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 WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 2px; font-size: 8px; text-align: center;"> IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED </div> RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS <small>Prebre de los faire traduire.</small> 重要資料 <small>請教人為你翻譯</small>	これはいせつなお知らせです。 <small>ご迷惑に日本語に訳してもらって下さい。</small> 알려드립니다 어것을 번역해 주십시오 CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG Xin nhớ người dịch hộ सबुधी सादरबारी बिबुत बरुन बिबु बिबु बिबु बिबु बिबु बिबु बिबु INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE Busque alguien que le traduzca.	اطلاعات مهم و سودمند لطفاً از یک نفر بخوانید که برای شما ترجمه کند ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan يرجى ترجمة هذا معلومات هامة ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ Переведите это, пожалуйста.
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November 30, 2023



A reminder that **Monday, December 4th is a Professional Development Day** for all West Vancouver Schools. While school will be CLOSED for students, staff will be engaging in learning sessions focused on Indigenous ways of knowing and being.

A message from Mrs. Evans

It’s hard to believe that tomorrow is already December 1st. The first three months of the school year have flown by, and we are looking forward to all that December has in store – theme day Friday’s, “decking the halls”, our Winter Concert, and more! Be sure to check out our Instagram and Twitter accounts to share in our festive fun! Check out the table below for a complete list of our December Theme Days:

Friday, December 1 st	Red & Green Day! Show your Holiday Spirit and come to school wearing any combination of Red & Green.
Friday, December 8 th	Festive Holiday Hat Day
Wednesday, Dec. 13 th	“Snowmen at the Holidays” winter concert
Friday, December 15 th	“Ugly” Holiday Sweater Day
Friday, December 22 nd	Holiday PJ Day! – wear your comfiest pair of holiday PJs to school <i>*Remember we have an early dismissal at 12:05pm on this day</i>

Next **Friday, December 8th**, our first student Learning Updates of the school year will be shared with families through the MyEducation BC portal. 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, the next steps, and how families and teachers can work together to support student growth. You can learn more in this [parent-friendly Ministry publication](#). Or by visiting: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/reporting/resources-for-parents-and-caregivers>

In addition to receiving a ‘Teacher Overall comment’, students will receive a “proficiency descriptor” in each curricular area. It is important to understand what each of these descriptors mean.

The Provincial Proficiency Scale

If your child is in Grades K-9, you won’t see letter grades on their report card. Instead, you will see information on where your child is on the Provincial Proficiency Scale. The scale uses the terms “Emerging,” “Developing,” “Proficient,” and “Extending” to describe student learning. The scale maintains high standards for student learning.

Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
Emerging means your child is beginning to understand something in an area of learning. They are still learning but may need more support to move ahead. Emerging doesn’t mean your child is unsuccessful in this area.	Developing means your child understands some things in an area of learning but still has other areas to work on. Like Emerging, it doesn’t mean your child is unsuccessful in this area.	Proficient is the goal for your child. It’s also the goal for all students. When your child is Proficient, it means they fully understand the required learning. But it doesn’t mean their learning stops.	Extending is when students show a deeper understanding. It’s when your child is able to apply their learning in new and different ways. Extending is not the goal for all students in every area of learning.

If you have questions about your child’s Learning Update, please reach out to the classroom teacher for further understanding about where your child is at with their learning.

MyEd BC Family Portal

Student Learning Updates (report cards) for all students will be published on **December 8th**. In preparation for this, **parents are asked to log into their MyEd BC Family Portal account.**

The Family Portal is where all parents will go to access their child’s Learning Update as well as Individual Student Plans (IEP’s), ELL grades (AIP’s) and other student data which is part of our school database, MyEd BC. This is an important component of how our school delivers student information to parents and families and will be used all the way through high school. **It is important that parents set up this account and save a pdf copy of your child’s reports as hard copies will not be sent home and will not be provided from the school office.**

New this year: all reports will remain in your Family Portal account until July 31st, 2024. This allows parents plenty of time to download and save a copy of their child(ren)'s report.

If you are a new family to our school District, you will have received an email from the MyEd BC server on November 15th inviting you to initialize your Family Portal account - you may need to check your junk folder if you do not see an email in your inbox. Please follow the instructions in that email carefully to initialize the account by replacing the temporary password. **This must be done on a COMPUTER and will not work on a phone or tablet.**

Parents are asked to familiarize themselves with the Family Portal site: [MyEd BC Login](#)

Many helpful resources which can assist you with this process are located here: [WVS MyEd BC Family Portal Guides](#)

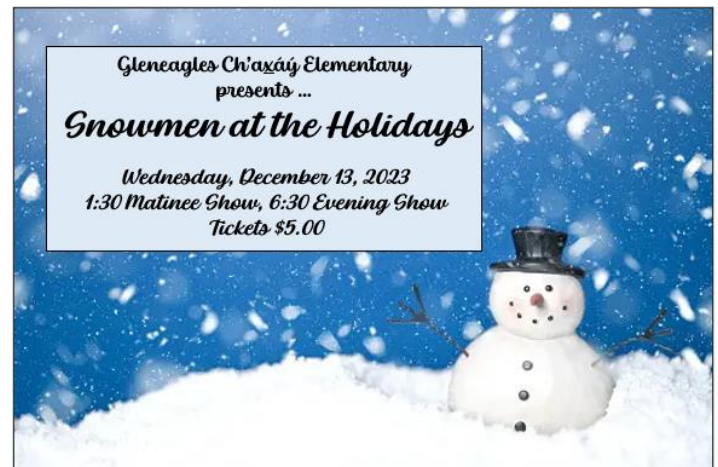
Please contact Ms. Pistilli in the school office if you need assistance mapistilli@wvschools.ca

Winter Concert

What do snowmen DO during the Holidays?!
Gleneagles is pleased to announce that we will be holding a winter concert on **Wednesday, December 13th**. This performance will unfold the mischief and shenanigans that snowmen get into during the Holiday Season!

There will be two performances on this day – a matinee show at 1:30 pm followed by an evening show at 6:30 pm. The concert will feature students from Divisions 7 to 11, along with our Primary Choir, Senior Choir and GEC Band.

Tickets will be available through [School Cash Online](#) beginning Friday, December 1st through to Monday, December 11th. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are limited at 2 per family due to space limitations in the gym. If extra tickets are required, please email Ms. Pistilli at mapistilli@wvschools.ca to be added to our waitlist.



Families are asked to mark their calendars and make every effort to ensure that your child is available to take part in the winter concert on December 13th as considerable time and preparation has gone into creating this show. If your child will not be available on December 13th, please contact your classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Costume requirements for students participating, will be as follows:

- Band & Senior Choir students → black or dark bottoms, white top
- Divisions 9, 10, 11 → black or dark bottoms, light blue or white top

- Divisions 7, 8 → black or dark bottoms, red or green top
Note: please try to avoid large logos

Senior Choir (Grades 4 to 7)

Mrs. Fulton is at GEC each Wednesday and is busy working with both our Primary Choir (all K to grade 3 students), as well as our Senior Choir (grades 4 to 7) and preparations are well underway for the upcoming winter concert.



At this point all Senior Choir members should be part of the Google Classroom for the GE Choir. There are a number of students who have still not joined the google classroom for choir. Please ask your child if they are in, and if not, please support them to join using the following link: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjMyOTlwODczMzE2?cjc=t7dftnd>

Parents are also free to join. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Fulton directly at sfulton@wvschools.ca. Thank you.

Tennis Anyone?

Over the past two weeks, all students have enjoyed learning basic tennis skills and challenging themselves while playing against their classmates. Coach Curtis from [CJ Tennis](#) has run a fun and engaging program for all ages and we have seen a lot of improvement with all classes!

Check out [this short reel](#) posted by @westvancouverchools on Instagram for a sneak peek of some tennis in action.



GEC PAC Meeting

Please see the minutes from last week's meeting on November 22nd [attached here](#). The next GEC PAC Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 17th, 2024**. All parents are invited to join!

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Our GEC PAC is organizing a Staff Appreciation Lunch on **Wednesday, December 6th** to show their appreciation to the amazing GEC staff and a successful end to Term 1. They are looking for parent volunteers to help with setup and cleanup of the luncheon and also to supply food dishes and other items. If you can help out, please sign up here: [Term 1 Staff Appreciation Lunch](#)

Thank you in advance for your support!



Grade 7 Fundraisers

Thank you to everyone who put in orders to support our Grade 7 fundraisers. Pick-up for the Growing Smiles Plant Fundraiser was yesterday afternoon. If you were unable to come by to collect your order, please come by the office as soon as possible to collect it.

Delivery of items from Two Rivers Meats is scheduled for Thursday, December 7th from the exterior door located at the Learning Commons, in the front parking lot, or email Shevaun Brown at shevaun@thebrownswestvan.ca to request home delivery (\$5/delivery). Delivery fees will be donated back to the fundraising campaign.

Movie Fundraiser hosted by our GEC PAC

Celebrate the start of Winter Holidays and join your GEC friends and families on **December 22nd** to watch "Trolls Band Together" at Cineplex Park Royal! ***Note: there is an early dismissal at school at 12:05pm on this day.***

The cost is \$20 per student or sibling, and \$30 per adult. Tickets must be purchased in advance through the [Munch-A-Lunch website](#).

****Please note that kids in Grades K to 3 must be accompanied by an adult.** Parents have the discretion of letting children in Grades 4 and above attend unaccompanied.

When: Friday, December 22nd

Time: 2:30 to 4:05 pm (doors open at 2 pm)

Where: Cineplex Park Royal



Term 2 After School Clubs

The following clubs are in place for Term 2 and registration is now open:

<p>Mixed Media Arts Studio Grades 1 to 5 Mondays, 2:45 to 4:15 pm Jan. 8 to March 11th (no class on Jan. 29 & Feb. 19)</p>	<p>Join Tracey for a fun art class where we will explore drawing, painting, sculpting, sewing, upcycling, crafting and design. Please use this reg. form.</p>
<p>Multi-Sport Club Kindergarten to Grade 3 Wednesdays, 2:30 to 4:00 pm Jan. 10 to March 13</p>	<p>This program focuses on fun and sport skill improvement through fun games and activities. This is open to all levels of experience. Please register here.</p>
<p>Zen Maker Lab Grades 4 to 7 Thursdays, 2:45 to 4:15 pm *Students require a laptop or iPad for these sessions January 18th to April 25th (no class on Feb. 15, March 21 & 28)</p>	<p><u>Part 1 Sound Wizardry: Hack Your Headphones with Micro Bit:</u> Customize your headphones, turning them into a personalized audio masterpiece.</p> <p><u>Part 2 Innovate your own AI App:</u> learn to craft a personalized AI experience using a drag & drop interface. No coding experience is needed.</p> <p>Register at Zen ML/Gleneagles</p>

Dogs on School Property

This is a friendly reminder for parents and visitors that dogs are not permitted on school property according to District of West Vancouver Bylaws. We understand that many families have dogs and enjoy walking them to school during drop-off and pick-up times and ask that adults follow the guidelines below:

- Please ensure that your dog is on a leash at all times;
- Please be respectful of small children who may be afraid of dogs and keep your dog close to you while on school property;
- Be sure to “pick up” after your dog as there are hundreds of children using the school playground and property each day and dog feces can pose a significant problem.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.



Winter Weather

Rain, Snow, Cold temperatures and Sun! This is a reminder as we head into fall/winter that at GEC we 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.

Please ensure your child/ren come 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!



Winter Weather School Closures

Our school District endeavours to keep schools open on regular instructional days, including those with accumulating snowfall ([Weather Closures and Procedures](#)). Any decision to close schools will be made by the Superintendent and will be based on the safety of students and staff. **Please check the [school district website](#) for the most current information on school closures.**

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 continue to have several cases of lice reported in our classrooms, 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! If you need support with the treatment or prevention of lice, please reach out to Vancouver Coastal Health for support. Thank you for your assistance.



Dates to Remember:

Friday, December 1 st	Red & Green Day! Roots of Empathy program, Div. 10
Monday, December 4th	Pro-D Day (school not in session)
Tuesday, December 5 th	Hearing Screening for K students, 1:00 pm
Wednesday, December 6 th	Staff Appreciation Luncheon
Thursday, December 7 th	Meat Sale pick up in the Learning Commons, 2:30 pm
Friday, December 8 th	Festive Holiday Hat Day! Roots of Empathy program, Div. 10 Term 1 Learning Updates to be published (MyED)
Wednesday, December 13 th	Reading Link Challenge presentation for Divs. 5 & 6 “Snowmen at the Holidays” winter concert – 1:30 & 6:30 pm
Friday, December 15 th	“Ugly” Holiday Sweaters Day! Roots of Empathy program, Div. 10
Friday, December 22 nd	Holiday PJs Day! Last day of school before Winter Break with early dismissal at 12:05 pm
Monday, January 8 th	Classes resume after Winter Break

Family Online Safety Session


Social Media Awareness Family Session on December 5th at 630 pm

This free 60-minute session is being hosted by the Ministry of education and ERASE

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/family-session-establishing-safe-caring-respectful-digital-communities-tickets-765337273387?aff=oddtcreator>

Rockridge Information Night for Grade 8


The following session is being held for Grade 7 Gleneagles Families and other feeder schools to help orient them with the upcoming transition into Grade 8. Please mark your calendars for this event.



SAVE THE DATE!



FOR OUR ANNUAL

INFORMATION NIGHT FOR
INCOMING GRADE 8 STUDENTS AND
FAMILIES



Date: Thursday, January 11th, 2024
Time: 7pm
Where: Rockridge Secondary
5350 Headland Drive, West Vancouver

Hollyburn Family Services



The Incredible Years®

Incredible Years™ Parenting Program (IY) for Children Aged 2-7 Years

IY is an evidence-based early intervention program focused on strengthening parenting competencies and fostering parent involvement with their children.

This 15-week program includes weekly online group educational sessions, and individual phone support sessions in which caregivers have the opportunity to discuss specific challenges they experience at home, and practice what they learn in sessions. We ask that caregivers plan to attend all 15 sessions.

Goals of the Program:

- Strengthen parenting skills
- Improve children's social skills
- Improve children's school readiness and cooperation with teachers
- Prevent and treat behaviour problems

Upcoming Session: Winter 2024

When: Wednesday evenings, January 10 to April 17, 2024 (Note: the program will run during Spring Break, March 18, 2024 to April 1, 2024)

Time: 6:15-8:15pm

Where: Online through Zoom

Cost: Free

Eligibility: Residents of the North Shore with children aged 2-7 years old.

Registration: for more info or to be added to the waitlist, please contact Marlae Vermeer (Family Counsellor, Hollyburn Family Services): mvermeer@hollyburn.ca

West Van Rec Centre Happenings

Winter Break camp registrations are now open:

<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities/camps>

Browse your recreation activities and programs here:

<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities>

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

<https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers>

Let's Play Wheelchair Basketball

At WV rec centre

Drop ins welcome! Ages 5-12, All equipment and wheelchairs are provided

Registration is [here](#)

Bonfire at the Beach

CAROLING BONFIRE AT THE BEACH

LOCATION: EAST BEACH, BESIDE FERRY TERMINAL

DATE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 6:30-8:30PM



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