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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.

Inclusivity Corner

Inclusivity:

Promotes Social Skills:

Inclusive settings help children develop crucial social and communication skills by interacting with a diverse range of peers.

Boosts Self-Esteem:

When children feel included and valued, their self-esteem and sense of belonging are positively impacted.

Encourages Empathy:

Interacting with diverse individuals from different backgrounds helps children develop empathy and understanding for others.

Improves Academic Outcomes:

Inclusive education can lead to better academic results for both children with and without disabilities.

Enhances Learning:

Diversity in perspectives enriches the learning experience for all students.

Requires Effort:

Creating inclusive environments involves conscious effort from everyone involved, including educators, parents, and the community.

Starts at Home:

Modeling inclusive behavior and having open conversations about diversity and inclusion from a young age is crucial.

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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@wvschools.ca for future sharing in this space.

Principal's Message: With Gratitude and Heart

What a beautiful goodbye Friday morning was—classic Vancouver rain that, at some point in Spain, I'm sure I'll miss just a little; a schoolyard I've called a second home for nine years—full of competition, colour, spirit, and laughter; and a community that has come together, not by chance, but because of what we have all built—together. This week has also been full of many moments I've been so fortunate to breathe in. I will take all of these with me, always.

This isn't just a job I'm leaving—it's a community that has been home to my heart for almost a decade.

Over the years, we've built something powerful. We've added our chapter to 102 years of history, grounded in connection, trust, and shared purpose. We've laughed. We've learned.

And at times, we've faced hard things together. Through it all, I have stayed true to one guiding principle: to always stand for my students and my team—even when it meant taking hard hits.

That belief has shaped every decision, especially the tough ones. I know that hasn't always been easy for everyone. But I thank you—for your trust, your challenge, and your understanding that my intent has always been rooted in experience, grit, ethics, and a long view toward what is best for children and the future they will shape.

#PJPROUD isn't just a phrase—it's now a part of who I am. It represents everything we've stood for: community, care, integrity, and joy. Falling. Learning. Rising. Repeat.

Today, my heart is full—because of each of you. As I move on to new adventures, I leave you—especially my students—with this challenge:

Believe in yourselves. Know that you are INCREDIBLE. And when life gets tricky, ask yourself:

“What would Mme Zielinski think about this? Would she smile and be proud of me? Or would she say, ‘Hmm... let's think about how you can make this situation a little better—for yourself, your friends, and your world?’” As I've told you many times, school is practice. A safe place, full of love, for a world that is going to be bigger—and sometimes harder. My choice to take this next big step, to feel scared and excited at the same time, is a reminder: you can do anything, too.

To the entire PJ family—students, staff, and families—thank you for letting me be part of your story.

Chers élèves, familles et membres du personnel. Vous m'avez changée. Vous m'avez inspirée. Merci beaucoup.

With love and endless #PJPRIDE,

Mme Zielinski

Principal

Grade 4-7 Personal Digital Devices

As students enter the intermediate grades, digital devices become an important and valuable part of their learning. Students in Grades 4 to 7 will be using Personal Digital Devices (laptops) in different capacities depending on their grade level and the specific learning intentions and activities.

While some families choose to provide a laptop for their child to use at both home and school, it is not mandatory. The school has a supply of Chromebooks available for use during the school day for those who do not have a device.

Expectations and parameters for appropriate digital device use are outlined in our [Code of Conduct](#).

Classroom teachers will share more specific information about technology use during Curriculum Night in the fall.

School Supplies

PJ's school supply lists are posted on PJ's school website and information has been included in the E-Bulletin for a couple of weeks now. This year, schools in West Vancouver are not promoting any school supply fund raising initiatives, and instead are encouraging families to reduce, reuse and recycle (go through what you have from past years and in your drawers at home already from the list) and to spend time as a family purchasing any items you may not have at a location that fits your family's choices and budget. A reminder the lists provided on the school website are wholistic and the examples provided are just that - you may buy the items from anywhere you see is best and any brand is acceptable.

School supplies can be brought to school on the first day back in September.

Student Newspaper - final issue

Please see this year's final issue of the Student Newspaper – PJ Press! Looking for summer ideas or some funny and interesting reads? Check out our student written articles to keep yourselves entertained! A huge thank you to our graduating founders, Rose and Dominique, for leading the project for the last two years!

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1kTzSJ-23E3Jm1cqEgqUXgHb12i5C1GS5S86JoNE4Jr4/edit?usp=sharing>

Thank You PJ Parents!

A heartfelt thank you to all PJ parents and guardians for your support throughout the school year. Whether you volunteered your time, contributed to fundraisers, or simply showed up to cheer on the kids, you helped make this year a success. Wishing you and your families a safe, joyful, and fun-filled summer! See you in September!

New PAC

We are excited to welcome our incoming [PAC Executive](#) for the 2025–2026 school year, voted in at the PAC AGM earlier this month. We'd like to thank these dedicated volunteers for their commitment to helping make the year ahead a great one for PJ students and families. You can view the full list of members and their roles [here](#).

Thank You PAC Executive Members

A big thank you to our outgoing PAC Executive members Steph LeComte, Bartek Kienc, Puja Suri, and Jenny Cha for your time, energy, and dedication to the PJ community. Your contributions have made a lasting impact, and we are so grateful for your service.

Lost and Found

Please come into the school to check the lost and found for your child's things. All left items will be donated after June 26th.

Medicine at School

Please come to the school office to pick up your child's medicine for the Summer. See Mme Susie or Mme Cathy when you come on the last day of school. Merci!

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.

Important Dates

Sept 2nd	First Day back - Grades 1-7 only
Sept 3rd	Kindergarten Gradual Entry begins! Full day of School for Gr 1-7

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](#)

[2025-2026 Year at a Glance](#)

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

Community

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

Parents Guide to Roblox

Please [see here for a Parents Guide to Roblox](#)

Paul Myers Athletic Centre

[Construction has begun](#) on the Paul Myers Athletic Centre, a new indoor sports facility created through a partnership between West Van FC and West Vancouver Schools. Starting in late 2025, SD45 students, West Van FC members and community groups will enjoy a climate-controlled space for soccer and other sports. Learn more here: <https://westvanfc.com/pmac>.

Summer Ultimate

Summer Ultimate is happening again! Our Development program is primarily for elementary-school athletes and focuses on building strong physical literacy skills around disc sports. We play a few times per week, practice locally, and also play in a Summer-end tournament in August.

See here for more details [website here](#) . For anyone that isn't available for the summer, we also run seasonal programming in the fall and winter, too!

Cody Hubbard (he/him/his); Founder

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