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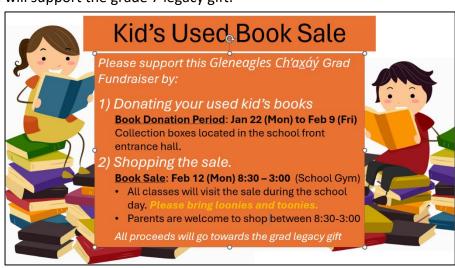
February 8, 2024

Grade 7 Fundraiser: Used Book Sale

Our grade 7's will be holding their **Used Kids Book Sale on Monday, February 12th from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm** in the school gym. All classes will have an opportunity to visit the sale during the school day, so <u>please send some loonies and toonies to school if your child would like to make a purchase.</u> Parents are welcome to shop the sale throughout the day or after school until 3:00 pm. Proceeds from the sale will support the grade 7 legacy gift.

The last day to donate any used books that you may have at home is Friday, February 9th.

We hope to see you at our sale and thank you for your support!



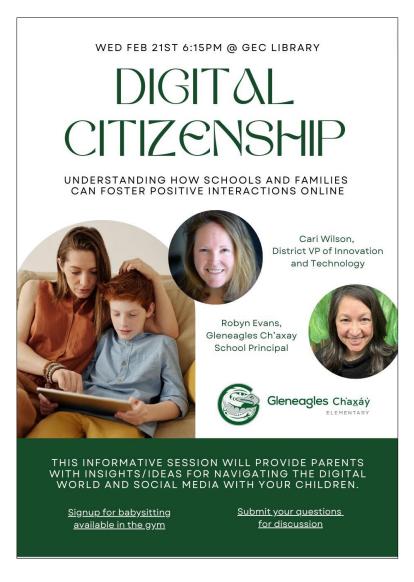
PAC Meeting Minutes

Please see the minutes from our last GEC PAC Meeting held on January 17th, 2024 here.

The next PAC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21st beginning at 6:30pm in the

Learning Commons. Our school Principal, Robyn Evans, along with Cari Wilson, District VP of Innovation and Technology will be sharing a presentation on Digital Citizenship. Learn how to navigate the ins and outs of how to help children use technology responsibly. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Childminding will be available if needed for GEC students. To register for childminding, please email gecpacchair@gmail.com.





Lunar New Year

February 10th marks the start of the Lunar New Year. Did you know that the Lunar New Year is celebrated in many countries around the world including China, South Korea, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia, to name a few?

On Wednesday, February 14th, students at Gleneagles Ch'axáý will celebrate the start of the Year

of the Dragon. Led by a committee of dedicated parent volunteers, students will have a chance to experience some of the customs related to Chinese New Year celebrations. **Students are encouraged to wear something red on this day** (convenient as our celebration coincides with Valentine's Day!).



Our organizing committee is looking for parents to help volunteer at this event. If you are interested in

supporting your child's class as they come through the stations, please email Mrs. Evans at revans@wvschools.ca.

Disco Inferno – Tickets now available!

Dust off your dancing shoes and get ready to groove, the GEC PAC is excited to announce their **Disco Inferno Fundraiser!** Join us under the disco ball for a night of funky beats, nibbles, drinks, and a fabulous Silent Auction – all to benefit GEC! **Scan the QR code to buy your tickets now**

before they're sold out! Or follow this link for tickets: DISCO INFERNO TICKETS

The first 75 tickets sold are automatically entered into a Door Prize!

When: Saturday, February 24th, 7:00 pm Where: Gleneagles Golf Course Club House

We need your help! Your support is kindly requested to help us collect items for our Silent Auction – if you have a vacation property that you would like to lend or have connections with businesses that may be interested in donating to our fundraiser auction, please let us know. By contributing to our Silent Auction, you not only help raise funds for our school, but also provide students with unique experiences and opportunities that enhance their education. If you are interested in making a donation or have any questions, please reach out to PAC Treasurer,



Amanda Clark at <u>gecpactreasurer@gmail.com</u>. We appreciate any contribution you can make, big or small! Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school community, hope to see you under the disco ball!

Badminton

Gleneagles is looking forward to our in-school Badminton workshops which are scheduled from **February 20**th **through March 1**st. All classes will have several opportunities during this time to learn the fundamentals of the game with a qualified instructor from <u>Shuttlesport BC</u>.

Parents are reminded to check your <u>School Cash Online</u> account for this item and to submit payment as soon as possible. The cost for this program is \$10/student.

Pink Shirt Day



Bullying hurts everyone and can happen in many different forms – verbal, physical, social and even cyberbullying. Did you know that bullying happens to someone in Canada every 7 minutes? Take a stand against bullying and **wear PINK on February 28**th to show your support of Pink Shirt Day and to show that bullying will not be tolerated. Read this <u>Pink Story</u> to see how Pink Shirt Day originated.

At Gleneagles we are once again recognizing Pink Shirt Day by inviting everyone to come to school wearing pink on this day. Next week, Mrs. Evans will be launching our annual Pink Shirt Contest where students can design a paper version of their own pink shirt. All entries will be on display outside of the school office and a few prizes will be awarded. All students are welcome to enter – contest closes Friday, February 23rd. Wear PINK – together we can make a difference!

Upcoming School Closures

A reminder to parents that all schools in West Vancouver will be closed on **Friday, February 16**th for the District-wide Reading Break and on **Monday, February 19**th in recognition of the Family Day Holiday. Enjoy the extended weekend.

Dates to Remember:

February 8 th & 9 th	In-school student presentations on Body Science
Friday, February 9 th	Roots of Empathy, Div. 10
Monday, February 12 th	Used Kids Book Sale in the gym
Tuesday, February 13 th	Isaac from WV Museum visiting Divs. 9 & 10
	Basketball bye (no game) – girls practice, 2:35pm
Wednesday, February 14th	Happy Valentine's Day

	Lunar New Year event in the gym
Friday, February 16 th	Reading Break – School not in session
Monday, February 19 th	Family Day Holiday – School not in session
February 20 to March 1st	Badminton Lessons in the gym (all classes)
Tuesday, February 20 th	Gr 7 Basketball game vs. Bowen Island – boys away, girls home
Wednesday, February 21st	GEC PAC Meeting, 6:30 pm & presentation on Digital Citizenship
Wednesday, February 28th	Pink Shirt Day
	Girls Basketball Tournament at WVSS, 1:00 pm
Thursday, February 29 th	Boys Basketball Tournament at WVSS, 1:00 pm

Safe Schools Presentation for Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with adolescent Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Hayley Watson, will be hosting free virtual sessions on youth substance use for parents/guardians, caregivers and caring adults. Dr. Watson will provide valuable insights, practical tips, and resources to equip participants with the tools needed to guide their children and youth toward making positive choices when it comes to substance use.

Key Takeaways for Participants:

- Learn why children/teenagers are drawn to substances.
- Understand what causes and maintains substance use disorder and needs.
- Increase your child's ability to make positive choices about substances.
- Acquire practical conversation tools for discussing substances in the home.

Participants must register in advance due to limited capacity. Session dates are:

- February 20th, 6:00 7:30 pm PST Click here to Register
- February 22nd, 6:00 7:30 pm PST Click here to Register
- February 28th, 6:00 7:30 pm PST Click here to Register

West Vancouver Schools Academies

The 2024-2025 Premier Academies are open for registration! Please visit https://westvancouverschools.ca/programs/ for further information.

<u>Premier Academies Include</u>: Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Fencing, Field Hockey, Rugby, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball

Spring Break Multi-Sport Camp

West Van Field Hockey



WEST VANCOUVER FIELD HOCKEY CLUB **TEACHING THE** "FUN"DAMENTALS OF HOCKEY!

Our students recently learned the "FUNdamentals" of field hockey during an indoor session with West Vancouver Field Hockey Club.

After trying out their hockey skills and games, the children received a certificate and a WVFHC wristband. If your child/ children enjoyed the experience and is interested in playing more, contact info@wvfhc.com



Registration for Spring League 2024 opens November 1st 2023 All levels welcome





West Van Rec









Families with children ages 0-6 are invited to join us on Saturday March 2, 2024

Free, no registration required

What's a Story Walk? A multi-sensory experience where children enjoy interactive books, music, art and the outdoors.

Come dressed for the weather! These walks are stroller and child friendly.





When: Saturday, March 2, 2024 (10:00-11:00 am) Event: POP Up PLAY- Story and Play with Katie Brock

Location: Meet at the covered picnic area at John Lawson Park. We will walk together through the park, immerse ourselves in story, and use our senses to participate in a fun scavenger hunt

A bit about Katie

Katie Brock is a beloved children's musician from Horseshor Bay. She is an energetic, fun-loving performer who enjoys sharing her catchy tunes with both children and grownups alike. An avid outdoor enthusiast, Katie loves to sing, dance and make joyful music together with families in nature!!



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