email [mlane@privatecoachingco.com](mailto:mlane@privatecoachingco.com)

## [Step Up for LGH](#)

Step Up for LGH is a 5Km sponsored walk, which will take place on September 29th from 10 am-12pm at Millennium Park on the Seawall in West Vancouver. The community event will include a variety of fun feats and family- friendly activities along the route. This year, participants and donors will be raising money for our Bigger, Better Cancer Care Campaign to expand and enhance oncology services at Lions Gate Hospital. [See here for more details.](#)

LGHF Team

## **Memorial Library News**

The WVML September/October e-newsletter for kids, families and educators is here! We have lots to offer after school, weekends and on School's Out days (including around the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – we're open September 30!) As usual, Storytimes are all still drop-in (and we currently have French story time running on Saturdays!)

[West Van Schools Update September + October 2024 \(patronpoint.com\)](#)

## **All from West Van Rec Centre:**

**Indigenous Arts & Culture Workshop [this fall.](#)**

**Small Group Music Classes: [Ukulele, Acoustic Guitar and Singing Classes are starting in September.](#)**

**Language Program for Various Ages:**

[Give yourself a gift of language skills in French, Spanish, Mandarin, Farsi, Korean, American Sign Language \(ASL\), Ukrainian and English as a Second/Third Language.](#)

**Click here for [PD Day Camps](#)**

**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)

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