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## e-Bulletin October 3rd, 2024

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### **PJ Parent Meeting**

Reminder to attend this year's first PJ Parents Meeting TONIGHT Oct 3, 6-8PM at the school library. This is a wine and cheese event for adults only so do come along and meet other parents. If you have not yet registered, please register [here](#) to attend the event.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences (Gr 1-7 ONLY) IN PERSON

We welcome family members to meet with their child's teachers on October 9th and 10th.

**Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**                      **Early Dismissal Day (K-4 at 12:10pm, 5-7 at 12:20pm)**

**Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**                      **Regular Dismissal for Students**

*Online sign-up started Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> (AM).*

Please book your appointments using your email by going to:

[www.schoolinterviews.ca/code?ecode=epjpc](http://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code?ecode=epjpc)

EVENT CODE: **gh4vd**

*Sign up will close the morning of Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.*

## Scholastic Book Fair

Next week is our Book Fair and the excitement is building across the school! Please save the dates and drop by the library to see the assortment of books, trinkets, posters and more. Also, we are still looking for volunteers. Sign up [HERE](#).

- Tuesday **October 8** from 3-4pm
- Wednesday **October 9** from 1 pm – 6pm
- Thursday **October 10** from 3-5pm

## 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

## World Teacher's Day

We are looking forward to celebrating our PJ teachers on October 4th - World Teacher's Day. A big thank you to parents who will be contributing Food and Drinks towards this.

## Typing Pal

**What is it?** Typing Pal School Edition is a web-based application that encourages keyboarding practice for students, from beginner to intermediate. We are making this available to all students from Kindergarten to Grade 9.

Students should go to the unique url for their school: [Typing Pal](#) and choose "Log in with Google." If students have more than one Google account, they will be asked to choose their account - they should choose the school one.

When students first log in they are prompted to take a diagnostic type of test that will give the program an idea of where to start them. From there, the program will cater to each students' speed/ability. **Happy typing!**

## Halloween at PJ!

We are shaking it up this year! We have a DJ coming to PJ for our first annual **Danse des Monstres**.

Below, please note:

1. The shape of the day on Thursday, October 31st
2. PJ Expectations for Halloween

## SHAPE OF THE DAY

AM – Regular Morning for students

12:40-1:20pm (40 minutes) for Grades 3 and 4

1:20-2:10pm (50 minutes) for Grades 5-7

2:10-2:50pm (40 minutes) for Grades K-2

*Costumes encouraged, but not necessary. No food/drinks in the gym during the dance (including water bottles).*

*The cost of the dance is \$3.50/student. School Cash Online will send you an email about the item available to pay. Any School Cash questions please email [schubb@wvschools.ca](mailto:schubb@wvschools.ca) and Mme Susie can help.*

## Hallowe'en Costumes at PJ

Costumes/dressing up at PJ is optional however, 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 masks, no props, absolutely **no weapons of any type**
- Costumes should not impede students in their learning environment (mobility, distractions) – **blow up costumes are not permitted.**

## PJ Parent Engagement Survey

As we prepare for an engaging school year, we would like to get a better understanding of our parents' preferred communication method, your involvement with parent and school related events, and topics you would like to learn more about this year. Please fill out this brief survey: <https://forms.gle/wtYc5UGH4vgtMiNy7>

## Popsicle Fridays

[Popsicle Friday](#) is here again this Friday October 4th. We need parent volunteers to help out. Please sign up [here](#). Bring a \$2 to purchase a Rico & Lalo natural flavour popsicle under the covered area of the playground!

## 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

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
Oct 28 – 30	Grade 6 Outdoor School
Oct 31	<b>Danse des Monstres – more details above</b>

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)

## **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 \(patronpoint.com\)](#)

## **FOLLOW PJ ON TWITTER #ECOLEPJ**

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.

