



# GLENEAGLES CH'AXAY ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

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 <p>WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED</b></p> <p>RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS Prière de les faire traduire.</p> <p>重要資料 請找人為你翻譯</p>	<p>これはたいせつなお知らせです。 ご家族に日本語に訳してもらってください。</p> <p>알려드립니다 어것을 번역해 주십시오</p> <p><b>CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG</b> Xin nhớ người dịch hộ</p> <p>ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਫਿਰਮਾ ਕਰੋ ਕਿਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਨਾ ਭੋਲੇ ਕਰਵਾਓ।</p> <p><b>INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE</b> Busque alguien que le traduzca.</p>	<p><b>اطلاعات مهم و سوسمند</b> لطفاً از یک نفر بخوانید که برای شما ترجمه کند</p> <p><b>ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON</b> Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintutuhan</p> <p>يرجى ترجمة هذا معلومات هامة</p> <p><b>ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ</b> Переведите это, пожалуйста.</p>
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December 14, 2023

### Winter Break



A reminder for families that the last day of school prior to Winter Break is **Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. **Early dismissal is in effect on this day at 12:05 pm and the Lions Bay bus will be departing GEC at approximately 12:15 pm.**

If your child will be absent from school prior to the 22<sup>nd</sup>, families are asked to notify their child’s classroom teacher via email and/or leave a message on the school Call Back Line at 604-981-1360. This helps our office staff who are tracking missing students each morning and saves valuable time. Thank you for your assistance!

### December Theme Days

Be sure to check out our Instagram and Twitter accounts to share in our festive fun! Our next theme days are listed below.

Friday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Festive “Ugly” Holiday Sweater Day</b>
Friday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Holiday PJ Day!</b> – wear your comfiest pair of holiday PJs to school <i>*Remember we have an early dismissal at 12:05pm on this day</i>

### MyEd BC Family Portal

Student Learning Updates (Reports) for Term 1 have been published to the MyEd BC Family Portal. **Families are reminded to download and save a pdf copy of your child’s report to keep for your records.** Reports will be available until July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

The MyEd BC Family Portal can be accessed here:

<https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>

Please contact Ms. Pistilli in the school office if you require assistance [mapistilli@wvschools.ca](mailto:mapistilli@wvschools.ca)

### Hot Lunch Ordering Is Now Open!

Place your orders now for Term 2! The Hot Lunch ordering system is open, and families are asked to place their orders now. To account for the Winter break and how busy life can be at this time of year, **we'll be keeping hot lunch open until January 1<sup>st</sup>.** After that date no orders can be accepted until we open up again for changes and new orders in mid-January.



Lunches for Term 2 will be delivered from Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> right up until the last day before Spring Break, March 15<sup>th</sup>. **Login to [Munch-A-Lunch](#) now to place your orders!**

### Snowmen at the Holidays

Our winter concert "Snowmen at the Holidays" was a big success thanks to the hard work and dedication of our students and music teachers. A special thank you goes out to Ms. Inkster and Mrs. Fulton who led our choirs, band, and student performers and have spent countless hours preparing for this concert.

Thank you also to our classroom teachers for helping to prepare our younger grades for this event and to our parent volunteers who helped with stage décor – Kirstie Simpson and Rachel & Pete Clearwater. We appreciate all of your time and efforts in helping to make this concert extra special! Check out our IG page [@gleneagles\\_chaxay](#) for more photos!





**Movie Fundraiser hosted by our GEC PAC – tickets are still available!**

Celebrate the start of Winter Holidays and join your GEC friends and families on **December 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

Where: Cineplex Park Royal



## Term 2 After School Clubs – registration now open!

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

<p><b>Mixed Media Arts Studio</b>            Grades 1 to 5  <b>Mondays, 2:45 to 4:15 pm</b>            Jan. 8 to March 11<sup>th</sup>            (no class on Jan. 29 &amp; 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 <a href="#">this reg. form.</a></p>
<p><b>Multi-Sport Club</b>            Kindergarten to Grade 3  <b>Wednesdays, 2:30 to 4:00 pm</b>            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 <a href="#">register here.</a></p>
<p><b>Zen Maker Lab</b>            Grades 4 to 7  <b>Thursdays, 2:45 to 4:15 pm</b>            *Students require a laptop or iPad for these sessions            January 18<sup>th</sup> to April 25<sup>th</sup>            (no class on Feb. 15, March 21 &amp; 28)</p>	<p><b><u>Part 1 Sound Wizardry: Hack Your Headphones with Micro Bit:</u></b> Customize your headphones, turning them into a personalized audio masterpiece.</p> <p><b><u>Part 2 Innovate your own AI App:</u></b> learn to craft a personalized AI experience using a drag &amp; drop interface. No coding experience is needed.</p> <p><a href="#">Register at Zen ML/Gleneagles</a></p>

## Looking Ahead to January

Plans are already underway for several classroom fieldtrips as well as a couple of school-wide activities that will take place in Term 2. Parents are asked to check their [School Cash Online](#) account for these items and to look for permission forms coming home very soon.

Thursday, January 11 <sup>th</sup>	Bowling Fieldtrip, Divs. 3 & 4
Monday, January 15 <sup>th</sup>	Field hockey in the gym, Divs. 5 to 11
Thursday, January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Skating at WV Arena, grades 6 & 7
Tuesday, January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Virtual Pencil Crayon workshop, Div. 2
Thursday, January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Skating at WV Arena, grades 4 & 5
Thursday, February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Virtual Pencil Crayon workshop, Div. 1
Thursday, February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Skating at WV Arena, K to grade 3
February 20 to March 1 <sup>st</sup>	School-wide Badminton Lessons in the gym

## 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 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.



## GEC PAC Meeting

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

## Dates to Remember:

Friday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Festive “Ugly” Holiday Sweaters Day! Roots of Empathy program, Div. 10
Monday, December 18 <sup>th</sup>	“Working Birds” virtual presentation for Divs. 5 & 6
Friday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Holiday PJs Day! <b>Last day of school before Winter Break with early dismissal at 12:05 pm</b>
Monday, January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Classes resume after Winter Break

## West Van Little League

Registration is open!

Spring baseball for ages 5-16

We have girls only programs this year!

<https://wvll.ca/registration/>

## 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](#)

## 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

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

## Hollyburn Family Services



### **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](mailto:mvermeer@hollyburn.ca)