



GLENEAGLES CH'AXAY ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

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September 28, 2023

Upcoming School Closures

A reminder to parents that schools in West Vancouver will be closed on **Monday, October 2nd** as we recognize the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation, and also on **Monday, October 9th** for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Please mark your calendars and enjoy the long weekends.

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/>

Parent/Teacher In-Take Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews are scheduled for **October 11th & 12th** and the online scheduling system will open for parents on the morning of October 1st. ***Please note that early dismissal is in effect on these days at 12:05pm and the Lions Bay bus will be departing GEC at approximately 12:15pm.***

All appointments will be held in-person in your child's classroom. If you are unable to attend one of these scheduled times, please contact your classroom teacher directly to make alternate arrangements. This is a formal reporting opportunity for parents/guardians to be involved in a one-on-one meeting with your child's classroom teacher; interview times are for parents and teachers only and we ask that students are not involved in this process in order to allow for effective and efficient interviews given the limited timeframe.

Please follow this link to schedule your appointment:

<https://gleneagles.schoolappointments.com/admin/>. An instruction sheet to assist you with this process can be found [here](#). If you are having difficulty, please contact Ms. Pistilli in the school office.

Student Photos

Photo proofs have arrived from our school photographer and will be sent home with students today. Please check your child's backpack for their proof sheet and place your order online at edgeimaging.ca/order. You will need the portrait codes listed on your child's proof sheet.

Orders should be placed by Thursday, October 5th to qualify for free shipping directly to school.

Please note that photo retakes are scheduled Friday, October 27th for any students who missed photo day or who would like to retake their photo.

School Forms – now overdue

At the start of each school year, 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. We are preparing for a full-scale Emergency Release Drill on Thursday, October 19th in conjunction with Shake Out BC drill and need these forms to help expedite our student release process.

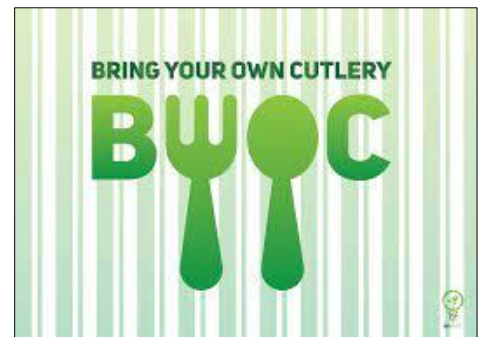
Hot Lunch

Thank you to everyone who has placed their Hot Lunch orders – you are supporting our largest fundraiser!

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.

The Munch-A-Lunch system will be re-opening soon to provide an opportunity for parents to make changes to current orders, or to place a new order. Stay tuned for more information next week!

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



Safety Training Courses with Sea 2 Sky

Our grade 7 parent committee has organized two courses (a Babysitting Course, ages 11-15; and a Stay Safe Course, ages 9-13) to be offered on an upcoming Pro-D Day – **Friday, October 20th**. These courses will be taught by instructors from Sea 2 Sky Safety Training Services and will be held on-site at Gleneagles Ch'axáy.

Please register through [Munch-A-Lunch](#) or use the [attached registration form](#).

All payments should be e-transferred to gecgrad@gmail.com, or contact Kelly Kerklaan at this same email for more info.

Babysitting Course	Ages 11 to 15	\$75/student, 8:30 to 2:30 pm
Stay Safe Course	Ages 9 to 13	\$65/student, 8:30 to 2:30 pm

Grade 4/5 Outdoor School at Camp Elphinstone

A great time was had by all as our students in grades 4 and 5 enjoyed 3 days away at Camp Elphinstone this past week. Although the weather was a bit wet and windy at times, this did not deter the fun, camaraderie and team building experience for our GEC students as they participated in a number of team building and independence building activities such as high ropes and low ropes courses, archery, rock climbing, nature hikes, and even canoeing. Other highlights from Outdoor School included food served at Camp, evening campfire programs, and of course bunking with friends.

A big thank you goes out to our grade 4/5 teachers who attended camp – Mrs. Foster, Ms. Zandvliet and Ms. Maledy – this trip would not be possible without your energy, support and POWERful attitudes! A big thank you also goes out to our parent chaperones who volunteered their time to attend and were instrumental in supporting this program –Shevaun Brown, Mike Clark, Natalie Davies, Ryan Duffy, Dave Nelson, and Kirstie Simpson. THANK YOU!



Daily Health Checks

Parents are asked to do daily health checks of children before sending them to school. As flu and cold season is upon us, we ask for your assistance to ensure that your child is healthy and well enough to participate in normal school activities. If your child is unwell, please report their absence through the school Call Back Line at 604-981-1360.

Parents are also reminded that communicable diseases should be reported to your classroom teacher or to the school office. This would include lice, chicken pox, measles, etc.

TAKE A PEEK ONCE A WEEK: We have had several cases of lice reported in our classrooms recently, and parents are reminded to continue doing daily health checks of your child's hair and scalp before sending your child to school. Your assistance goes a long way in helping us to keep everyone healthy at school! Thank you for your assistance.



Winter Weather

Wet kids are not happy kids, especially when they are sitting in a busy classroom trying to focus on math! Don't forget that our students go outside for recess and lunch every day, RAIN or SHINE. Students are outside for at least 40 minutes each day and we want to make sure they are warm and dry.



We have many wet kids who are unprepared for the rainy weather – please ensure that your child/ren comes to school in appropriate waterproof clothing and footwear. It helps make our learning a lot more fun when we are dry, warm, and regulated! Thank you.

Reporting Updates from the Ministry

As communicated last Spring, the Ministry of Education and Child Care has implemented a new Learning Update Policy which defines and provides direction for the ways our school will be communicating your child's learning. The goal of the Learning Updates is to provide personalized, descriptive feedback to effectively communicate with students, parents, and caregivers about where students are in their learning, next steps, and how families and teachers can work together to support student growth.

The provincial Reporting Policy mandates that students in Kindergarten through Grade 9 will be assessed using the four-point proficiency scale and students in Grade 10 through Grade 12 courses will be assessed using letter grades and percentages. Each term, students at all levels will be sharing self-reflections and making goals around British Columbia's Core Competencies – Communication Skills, Thinking Skills, and Personal and Social Skills.

Teachers will be communicating and reporting throughout the year in the following formats:

- 3 Formal Written Learning Updates (2 Mid-year Learning Updates, and 1 Summary of Learning)
- 2 Informal Learning Updates (ex. Parent-Teacher Conferences, Student-Family-Teacher Conference, Interim Report)

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, responsible for creating reporting requirements, has provided [reporting information for parents and caregivers](#) in the following languages: [English](#), [French](#), [Chinese \(Simplified and Traditional\)](#), [Tagalog](#), [Farsi](#), [Urdu](#), [Punjabi Gurmukhi](#)

Should you have any further questions, please reach out to our school Principal, Robyn Evans at revans@wvschools.ca.

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!

<p>Multi-Sport Club, K to grade 4 Wednesdays, Sept. 20th to Nov. 22nd 2:30 to 4:00 pm</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Zen Maker Labs, grade 4 to 7 Thursdays after school</p>	<p>3D Design & 3D Printing: Create a Chess Set! Electronics: Build a decorative holiday LED Project Please register here: Gleneagles Zen Maker Lab</p>
<p>Mixed Media Arts Club, Gr. 1 to 5 Mondays, Sept. 25 to Dec. 11th 2:45 to 4:15 pm</p>	<p>Explore drawing and shading techniques, mindful drawing exercises, painting with texture and much more! Please see registration form here.</p>

Dates to Remember:

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

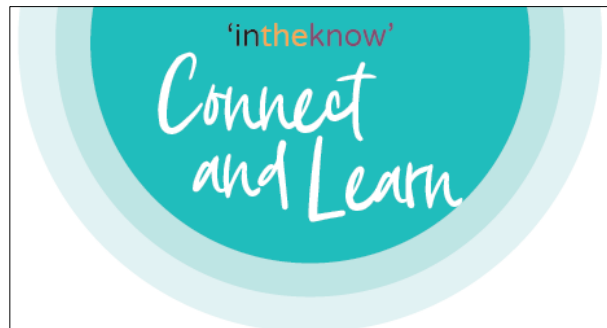

Special visit
From *Snoezelen Van*.

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 Ecole KLO Middle School

familysmart.ca/events





FamilySmart
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Help for the Hard Times
WORKSHOP
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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.

