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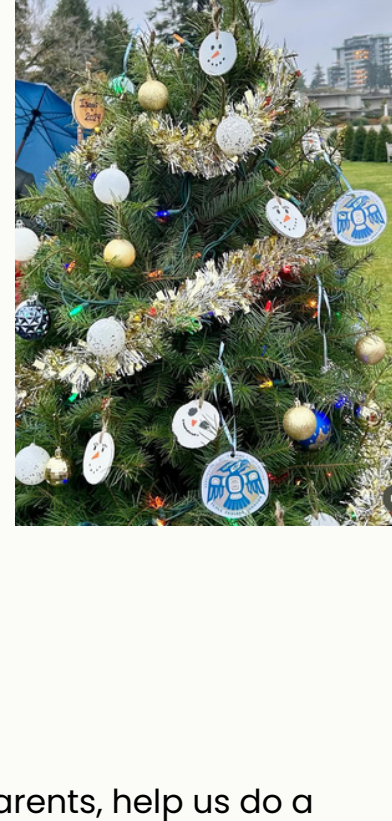
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Dundarave Christmas Tree

Our kindies have done a wonderful job crafting ornaments and decorating PJ's Christmas tree at the [Dundarave Festival of Light](#). Take a trip down to Dundarave beach and check out tree #407. This annual tradition is funded by PJPAC and helps support [Lookout Society](#).



Santa's Workshop

Santa's Workshop is next week! More than ever, we need your donations. Parents, help us do a strong push to the finish line by bringing in all your donations ASAP! Check out our [Santa's Workshop](#) page for a list of ideas (no books, clothes, or baby items). If you can kindly please pre-clean the items before bringing them in, that would save a lot of volunteer time and effort, especially as this is the last week.

We will be accepting donations at the SCHOOL OFFICE every school day from 8:30-9:00am and 2:30-3:00pm until December 17. Please help make this event special for our kids.

Also note that the date of Santa's Workshop has changed to Thursday, December 19 at St. Stephen's Anglican Church on 22nd (right across the school).

We also need more parent volunteers to help with this event next week in various capacities, including setting up, decorating, and wrapping. Please sign up [here to volunteer](#).

Personal Digital Device Expectations

As we reflect on the first four months of the school year, we're proud to recognize the progress we've made together in implementing our Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations. Thanks to the collective efforts of our students, families, and staff, we've seen a significant improvement in how digital devices are used in our schools. This has fostered more focused and engaged learning environments, aligning with our shared goal of supporting student success.

This success would not have been possible without everyone's ongoing support and commitment. While we celebrate these strides, it's important that we remain consistent in maintaining these expectations and continue to remind and support students to ensure this positive momentum is sustained.

Why We're Doing This

The purpose of these expectations is to minimize distractions and maximize learning opportunities. Digital devices, when used appropriately, are powerful tools for collaboration, creativity, and communication. However, ensuring they don't interrupt instructional time or disrupt the learning environment remains a priority.

What You Can Continue to Do

Here are some ways families can help reinforce these expectations at home:

1. Celebrate Progress - Acknowledge your child's efforts in adhering to the guidelines and discuss how this has positively impacted their focus and learning.
2. Reinforce Healthy Habits - Continue encouraging a balanced approach to device use at home by promoting activities like reading, outdoor play, and family time.
3. Model Consistency - Show your support by modeling mindful device use when on the school grounds or in the school building AND during shared family time.
4. Support School Communication - Please avoid contacting your child during instructional time, this includes communication through phones and smartwatches. Remind them that non-urgent messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.
5. Stay Engaged - Revisit the Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices to refresh your understanding of the expectations and discuss them with your child.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support in making this initiative a success.

West Vancouver Schools Registration

K-12 registration for both in-district and out-of-district students opens on January 15! If you have students in your family or network who are looking to join our district, please help spread the word about this important date.

West Vancouver Schools offer a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community that values excellence in education. Our schools take pride in creating meaningful learning experiences and providing opportunities that support the growth, well-being, and success of every student.

To learn more about registration expectations and processes, please visit our admissions page: [West Vancouver Schools Admissions](#)

We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our vibrant and supportive school community!

Hot Chocolate Thursdays

Join us after school today (December 12) for some holiday cheer and a free hot chocolate!

We'll be serving hot chocolate by the covered area behind the school. Thanks to PJ parents Paige and Aaliya for sponsoring these events and to the PJ parent volunteers that helped last week. We are excited to bring it back!

CBC Canadian Music Class Challenge

The CBC Canadian Music Class Challenge is a unique program that invites music classes from across the country to learn a song from a list of Canadian artists, and then create a video of their final performance. Submitted videos are profiled on the CBC Music's YouTube channel where judges pick winners and award prizes.

The Grade 6 and 7 LFI classes, under the direction of Mme Soderling, learned "Yohah:yo (The Good Road)". This song was written in English and Mohawk specifically for this contest by Indigenous sisters Shawnee Kish and Kristi Talbot. And now our video is live! It is a beautiful snapshot of both the hard work and fun found at PJ. It can be viewed [here](#).

Purdy's Chocolate- Thank you!

Thank you so much to our generous PJ community for supporting the grade 7 students who will be travelling to Quebec in July by ordering Purdy's chocolates from our holiday fundraising campaign. We raised a total of \$1,440.73 and are so grateful to all of the families who supported us.

Popsicle Friday- to return in January

Please note that there is no popsicle Friday in December. Our next one will be on January 10.

Extended Holidays

Please be reminded that any extended holidays are to be requested of the Principal, Mme Zielinski, for approval. Please email tzielinski@wvschools.ca

Reporting 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.

Little League Academy

Fall 2024 West Vancouver Little League (WVLL) visited schools and delivered 45 minute Introduction to Baseball Throwing sessions for primary (K-4) classes. As a result of the success, WVLL is pleased to introduce **The Little League Academy** - an afterschool program designed to continue to develop a love of baseball!

Beginning in January, the Monday after school **WVLL Academy** is designed to attract Little Leaguers ages 5 to 8 with the goal and expectation to fall in love with baseball and create excitement where they can't wait to get to the diamond for practices and games.

WVLL Professional Coaches will focus on safely teaching the **basic skills** of the game, expanding on eye hand **coordination skills** and how to **play with teammates** with the goal to develop a basic understanding of the game, and its **rules and techniques**.

WHEN: Mondays from January 6th to March 10th (excluding Jan. 27 and Feb. 17)

TIME: 3pm-4:30pm

WHERE: Pauline Johnson Gym

COST: \$200

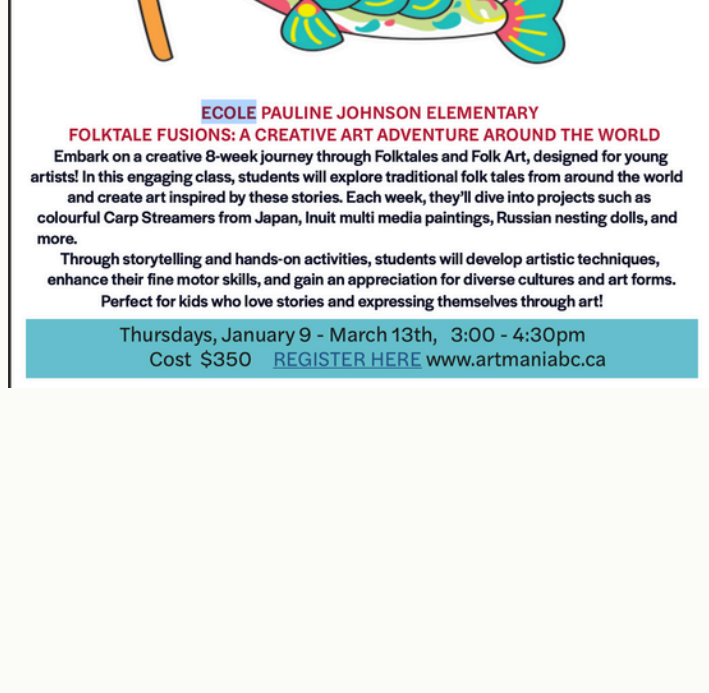
REGISTRATION:

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/462091>

Follow West Van Little League on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/wvlittleleague/?hl=en>

Art Mania

Please see below and register [here](#)



ECOLE PAULINE JOHNSON ELEMENTARY
FOLKTALE FUSIONS: A CREATIVE ART ADVENTURE AROUND THE WORLD
 Embark on a creative 9-week journey through Folktales and Folk Art, designed for young artists! In this engaging class, students will explore traditional folk tales from around the world and create art inspired by these stories. Each week, they'll dive into projects such as colourful Carp Streamers from Japan, Inuit multi media paintings, Russian nesting dolls, and more.
 Through storytelling and hands-on activities, students will develop artistic techniques, enhance their fine motor skills, and gain an appreciation for diverse cultures and art forms. Perfect for kids who love stories and expressing themselves through art!
 Thursdays, January 9 - March 13th, 3:00 - 4:30pm
 Cost \$350 [REGISTER HERE](#) www.artmaniabc.ca

Holiday Reading Clinics

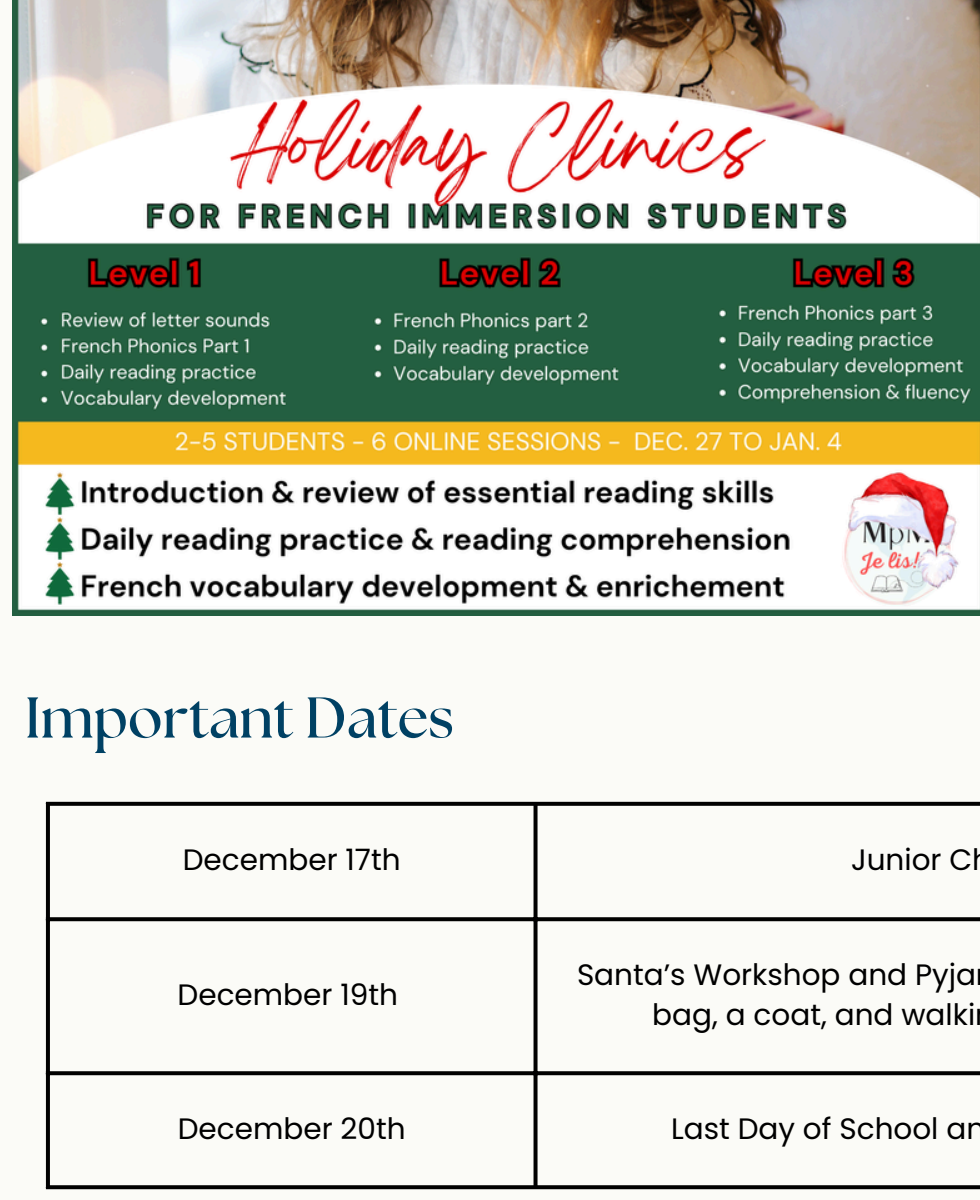
Join our engaging small-group sessions designed to build foundational reading skills in a fun, supportive environment. These clinics are the perfect way to keep your child motivated and ready for success as they continue their French immersion learning into the new year.

Limited Spots Available!

With only 5 students per group, these clinics ensure personalized attention and focused learning.

[Reserve Your Spot Now](#)

For more information, visit our [Holiday Reading Clinics page](#).



FRENCH READING PROGRAMS

Holiday Clinics FOR FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENTS

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of letter sounds French Phonics Part 1 Daily reading practice Vocabulary development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French Phonics part 2 Daily reading practice Vocabulary development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French Phonics part 3 Daily reading practice Vocabulary development Comprehension & fluency

2-5 STUDENTS - 6 ONLINE SESSIONS - DEC. 27 TO JAN. 4

Daily reading & review of essential reading skills

Daily instruction & reading comprehension

French vocabulary development & enrichment

[MDiv Jo List](#)

Important Dates

December 17th	Junior Christmas Concert
December 19th	Santa's Workshop and Pyjama Day (bring a reusable shopping bag, a coat, and walking shoes)- Donations needed!
December 20th	Last Day of School and Early Dismissal (12:10/12:20)

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](#)

[2024/2025 Calendar](#)

[PJ 2024/2025 at a Glance](#)

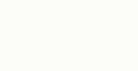
Community

[Community Connections](#) and events information found through this link and updated weekly.



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