



GLENEAGLES CH'AXAY ELEMENTARY ☰ E-BULLETIN

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September 7, 2023

Principal's Message

On Tuesday, the staff at Gleneagles Ch'axáy enjoyed welcoming students and families to the start of a new school year! A big thank you to our PAC executive who hosted the Welcome Back Coffee and Tea morning, and to all the families who attended. A big welcome to our newest Kindergarten families who began the gradual entry process yesterday. We are so excited to have you join the incredible GEC school community. Welcome!

We are now well into the first week and students have been hard at work over the past couple of days. In addition to exploring collaborative activities with grade level peers, students are also exploring our POWER values in multi-age groups through fun and engaging art, drama, STEM, and physical literacy lessons. We appreciate your patience and support as we confirm our enrolment numbers and class configurations. We anticipate that all students will be placed into their classrooms for the 2023-24 school year at the beginning of next week.

Show your GEC pride this Friday! Students who have existing GEC Spirit Wear are encouraged to wear their favourite t-shirt or hoodie this Friday (and every Friday) to show their GEC pride. Please see below for more information about this year's Spirit Wear order.

Freezie Fridays

During the month of September, our Grade 7's will be holding freezie sales after school on Friday's. The first one will be this **Friday, September 8th 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.

Bell Schedule

Our bell schedule has been adjusted slightly for the 2023-24 school year. Please see below for specific times. **Parents and students are asked to make every effort to arrive on time for school - if your child is arriving late, please report to the school office to sign-in; if your child will be absent, please leave a message on the Call Back line at 604-981-1360.** This helps our office staff save valuable time each day as we account for all student absences. Thank you.

GLENEAGLES CH'AXÁY BELL SCHEDULE	
2023-24	
8:30	Entry Bell
8:35	Classes begin
10:15–10:35 Recess	
12:05-12:28	Outside lunch recess
12:28-12:48	Lunch eating time
2:35	Dismissal

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 will be coming home next week 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 Ordering Opens Soon!

Hot Lunch ordering will open on Tuesday, September 12th and will remain open 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

Lions Bay Bus

All students living in the Lions Bay corridor who wish to use the LB bus service must register through our district site [here](#). ***Please not that Mrs. Evans will be checking the school bus roster this week and any students that have not registered will not be permitted to use this service as this poses a safety issue.*** Thank you for your understanding.

Cross Country Team

The start of our annual Cross Country season is just around the corner with the first district meet coming up on Tuesday, September 19th. 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. If your child wishes to participate, an information meeting for

students will be held on Monday. Please complete the Cross Country permission form your child brings home next week.

Grade 4 & 5 Outdoor School – September 25th to 27th

We are excited to have students in Grades 4 and 5 attend Outdoor School at Camp Elphinstone from Monday, September 25th through Wednesday, September 27th. **There will be a Parent Information session on Thursday, September 14th at 6:30pm in the Gleneagles School Gym.**

Please mark your calendar as it will be important to have at least one parent/guardian attend per family. Permission forms were sent home with students on Wednesday afternoon. Please take time to review these forms carefully and return them to the office no later than September 11th. If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please feel free to email Mrs. Evans, GEC Principal, at revans@wvschools.ca.

With Thanks

A big thank you to the families who came to the school gardens during the summer break to water the food and flower gardens! We have an interesting food jungle now for the kids to explore. Thanks goes out to: Anne MacRae, Bruce Knauer, Corrie Davis, Danielle Lavalley, Jenny Clark, Jessica Jenkin, Lauren Fuhre, Marie Engelbert, Natalie Davies, Nichola Vermiere, Paul Schmid, Paul Taylor, Rachel Clearwater, Robyn Markham, Ryan Duffy, Serena Green, Shevaun Brown and Shula Klinger.

If you would like to volunteer and help out with the school gardens this year, please email Rachel at ihp.rachel@gmail.com.



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; limited space is 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>This program is still under construction and registration information will be available soon!</p>
<p>After School Art Class</p>	<p>Plans are underway to hold an after-school art class for primary-aged kids – stay tuned for more details!</p>

Dates to Remember:

Friday, September 8 th	Gr 7 Freezie Friday fundraiser
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, 3:45 pm
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
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, 3:45 pm
Friday, September 29 th	Orange Shirt Day
Monday, October 2nd	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – school not in session
Wednesday, October 4 th	GEC PAC Mtg., 6:30 pm

Kindergarten Picnic



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
West Vancouver



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.