



GLENEAGLES CH'AXAY ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

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September 21, 2023

Professional Development Day

Friday, September 22nd is a Professional Development Day in West Vancouver Schools. Please note, schools will not be in session tomorrow. Have a great long weekend, and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday.

GEC Open House – THANK YOU!



Thank you to all the students, teachers and parents who grew, harvested, and prepared food for last night's Welcome Back Open House. It was great to see such a large turnout from our Gleneagles Community! A BIG thank you to Rachel Clearwater for making the event possible... from planting in the garden last Spring, to tending and watering, harvesting, and preparing

veggies – to set up and take down... Rachel you are amazing and we are so appreciative of your hard work and dedication to helping bring our school community together.

We would like to acknowledge contributions from the following:

- Ms. Harquail and Ms. Zandvliet's classes who harvested the potatoes
- Mrs. Staples' class who harvested leeks and thyme and prepared the school-grown garlic, squash, potatoes, and leeks for the soups
- Ms. Maledy's class who harvested and cleaned a mountain of kale for the kale salad
- Mrs. Foster's class who harvested mint and prepared the mint water, harvested edible flowers and prepared the nasturtium and potato salad, picked the remaining school produce for the Harvest Sale, and set up the gym
- Mrs. Philip's class who staffed the sales and food service tables with help from teachers and other students
- The many students from around the school who jumped in at recess and after school to finish all the preparations
- and the grade seven classes who put on an amazing bake sale

A special thank goes to Lisa Kim of Olive and Anchor Restaurant for cooking the soup and bringing us bread. Thanks to the PAC executive for their help organizing the event and purchasing the additional ingredients needed to prepare the soups and salads. Thanks to all the parents who helped with harvesting and food preparation (Jill Kacic, Pete and Rachel Clearwater, Ruth Brock), cleaning up (Heather Nelson, PAC executive, and many others) and to the summer watering families who ensured we had a great harvest (Knauers, Davis, Jenkins, Clarks, Engelberts, Vermieres, Taylors, Schmids, Markhams, McGibbons, Browns, Klingers, Duffys, Davies, Fuhres, and Lavallees).

And thanks to everyone who attended the event and supported the fundraising sales. This is truly a terrific community event!

School Forms – please complete the online form now

Parents are asked to complete an [online Policy & Procedures Form](#) for each child in West Vancouver Schools. These online forms provide permissions for Internet Use, use of Devices, Google classroom, walking field trips within our community, and much more. Please complete this form as soon as possible.

In addition to the online form, a package of emergency forms has been sent home with all students. Please follow the instructions on these forms and return to school promptly.
Thank you.

GEC Spirit Wear

Don't forget to place your orders now - the deadline for orders is **September 24th!** Spirit wear helps us build our school spirit, especially on Friday 'Spirit Days' and can be used for everyday wear or for game days for sports. We have several new items for sale this year including, youth long sleeve shirts, fleece jackets for everyone, reversible basketball jerseys and a sherpa lined toque. We also have the return of baseball tees, shorts and sweatpants and ladies' v-neck t-shirts. Don't miss out. Get your order in today!



<https://www.getbold.com/stores/gleneagles-spiritwear-store/#all-products>

Hot Lunch

Thank you to everyone who has placed their Hot Lunch orders – you are supporting our largest fundraiser! The first day for hot lunch delivery will be **Tuesday, September 26th**.

Important: Please remember to pack reusable utensils for your child as the vendors will not be providing them and the school is unable to provide utensils for students.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding hot lunch, please connect with our Hot Lunch Coordinator, Gil Lopez @ gechotlunch@gmail.com.

Orange Shirt Day & National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Gleneagles students will be **wearing orange shirts at school on Friday, September 29th** in recognition of **Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th**.

Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led commemorative day that honours the children who survived the residential schooling experience and remembers those who did not as well as their families. This day relates to the experience of Phyllis Webstad, a First Nation student, who arrived on her first day of school dressed in a new orange shirt which was taken from her. Please [read Phyllis' story here](#).



Please remind your child to wear an orange shirt to school on Friday, September 29th.

Here are some good family resources:

Orange Shirt Day Website <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/>

Truth and Reconciliation Week (Sept 25-30) through the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation
<https://nctr.ca/education/coming-soon-truth-and-reconciliation-week-2023/>

Resources and Learning through the West Vancouver Memorial Library
<https://westvanlibrary.ca/news/whats-happening-at-the-library-for-national-day-of-truth-and-reconciliation/>

Talking to kids about Residential Schools https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eboJ_IMCVvk

Guide to First Peoples for Newcomers to Canada, from West Van Memorial Library
<https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/First-Peoples-A-Guide-for-Newcomers.pdf>

DWF National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: A Conversation
<https://downiewenjack.ca/national-day-for-truth-and-reconciliation/>

School Fees

Parents are asked to check their [School Cash Online](#) accounts for the following items. Please make your payments as soon as possible, if you are unable to access your account, please contact Ms. Pistilli at the school office mapistilli@wvschools.ca

Cross Country fee	Only for students participating in Cross Country season
Student Agenda fee	All students in grades 1 to 7, (except for Div. 2 students)
Outdoor School	Grade 4/5 students attending Outdoor School at Camp Elphinstone
Grade 7 Hoodie	Grade 7 students only (optional)

After School Clubs

The following after school clubs will be held at Gleneagles for Term 1. Please follow the registration links below if you are interested in registering your child for one of these programs; space is still available!

Multi-Sport Club, K to grade 4 Wednesdays, Sept. 20 th to Nov. 22 nd 2:30 to 4:00 pm	This fun-filled program is held in the school gym (sometimes outdoors) and focuses on fun, physical literacy, and sport skill improvement. Register here: Gleneagles Multi-Sport
Zen Maker Labs, grade 4 to 7 Thursdays after school	3D Design & 3D Printing: Create a Chess Set! Electronics: Build a decorative holiday LED Project Please register here: Gleneagles Zen Maker Lab
Mixed Media Arts Club, Gr. 1 to 5 Mondays, Sept. 25 to Dec. 11 th 2:45 to 4:15 pm	Explore drawing and shading techniques, mindful drawing exercises, painting with texture and much more! Please see registration form here.

Gleneagles After School Care

A few spaces are still available for after school care with the Saplings Outdoor Program. This is an after school childcare service that runs from 2:35 to 6:00 pm daily. Saplings staff members meet kids after school near the GEC playground and then walk together down to the GE Community Centre (unfortunately, the Saplings Program is unable to provide care on early dismissal days before 2:35 pm). Please contact them directly for further information:

<https://www.saplingsoutdoorprogram.ca/>

If you would like to register your child for after school care, please follow this link:

[SAPLINGS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM](#)

Dates to Remember:

Friday, September 22nd	Pro-D Day – school not in session
Monday, September 25 th to Wednesday, September 27 th	Grade 4 + 5 students to Outdoor School at Camp Elphinstone
Tuesday, September 26 th	Cross Country Meet #2, 3:45 pm @ Ambleside
Friday, September 29 th	Orange Shirt Day
Saturday, September 30 th	Truth & Reconciliation Day
Monday, October 2nd	Day in Lieu: Truth & Reconciliation Day – school not in session
Tuesday, October 3 rd	Cross Country Meet #3, 3:45 pm @ Ambleside
Wednesday, October 4 th	GEC PAC Meeting, 6:30pm
Thursday, October 5 th	World Teacher Day
Friday, October 6 th	Spirit Day – wear your GEC Spirit Wear
Monday, October 9th	Thanksgiving – school not in session
Wednesday, October 11 th	Intake Conferences – 12:05pm early dismissal
Thursday, October 12 th	Intake Conferences – 12:05pm early dismissal

Optional Accident Insurance for Families

Each year the school district reminds families that they have the option to purchase insurance coverage against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. There are many different voluntary plans that provide coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. Families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider.

Fall Programs at West Vancouver Community Centre & Gleneagles Community Centre

[Click here to view the programs and activities available](#)

Want to learn languages, science, Lego, chess..., visit <https://westvancouver.ca/learning>

Live! Music Series, Thursday, October 19, 4-5pm, Free

Come enjoy the musical hour with Gergana Velinova Jazz Trio in the Atrium [Event info](#)

Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us:

<https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers>

Opportunity for Grade 6 and 7 Students:

Have you ever wondered how technology products are built, what skills and abilities are required, and what the various career options are available in technology?

Join us at Game of Apps (season 07) where professional software developers and product designers teach and mentor students on a weekly basis. You will learn coding and design skills, as well as important soft skills such as teamwork, communication, critical thinking, problem solving, time management and much more.

General promo video: <https://youtu.be/RUOK8HIWWd8>

Intro to Coding program details: <https://youtu.be/nWJq7T5bUis>

Registration: <https://gameofapps.org/register>

Early-bird pricing is available before September 30. There are also two Info Sessions scheduled (details at gameofapps.org).


Opportunities for Families

The following events are being offered for families and the community – please see the attached links:

Kindergarten Info Session: [Kindergarten Info Session September 2023 \(1\).pdf](#)

Family Smart Workshop Series and Information Sessions: [FamilySmart Monthly Online Events - Fall Series 2023.pdf](#) and [FamilySmart Workshop Open House for Professionals Fall 2023.pdf](#)

Moving to Adulthood Information Fair: [Moving to Adulthood Fair October 2023 \(1\).pdf](#)



moving to adulthood
supports for youth with diverse abilities

Please join us for an evening of discussion & transition related resources for youth & families

Inclusive resources and community connections

Continuing the supports for diverse learners





Special visit
From Snoozelen Van,

The Journey to Adulthood 12-26 year olds

October 4th, 2023
Doors open at 6 pm
Event from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

North Vancouver Education Services Centre
5th floor - 2121 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver
Street parking is available

RSVP [here](#)
drop ins are also welcome!

'intheknow'
Connect and Learn

MONTHLY ONLINE EVENTS FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS FALL 2023

Every month, we host events for parents & caregivers who are parenting a child or youth with a mental health and/ or substance use challenge called "in the know."

NOVEMBER
Emotion Regulation
Speaker: Nicole Allen, RCC





DECEMBER
ADHD - The Real Deal
Speaker: Dr. Don Duncan

Join us to watch a video and talk with other families about what helps. Online events are facilitated by FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Workers.

SEPTEMBER
Mental Health and Preparing for the Transition to Post Secondary
Speaker: Dawn Schell, University of Victoria and Melissa Feddersen, University of British Columbia Okanagan

OCTOBER
Working Together: Families and Schools
Speakers: Ashley Ragoonaden, Principal at École KLO Middle School

familysmart.ca/events


FamilySmart
Help for the Hard Times
WORKSHOP

OPEN HOUSE FOR PROFESSIONALS

Open House Information Session for Professionals

The Help for the Hard Times Workshop series provides a framework for parents/caregivers to consider as they support their child after a crisis. The workshop includes practical strategies, tips and tools that support caring, connected relationships.

Join this information session to learn more about Help for the Hard Times, and how you, as a Healthcare Provider, Service Provider, Educator, Police and RCMP can help connect families to this free workshop.

TOPICS INCLUDE:
How to support a safety plan at home
How to take care of yourself and family after a crisis
How to find the resources you need

DATES:
September 13th, October 4th, November 8th, December 13th

TIME:
12pm - 1pm (PST)

To register: familysmart.ca/events



familysmart.ca/workshops



Kindergarten Information Session



WELCOME TO YOUR FUTURE

Opportunity awaits!

Parents & Guardians of children entering Kindergarten in September 2024 (children born in 2019) are invited to join us for our K info session.

Please join us for an evening with community partners and school district staff to learn about the Kindergarten registration process and early learning offerings in our community.

This event is for parents and guardians only, please note that child care will not be available.

PLEASE REGISTER HERE.

Date: Thursday, October 5th, 2023 6:30-7:30 pm
Location: Kay Meek Studio Theatre, 1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver

www.wvschools.ca



GIRLS WITH SUPERPOWERS!

A Coding Club for Girls in Grades 6, 7 and 8

If you are a girl in Grade 6, 7 or 8 who attends a West Vancouver School and you are interested in coding, this club might be for you!

This year, there will be three cohorts, as follows:

COHORT 1 - for real beginners. We will be learning block based coding to create simple games and interactive stories. Group meets online Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 7:40. Mid October to December. Laptop, desktop or iPad needed.

COHORT 2 - need some experience. We will be using language based coding to look at blending art and tech. Group meets online Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 7:40. February to April. Laptop, desktop

COHORT 3 - need some experience AND an Apple device (Macbook, iMac or newer iPad). This group will be using Apple's Swift Language and working towards designing and creating app prototypes. This groups meets online Tuesday nights from 7:45 to 8:45. Mid October to April/May.

If you are interested, please email Ms Wilson (District Vice Principal of Innovation and Technology) at cwilson@wvschools.ca. Please include your name, school and grade. Registration will remain open until October 6th. Space is limited in all three cohorts, so register soon!

There is no cost for this club but students need to have access to a device (as noted above) and need to be able to attend regularly.

