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ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ  
Переведите это, пожалуйста.

June 27, 2024

*Today is the final day of the school year! The school office will be closed as of Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> and will reopen on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer!*



### A Message from Mrs. Evans

As the final school day comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for a wonderful school year. Looking back, there are so many wonderful memories that stand out at both school sites. From the Welcome Back Open House (GEC), to our Winter Concerts, Pancake Breakfasts, Sports Days, and leaving ceremonies (Grade 3 Farewell at LB; Grade 7 Promotion at GEC)... regardless of the event, one thing that's always consistent is that we have an incredible community that spans both Gleneagles Ch'axáy and Lions Bay; our students, families, and staff play an integral role in everything we do. I am so proud of the work we have been able to do together this year.

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to our exceptional teachers and staff. Their passion, commitment, and tireless efforts make a difference in the lives of our students each and every day. And to our custodians, Mr. Torres, Mr. Damian, and Mr. Seno (LB) for taking such good care of our schools – both inside and out!

Thank you to our families – whether you drive on field trips, read with students, build sets and design costumes for school musicals, volunteer for Sports Day, or help out in one of the countless other ways our families support us – thank you, we couldn't do it without you!

And of course, a special thank you goes out to both the GEC PAC and the LB PAC for their unwavering support of our schools and our students. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Emily Gardiner (GEC PAC Chair), and Jill Fujibayashi (LB PAC Chair), and to all of the PAC Executive members for meeting monthly, ordering Spirit Wear, coordinating hot lunch, organizing fun social events, and so, so much more... Thank you for the countless hours you contribute behind the scenes to make us look good!

We wish all of our families a wonderful summer, filled with joy, laughter, relaxation, and hopefully sunshine!  
Mrs. Evans

## Staffing Updates

As we close out the school year, we have a small number of staffing changes for the upcoming school year. Please join us in saying goodbye and thanking the following staff for their commitment to making a difference in the lives of our students. We appreciate their dedication and hard work throughout the year and wish them all the best next year.

- **Natascha Wimmer** – Ms. Wimmer has been an **intermediate teacher** at Gleneagles since 2019. Next year, she will take a GAP year and is looking forward to taking time off to travel. We wish her the best of luck and hope to see her back for the 2025-26 school year. Safe travels Ms. Wimmer!
- **Andrea Yu** – Ms. Yu has been our **English Language Learning** teacher for the past two years. Next year, she will take on a full-time position at Irwin Park Elementary. We wish her all the best at her new school.
- **Alix Smith** – Ms. Smith has been an **Education Assistant** at Gleneagles since September. She will be moving to a new school in West Vancouver to continue her work in the district as an Education Assistant. She will be missed but we wish her all the best at her new school!
- **Christie Okawara** – Ms. Chrissy, as affectionately referred to by the students she works with, has been an **Education Assistant** at Gleneagles since September. Prior to that Ms. Chrissy was a TA: Supervision at Gleneagles. Ms. Chrissy won't be going far but will join our team at Lions Bay for the 2024-25 school year!
- **Audrem Galura** – Ms. G has been an **Education Assistant** at Lions Bay since September and will be joining the staff at Gleneagles in the fall.

**Ms. Carmen McKay** has been filling in for Ms. Yorke this year. Ms. McKay we will miss the voices you use when reading stories in the library, and of course Oscar and Sheepie! We wish you all the best in your current assignment at Bowen Island Community School and we hope you will come back and visit us.

*Please note there may be additional staffing changes over the summer. We will provide a full overview of staffing for the 2024-25 school year upon our return in September.*

## Important Items for September



A reminder to parents that school supplies are now available for order for next school year. Please place your orders now for delivery in September.

Details can be found further below in this newsletter, along with other important items for September such as our school calendar, bussing information, BYOD, and band registration. Take a look!

## Term 3 Learning Summaries

The Summary of Learning is a written report that describes and summarizes student learning and growth across the year (not just learning that occurred in the Term Three). The Summary of Learning contains the same elements as the Learning Updates your child received at the end of Term One and Term Two (scale indicator, descriptive feedback, as well as self-reflection/goal setting). The descriptive feedback is reflective of the year and communicates strengths and areas for growth to prepare students for the next grade or course.

Summary of Learning reports for Term 3 will be published on **June 27<sup>th</sup>** for both Lions Bay and Gleneagles Ch'axá'y schools. Parents are asked to log into their MyEd BC Family Portal account to ensure that you have access. **If you need assistance with this process, please contact Ms. Pistilli at the school office [mapistilli@wvschools.ca](mailto:mapistilli@wvschools.ca).**

***Student reports will be available through the family portal until July 31<sup>st</sup> only. All reports will be 'cleaned up' after that time in preparation for the new school year – please ensure that you login and download a copy of your child's reports as the school office will not be able to provide copies to families.***

If you are a new family to our school District, you will have received an email from the MyEd BC server on June 18<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

## Personal Digital Devices in Schools

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Province announced three significant actions to enhance the safety and well-being of students in relation to digital technology, including the introduction of restrictions on the use of personal digital devices in schools (this would apply to cell phones, laptops, tablets, smartwatches, etc.). These updated policies will be in place for the 24-25 school year.

Most West Vancouver Schools already have technology guidelines in place. We recognize that the unregulated use of personal devices can be a significant distraction from learning. These devices can interrupt class time, interfere with student focus and disrupt the educational environment. However, we also understand that

when used thoughtfully and with supervision, digital technology can offer valuable opportunities for our students. These tools can enhance the learning by enabling students to create content, communicate, collaborate and share.

Starting in September we will be refocussing our approach with personal digital device use in both elementary and secondary schools. In compliance with our technology guidelines, personal digital devices will only be used with the direct permission of the teacher and/or administrator, who will provide clear guidelines to ensure their use is intentional and purposeful in supporting student learning. Additionally, considerations will be made to accommodate students' medical and health needs, accessibility, and accommodation requirements.

Applicable times:

- **Secondary Schools:** Personal digital device expectations will be in effect during instructional time.
- **Elementary Schools:** Personal digital device expectations will be in effect throughout the full school day, including before school, after school, and during break times.

More detailed information about these new expectations will be shared at the start of the 2024-25 school year. In September, we will ask parents and guardians to support these guidelines by minimizing calls and texts to their children during school hours. It is important for students to remain focused and engaged in their learning without the expectation of responding immediately to messages. We also encourage families to start thinking about how they can support these new expectations to ensure a smooth transition for everyone.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation as we work together to create a safe and productive learning environment for our students.

### Summer Reading Club

It wouldn't be summer without the Summer Reading Club!

The Summer Reading Club is a free, at-home, self-directed program to keep kids motivated with reading over the summer. It's really simple; read for at least 15 minutes a day this summer for 50 days. You can read anything you like! Books, eBooks, audiobooks, books in any language, chapter books, comics, or non-fiction.

This program includes weekly check-ins, a tracking system, and book recommendations for children. Register to get started today!



To register, follow this link: [WVML Summer Reading Club](#)

### Summer Holiday Plans?

As you make your summer travel plans, please remember that students are required to return to school **no later than Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** to confirm their placement for the 2024-25 school year.

The first week of school is an essential time for students to reconnect with friends and the school community. As well, it is a time for the school to confirm enrollment and class placements; and with the ever-increasing enrollment pressures that our district continues to face, space in classrooms is tight. If you are planning to return after this date, please arrange to meet with Mrs. Evans, in advance, to discuss the extenuating circumstances.

# GLENEAGLES NEWS

## Library Books

All library books are now overdue and book fines have been posted to [School Cash Online](#). Please check your account for payments due and if you do find a lost book over the summer, please return it in September.



## Class Photos

All students receive a complimentary copy of their class photo courtesy of our school photographer, Edge Imaging. Please check with your child as all photos have been distributed this past week.

## School Gardens – We Need Your Help!

All of our classes have been involved in creating the school vegetable garden this year. The food they grow will be used to make soup and salad for the Gleneagles Open House to be held in September. **We need your help!** **If you can spare a little time this summer, please help keep our garden growing by signing up for a summer watering shift here: [Summer Watering Volunteers](#)**

A watering shift takes about 45 minutes. Kids can help water or play in the school playground while parents do the watering. Students are currently making a video for you on “how to water” and this will be shared on the sign-up link.

If you have questions or ideas for the garden or want to volunteer for other garden projects, please contact garden coordinators, Jenny Clark ([jennyclark.rmt@gmail.com](mailto:jennyclark.rmt@gmail.com)) or Rachel Clearwater ([ihp.rachel@gmail.com](mailto:ihp.rachel@gmail.com)).

Thanks for your help!

## School Items for 2024-25

As preparations for next school year unfold, parents are asked to make note of the following items:

**School Calendar:** The school calendar for next school year is now available on the Gleneagles Ch’axáy School website under the [parent tab/forms here](#). Parents are asked to review the calendar and note dates for your personal reference.

The District calendar for 2024/25 can be viewed [here](#).

**School Supplies:** Place your orders for student school supplies for September 2024. Orders placed before July 1<sup>st</sup> will receive FREE SHIPPING to our school in early September and are also eligible for a chance to win a \$500 prize! Orders placed after July 1<sup>st</sup> are subject to a shipping fee.

Please place your orders through the Creative Packs website here: [Gleneagles Creative Packs](#)

For parents who would prefer to purchase supplies individually, please print a list to use as your shopping guide here: [School Supply Lists](#)

**Please note that items listed under Part B are required items; parents can choose to purchase these items new or supply a used item from home. Thank you.**

**Band Registration:** If your child is entering grade 6 or 7 in September and would like to join Band for the 2024-25 school year, please register through this link: [Elementary Band Program](#).

**Please note that staffing for next school year is dependent on the number of registrants for the Band program, and so we are encouraging families to register soon in order to help us secure the successful continuation of our Band program at GEC.**

Please contact Ms. Inkster if you have any questions about Band at [cinkster@wvschools.ca](mailto:cinkster@wvschools.ca).

**BYOD Program:** All students entering grades 4 through 7 are asked to Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) to school to support student learning in the classroom. Students are asked to bring a laptop to school rather than a tablet as laptops are more conducive to the learning activities and tasks that students will be involved in. A very reasonable option for families is a [Chromebook](#). This device is very affordable and durable laptop option that has all of the required features that students will need.

**Bus Transportation:** Students living in the Lions Bay corridor between Gleneagles and Lions Bay are eligible to use the district bus service for the 2024-25 school year, if they complete an online registration form. **Online registration is now open [here](#)** and parents are asked to register now.

Please visit our school district Student Transportation page for more information including bus routes: [Student Transportation | West Vancouver Schools](#)

**IMPORTANT:** All Returning & New students' parents/guardians must submit an online request form for their eligible student(s). In order to adhere to legislated requirements to maintain accurate bus lists, registration is required for all school bus riders. Registration must occur prior to **July 15** of each year through an online request form on the district's website to be considered during the bus routing process. Please note that **school bus space may not be guaranteed for students that do not submit an Online Registration Form (<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/transportation-form>) or register after the deadline (July 15, 2024).**

### Multi-Sport After School Club

This excitement filled program focuses on FUN, physical literacy and sport skill improvement through fun games and activities. Participants will move through a variety of sports such as basketball, soccer, tennis, football, hockey, volleyball, handball, and more. Participants will be fully submerged in the world of sports and are bound to leave the day with a smile on their face, eager for the next day!

See for yourself! [Multi-Sport Trailer](#)

Dates: Mondays, Sept 16th - Nov 25th (8 Prorated Sessions)

Times: 2:35 - 4:05 pm

Grades: 1-3

Cost: \$240 + GST

NOTE: This is a non-competitive program and is suitable for athletes of any experience or level!



## LIONS BAY NEWS

### Grade 3 Farewell

Last week our Grade 3 students were honored in a very special farewell ceremony. Each student was recognized and joined by a Kindergarten student in a processional to send them off as they venture on a new educational journey.



Thank you to Mrs. Southam for the video tributes and for organizing a lunch at the local café to make this a memorable event. We will miss you Grade 3s!

### Thank You & Farewell

We bid a fond farewell to the following staff members who will be moving on to new schools next year – Ms. Galura, our Education Assistant and also Ms. Yu, our ELL teacher. We will miss them both and wish them all the best at their new schools.



### School Photos

Thank you to Diana Klonek, our school photographer, for taking beautiful photos of our students. Parents are invited to view the photo gallery and download a copy of any photos that you wish to have. Please look for the email sent out on Wednesday to all Lions Bay families which includes the gallery link and PIN # for downloading access.

***\*\*A reminder that these photos are for your personal use only and should not be shared or published online through social media, websites, etc. Thank you for respecting our families' privacy. \*\****

### Lost & Found

Please check our Lost & Found located by the courtyard for any items that may have been lost during the past school year. Any unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the week.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of school Final Learning Updates to be published via MyEd BC Yearend assembly at GEC, 10:45 am <b>Early dismissal at 12:05 pm (Gleneagles)</b> Farewell assembly at LB, 11:45 am <b>Early dismissal at 12:15 (Lions Bay)</b>
Tuesday, September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Schools reopen for students in grades 1 to 7 8:35 to 9:35 am for Gleneagles 8:45 to 9:45 am for Lions Bay
Wednesday, September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Gradual entry begins for Kindergarten First full day of school for students in grades 1 to 7

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### West Vancouver Basketball Club Summer Camps

The end of the school year is here which means the WVBC summer camps are just a few weeks away. This year, the WVBC will be offering 4 weeks of camps beginning July 8 for players in Grades 2-10. All camps will be held at West Van Secondary School and will be led by former Canadian Men's National Team player and WVS Teacher/ Basketball Academy Head Coach Greg Meldrum. Space is limited so best not to delay in signing up. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to <http://www.wvbc.ca>



## Junior Golf Tournament

# 2024 NORTH SHORE Coed Junior Golf Tournaments

HOSTED BY  
GLENEAGLES  
GOLF CLUB



Join us for two 9-hole golf tournaments and experience the fun, thrill, and challenge of golf competition!

### Questions?

Contact Greg at  
[northshorejuniorgolf@gmail.com](mailto:northshorejuniorgolf@gmail.com)

Visit [activewestvanrec.ca](http://activewestvanrec.ca)  
to register today!



### AMBLESIDE PAR 3 GOLF COURSE

THU, AUGUST 15

9 a.m.-1 p.m. | 6-12 years  
\$25 | #169212



### GLENEAGLES GOLF COURSE

THU, SEPTEMBER 12

4-7 p.m. 10-17 years  
\$25 | #169213



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## Otters Swim Club



# Summer SWIM CAMP

Summer fun for kids ages 6-17 for OSA to YDG and equivalent groups!

### WHY JOIN THE OTTERS SUMMER SWIM CAMP?

Our swim camp is a great summertime adventure for your kids that are sure to enjoy. Campers will be training with high level trained coaches where they will swim with friends and meet new ones!

### TIME TRIALS

Time trials (mini swim meets) will be held at the end of Sessions 4 and 8 on July 19 and August 23. No additional fees for campers enrolled in two of the preceding four weeks. Swimmer times will count towards group placement for the 2023-2024 season.

### SESSION DATES

JULY 03

JULY 08

JULY 15

JULY 22

JULY 29

AUGUST 07

AUGUST 12

AUGUST 19

Otters and Non-Otters are welcome to  
sign up for summer camp!

3 X 1 HOUR SESSIONS PER WEEK

Please contact Laura Fleury at  
[otters.registrar@gmail.com](mailto:otters.registrar@gmail.com)

or

Coach Janusz at (604) 505-7946  
for any questions

2121 Marine Drive  
West Vancouver,  
BC V7V 4Y2

Non-Otters members must contact Laura Fleury for an assessment prior  
to registering for any summer camp session.

## Register Here

<https://otters.uplifterinc.com/>



## West Van Community Centre Information

Summer Camp Registrations are **Now Open**: [www.westvancouver.ca/camps](http://www.westvancouver.ca/camps)



Summer Music & Language Program Registrations open on **Wednesday, June 5th**

Private lessons, group guitar, music theory intensive, adult French classes, preschool weekly music class, etc...



Other Summer Program Registrations (Gymnastics, Swimming, Sports, etc) open on **Wednesday, June 19th**.

**Live! Music Series** Returns on **June 12th**, 4:30-5:30pm at WVCC Atrium. Free. Everyone Welcome!

**Summer Fun Fest** at West Vancouver Community Centre, on Saturday, **July 20th**.

Browse all 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: [www.westvancouver.ca/newcomers](http://www.westvancouver.ca/newcomers)