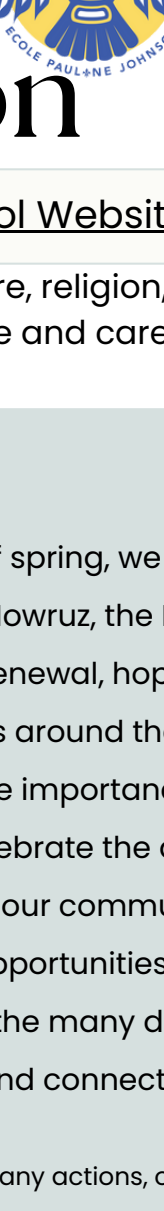


WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS

E-Bulletin

March 13 2025



# Ecole Pauline Johnson

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[School Website](#)

At PJ, every student, staff and community member – regardless of race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or ability – is welcome and should feel comfortable and cared for at our school.

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As we celebrate the arrival of spring, we also embrace the rich traditions of Nowruz, the Persian New Year. Nowruz is a time of renewal, hope, and reflection, celebrated by millions around the world.

It's a beautiful reminder of the importance of inclusivity, as we honor and celebrate the diverse cultural traditions that make our community vibrant. At PJ, we enjoy taking opportunities like this to learn about and appreciate the many different ways people celebrate and connect.

Have you heard any quotes, witnessed any actions, or read any stories about equity, diversity, and inclusion? If so, please share them with us at [hwilliams@wvvschools.ca](mailto:hwilliams@wvvschools.ca) for future sharing in this space.

## 2025 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 2025. Online registration for both the elementary and secondary Summer Learning programs opens on Monday, April 7 at 8:00 AM.

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](#).

### Registration is Open for the Following West Vancouver Schools Academy Programs:

Basketball: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/basketball/>

Field Hockey: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/field-hockey/>

Soccer: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/soccer/>

Tennis: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/tennis/>

## 2025 Kindergarten Parent Workshop



for incoming kindergarten parents and guardians

Parent Workshop #1

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

Simple solutions for building durable kids



When: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Saturday, April 5th

Where: West Vancouver Community Centre, (Garden Room) 2121 Marine Drive

Who: Parents & guardians of children (beginning Kindergarten September 2025)

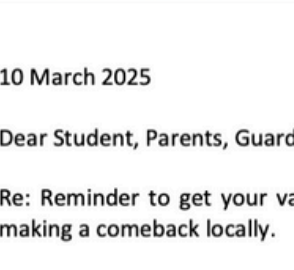
To register click [HERE](#)

Limited childcare spots available. To register for childcare call 604-925-7270 and mention the workshop with code 187253

we gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of BC through the Ministry of Education and Child Care

this parent series is hosted in partnership with the West Vancouver Community Centre

Questions: email [mparakal@wvvschools.ca](mailto:mparakal@wvvschools.ca)



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10 March 2025

Dear Student, Parents, Guardians and Staff


Re: Reminder to get your vaccinations updated. Measles is on the rise globally and pertussis (whooping cough) is making a comeback locally.

We would like to remind you to check your family's vaccination records and update your vaccinations as needed. Measles cases are being reported around the world. Please get your measles immunizations up to date, particularly if you are planning on travelling for Spring break. Two doses of measles containing vaccine are needed for everyone born 1970 or later. Children are usually offered these vaccines at 12 months of age and kindergarten entry. While most school age children are immunized, some may have missed their first or second dose during the pandemic. Infants travelling to high-risk areas can get a dose starting at 6 months. Those born before 1970 are considered protected but you may receive one dose if you do not recall a history of measles infection and are travelling to an area with active transmission.


Please also ensure that your family's pertussis immunizations are up to date. Pertussis is a bacterial infection of the lungs that is making a return. While people of any age can get ill, young children who have not been immunized get sicker than older children and adults. Children are offered pertussis-containing vaccines at 2, 4, 6, 18 months, 4-6 years, and in grade 9. Pertussis immunization is also recommended during pregnancy for the protection of newborns.

Adults can be immunized by their family doctor or pharmacist ([Measles, Mumps and Rubella \(MMR\) Vaccines | BC Pharmacy Association](#)). If you are unsure if your child is fully protected against measles, pertussis or other vaccine preventable diseases, please visit [BC Health Gateway](#) or scan this QR code to book an appointment:


To check immunization records, visit Health Gateway, or scan this QR code.



Check a Record.

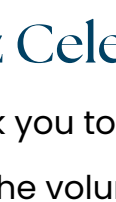


To book an appointment to update your child's immunization, visit <https://www.vch.ca/en/services/immunization-clinics> or scan this QR code to find the closest public health clinic (for infants and children) or pharmacy (for ages 4 years and older).



If you have immunization records for you or your child that are not recorded in Health Gateway profile, please submit these online to [immunizationrecord.gov.bc.ca](https://immunizationrecord.gov.bc.ca).

Sincerely,



Dr. Ceinwen Pope  
School Medical Officer – Coastal Urban

Promoting wellness. Ensuring care. Vancouver Coastal Health Authority

## Nowruz Celebrations- Thank you

A big thank you to Sami for organizing the Nowruz (Persian New Year) celebrations this year, and to all the volunteers who helped make the event a success. Your support was greatly appreciated!

## Popsicle Friday Tomorrow

[Popsicle Friday](#) is coming up tomorrow on March 14th. Don't forget to bring \$2 to purchase a Rico & Lalo natural flavor popsicle under the covered area of the playground!

## PJ Spirit Day

Our next PJ Spirit Day will be the week we return from Spring Break. On Wednesday, April 2nd, wear your Spirit Wear or PJ colours (navy and yellow) to show everyone that you're #PJproud

## PJ Press

The Newspaper Club is proud to present the [Second Edition of the PJ Press](#)! Have a look through our publication to read articles about Carnaval, learn some Fun Facts and so much more.

Happy reading!

## Extended Holidays

Please be reminded that any extended holidays are to be requested of the Principal, Mme Zielinski, for approval. Please email [tzielinski@wvvschools.ca](mailto:tzielinski@wvvschools.ca)

## Reporting Student Absences

Is your child sick? Have an appointment, or something happened and your child cannot be at school? Please email [paulinejohnson@wvvschools.ca](mailto:paulinejohnson@wvvschools.ca) with any and all of this information, merci.

## Important Dates

March 14th	Last Day of School Before Spring Break (Regular Dismissal)- Learning Updates Published on MyEd
	Popsicle Day
March 31st	First Day Back to School After Spring Break
April 2nd	PJ Spirit Wear Day

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 Year at a Glance](#)

## Community

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

## Experience the Power of Indigenous Dance

Kay Meek Theatre is proud to present a special opportunity to experience the nationally recognized work of Dancers of Damelahamid with an exclusive \$10 discount on each ticket for teachers, staff, and families.

[Dancers of Damelahamid: Spirit and Tradition](#)

📅 When: April 26, 2025 | 7:30 PM

📍 Where: Kay Meek Arts Centre, 1700 Mathers Ave, West Vancouver, BC

💎 Tickets: \$10 with promo code SPIRIT10 | [KAYMEEK.COM](https://www.kaymeek.com) | 604-981-6335

Immerse yourself in the Indigenous culture of the Northwest Coast with Spirit and Tradition, a visually stunning performance that layers coastal masked dance, projected imagery, soundscapes, and LED puppetry. Through the storytelling traditions of the Northwest Coast, this performance connects audiences to the rich ecosystem of the coastal mountains and oceans.

🎬 Watch the Show Trailer: [Click here](#)

About the Company:

The Dancers of Damelahamid are an Indigenous dance company from British Columbia's Northwest Coast, with a deep-rooted history of masked dance that continues to bridge tradition with contemporary practice. Their work is recognized nationally and internationally, including their recent Coastal Dance Festival, which brought together Indigenous communities and performers from across the world.

🔗 Learn more about the company: [Dancers of Damelahamid](#)

Don't miss this rare and powerful opportunity to witness Indigenous artistry in motion. Get your discounted tickets today!

## West Vancouver Little League

West Vancouver Little League (WVLL) is excited to announce the inaugural After School WVLL Academy at Ecole Pauline Johnson. Designed to attract Little Leaguers ages 6 to 9 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.

8 sessions

WHEN: Mondays from April 7th to June 9th

TIME: 2:50pm-4:20pm

WHERE: PJ gym and field (weather permitting)

COST: \$200

REGISTRATION: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/474702>

Spring Baseball Season Registration is also now underway.

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

## Science and Math Opportunities in May






## Join us on Saturday, May 3, 2025 At the University of British Columbia

ELMACON is Vancouver's **elementary math contest** for grades 5 - 7, which gives students the opportunity to experience math as an **exciting sport!** Prizes include: electronics, gadgets, games, and more!

For registration and more details visit <https://elmacon.org>. Questions? [elmacon@pims.math.ca](mailto:elmacon@pims.math.ca) or (604) 822-3922

**Deadline:** April 18, 2025  
**Fee:** \$35  
**Location:** UBC Earth Sciences Building, 2207 Main Mall, Vancouver, BC

**MAY**




**SCIENCE RENDEZVOUS is back!**

Join the fun and get ready to **CREATE!** on **May 10, 2025**. Science Rendezvous is a **FREE** festival that takes science, technology, engineering, art, and math (**STEAM**) research and innovation out of the lab and into the street.

Visit the Science Rendezvous UBC website at [https://www.sciencerendezvous.ca/event\\_sites/ubc/](https://www.sciencerendezvous.ca/event_sites/ubc/)


**Location:** UBC Beaty Biodiversity Museum + Multiple sites on campus.

**MAY**



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Keep up to date on what is happening at the school by following [@tarazielinski](#) to stay in touch and find valuable articles on education, parenting, technology and other interesting tidbits of information.



**FOLLOW PJ on INSTAGRAM**

Follow us [@ecolepaulinejohnson](#) on Instagram to see what we are up to!