



GLENEAGLES CH'AXAY ELEMENTARY ☰ E-BULLETIN

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September 14, 2023

Principal's Message

September is always an exciting month as we start the school year; there are lots of events happening that keep us busy. Our cross-country season is now underway, and we look forward to cheering on our GEC athletes in grades 3 through 7 next week at their first meet at Ambleside. Students in grades 4 and 5 are preparing to attend Outdoor School at Camp Elphinstone later this month, and of course we have our Welcome Back Open House taking place next Wednesday, September 20th.

One thing we have noticed in classrooms and the office this week, is that we have lots of students with hungry tummies! Please consider packing a bit more food than usual as students settle back into the routine of having a snack and lunch at school. We encourage you to work with your child in preparing lunch. Consider what tasks can they help with and what do I need to prepare? Maybe it's talking through the "menu" together or having them pack up a snack. We do have a few extras in the office, usually a granola bar or fruit leather, but it's always better when it comes from home! If you have any concerns about this or need any additional support, please let the office know. A fed child is almost always a happy one!

Freezie Fridays

During the month of September, our Grade 7's will be holding freezie sales after school on Friday's. The next sale will be this **Friday, September 15th at 2:35pm** in the basketball court. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy a cool treat – please bring a toonie to school on this day. All proceeds from the sale will be used to help pay for the Grade 7 graduation event.

Smile... it's Photo Day!

Our school photographer, [Edge Imaging](#), will be on site on **Wednesday, September 20th** to take individual student photos, beginning at 9:00am. Remember to bring your smiles to school on this day!

Welcome Back Open House

Please join us on **Wednesday, September 20th** for our annual GEC Welcome Back Open House – all families are invited to attend! This is a great opportunity to meet our staff, visit your child's classroom and connect with the entire GEC community.

Thanks to the hard work of Rachel Clearwater, our resident garden expert, student gardeners last spring, and parent volunteers who watered over the summer, we have a great harvest to share at the Open House. With help from Chef Lisa Kim at Olive and Anchor Restaurant, the students will be preparing leek and potato soup, a vegan squash soup, kale salad, nasturtium salad, and some herbal iced teas to sample. **Please bring a reusable bowl, spoon, fork, and cup to sample these complementary appetizers prepared from the school garden.**

Extra produce from the garden (if available) will be for sale, by donation at the event. And if you're looking for a sweet treat, our grade 7s will also be hosting a bake sale at the event to raise funds for their grade 7 year end graduation event. **Don't forget to bring your loonies and toonies to make a purchase from our Harvest or Bake Sale tables!**

If you would like to help with harvesting or food preparation between Monday, September 18th and Wednesday, September 20th, please text Rachel at 604-836-9153.

5:00 to 6:00 pm	Please join us in the gym for a taste from the garden and Harvest Sale (by donation)
6:00 to 6:45 pm	Parents and students are invited to visit classrooms

We hope to see you there!

Health Reminders

Parents are asked to do a "Health Check" with their child each morning before coming to school. Please consider the well-being of your child and those around them before sending them to school. Sick children do not function well in a classroom environment and parents are asked to use their best judgement before sending kids to school.



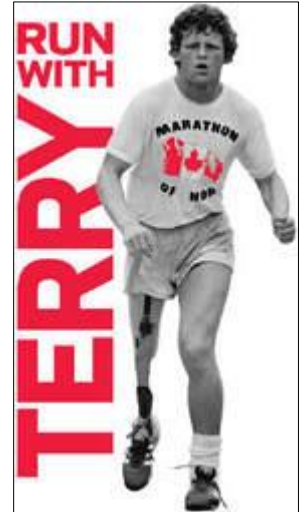
Please keep your child at home if he/she:

- Has a fever
- Is too sick to take part in normal school activities
- Has a suspected communicable disease (ie. strep throat, chicken pox, cold virus, lice, etc.)
- Is vomiting or has diarrhea

It is recommended that kids are symptom free at least 24 hours before returning to school. Please help us to minimize the spread of germs by following these simple guidelines. Thank you.

Terry Fox Run

Gleneagles Ch'axáy is proud to be continuing the legacy of one of our greatest Canadian heroes – Terry Fox. We will be holding our annual Terry Fox Run on **Thursday, September 21st beginning at 1:00 pm**. All students in Kindergarten through Grade 7 will participate. To show our support of Terry's dream, our fundraising will be virtual this year. Students brought home a commemorative postcard today with donation information and a QR link. The direct link can also be found [here](#). Alternatively, students are welcome to bring a "Toonie for Terry" to school next week (September 18 to 21) should they choose. All contributions will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation – thank you for supporting the fight against cancer!



Classes will be walking/running as a group accompanied by their classroom teacher. **Please note that the [Online Policy & Procedures Form](#) must be completed in order for your child to participate.** Parents are welcome to come out and watch as our students show their support for Terry.

We are looking for a few parent volunteers who can man the route by standing at an assigned location to ensure student safety. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please email Ms. Philip at aphilip@wvschools.ca prior to September 20th. Thank you!

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 – place your orders now!

Hot Lunch ordering is currently open and will be available until midnight on Wednesday, September 20th. Hot Lunch delivery will begin for students on Sept 26th and run through to winter break (Dec 21st). Lunch will be available every Tuesday (LunchiBrunchi), Wednesday (Fresh Bay Pizza), Thursday (Sushi Katsu) and Friday (Subway).

All orders must be PAID IN FULL by the close of midnight on Sept 20th. Any unpaid orders will not be fulfilled. After two weeks, Munch-a-Lunch will reopen for a few days to allow for any changes to orders. After this “change window” there will be no opportunity to make further changes for the remainder of the session.

Please place your orders through the Gleneagles Munch-A-Lunch website at <https://munchalunch.com/schools/gleneagles/> If you do not have a Munch-A-lunch account, you will need to create



one. Click the link above and follow the instructions. If you have an existing Munch-A-Lunch account from another school (i.e. Eagle Harbour, Lions Bay, etc.), you should see a “Transfer Schools” option when you first log in (or you can find it under “My Family” once you are logged in). If you have any problems transferring your account, contact Munch-A-Lunch directly and ask them to move your account over to Gleneagles(support@munchalunch.com).

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, please contact Gil or Jess at gechotlunch@gmail.com

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	Only for students participating in Cross Country season
Student Agenda	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)

Cross Country Team

Our Cross-Country team began practicing this week and students are excited for the first district meet coming up on Tuesday, September 19th at Ambleside. It's not too late... all **students in Grades 3 to 7** are invited to join our Gleneagles Ch'axáy Cross Country team. Practices will be

held on Monday's and Thursday's during lunch recess, with district meets on September 19th, 26th, and October 3rd from 3:45 – 4:30pm at Ambleside Field.

We have had an amazing turnout of kids with about 50 forms returned so far. If your child wants to participate, please ensure that their form is returned promptly to school. Go Gleneagles Go!

Join the GEC Senior Choir

Students in grades 4 to 7 are invited to join the GEC Senior Choir, facilitated by Mrs. Suzanne Fulton. Mrs. Fulton is the long-time Music director of the West Vancouver Schools Honor Choirs and currently runs several choir programs in the district.

We are fortunate to have Mrs. Fulton at Gleneagles on Wednesday mornings this year; she will be leading our Senior Choir (open to students in grades 4 to 7) as well as teaching our Primary Choir, which consists of students in Kindergarten through grade 3. **Mrs. Fulton is looking for an established parent or student pianist who can accompany the choirs on Wednesdays.** If you are able to help out every Wednesday morning or even for some Wednesdays, please email Mrs. Fulton at sfulton@wvschools.ca.

Wednesday Choir with Mrs. Fulton	
9:30 to 10:15 am	Senior Choir: optional for students in grades 4 to 7
10:15 to 10:35 am	Recess
10:40 to 11:20 am	Grade 3 Choir
11:25 to 12:00 pm	Primary Choir: students in Kindergarten to grade 2

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; programs fill up quickly and spaces are limited.

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 .

From the GEC PAC:

Stay in the Loop!

Please join the School's WhatsApp thread to receive reminders about special school events, theme days, and early dismissals. Email gecpacchair@gmail.com with your name, and your child's name and grade if you would like to join.

We are looking for Class Parent Volunteers!

This is a great opportunity to help out your child's teacher and involves sending a few emails a year and collecting money for the class December and June gifts. If you are interested or have any questions about the role, please email dmlavallee@gmail.com.

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:

Thursday, September 14 th	Outdoor School Mtg. (Gr 4 + 5 families), 6:30 pm
Monday, September 18 th	Full Day Kindergarten begins
Tuesday, September 19 th	Cross Country Meet #1, 3:45 pm @ Ambleside
Wednesday, September 20 th	Photo Day for all students Welcome Back Open House, 5:00pm
Thursday, September 21 st	Terry Fox Run, 1:00 pm Freezie Friday Sale, 2:35 pm
Friday, September 22nd	Pro-D Day – school not in session
September 25 th – 27 th	Outdoor School – Gr 4 + 5 students
Tuesday, September 26 th	Cross Country Meet #2, 3:45 pm @ Ambleside
Friday, September 29 th	Orange Shirt Day Freezie Friday Sale, 2:35 pm
Monday, October 2nd	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – school not in session

Wednesday, October 4th

GEC PAC Mtg., 6:30 pm

Kindergarten Picnic



The flyer features a light blue background with a decorative banner of colorful triangular flags at the top. The title 'KINDERGARTEN PICNIC' is written in large, bold, pink letters. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text inviting parents to bring a picnic blanket and a copy of the book 'I Hear You Forest'. A dark blue banner contains the event details: 'FRIDAY 1:00 - 2:00 PM' and '15 SEPTEMBER 2023'. Below this, there is a paragraph of text mentioning the authors, Kallie George and Shannon Ozirny. A pink location pin icon is followed by the address: 'on the grass field at 1735 Inglewood Avenue West Vancouver'. The West Vancouver Schools logo is in the bottom right corner. Two photographs show children and an adult sitting on the ground outdoors, reading books.

KINDERGARTEN PICNIC

We invite you to bring a picnic blanket, your copy of the book 'I Hear You Forest' and join us for a fun afternoon!

FRIDAY 1:00 - 2:00 PM
15 SEPTEMBER 2023

Join Kallie George, author of the book and Shannon Ozirny from the WV Memorial Library as they walk us through the magical outdoors

on the grass field at 1735 Inglewood Avenue
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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>

Coding Club for Girls



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.

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