



Gleneagles



Ch'axáy  
ELEMENTARY



LIONS BAY  
SCHOOL

GLENEAGLES CH'AXÁY & LIONS BAY E-BULLETIN

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PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED**

**RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS  
Prière de les faire traduire.**

**重要資料  
請找人為你翻譯**

これはたいせつなお知らせです。  
どなたかに日本語に訳してもらってください。

**알려드립니다**

**어것을 번역해 주십시오**

**CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG**

Xin nhờ người dịch hộ

**ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ**

ਇਹਦਾ ਬਾਰੇ ਜਿਹੇ ਕੋਠੇ ਵਿਚ ਦਾ ਉੱਲਥਾ ਕਰਵਾਓ।

**INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE**

Busque alguien que le traduzca.

**اطلاعات مهم و سودمند**  
لطفاً از یک نفر بخواهید 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.

August 29, 2024

### Welcome Back – Principal’s Message

Welcome back to a new school year! We are looking forward to seeing our returning students next week and extend a warm welcome to our new families attending Gleneagles Ch’axáy or Lions Bay Primary for the first time.



I can’t believe how quickly the summer has flown by! Whether you stayed close to home and binge-watched the Olympics or your travels took you farther away, I hope you had a restful and rejuvenating summer. I look forward to connecting with each of you to catch up on your adventures!

Over the summer, both school sites were well looked after. A big thank you to Mr. Torres at Gleneagles and Mr. Seno and Mr. Masabio at Lions Bay for all their hard work cleaning and preparing our schools for our September start up. My thanks is also extended to our team at Facilities for their tireless work

this summer. Gleneagles had several upgrades including the installation of a new ‘Friendship Deck’, new cement stairs (replaced by the school gym), and 2 new View Boards installed. We hope you notice these when you come by the school next week!

Despite the dry conditions for most of the summer, our school grounds (at both sites) are flourishing. Thank you to all the families who volunteered to water over the summer. We appreciate your ongoing commitment and support. Our school grounds are looking great!

Earlier today, Ms. Pistilli, our Administrative Assistant was recognized for 20 years of service in West Vancouver Schools at our district Opening Day. Please join us in congratulating her next time you're at the office.



As we prepare for the first week of school, please take a few minutes to read through this week's ebulletin as it contains important start up information. Staff are excited for all the school year ahead has to offer and are looking forward to working together.

Welcome Back! It's going to be a great year ahead!

Robyn Evans  
Principal

**First Day of School**

Our staff at both Gleneagles Ch'axáy and Lions Bay are looking forward to the first day of school on **Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Students in **Grades 1-7** are expected to be in attendance according to the times listed below:

Lions Bay School	Students in attendance from 8:45 to 9:45 am; parents are invited to mingle in the school courtyard for a Welcome Back Tea hosted by our LB PAC
Gleneagles Ch'axáy	Students in attendance from 8:35 am to 9:35 am; parents are invited to the gym for our PAC-hosted Welcome Back Tea & Coffee.

Returning students should report to their last year's classroom for attendance at the welcome bell. All students NEW TO GEC are asked to meet in the basketball court at the back of the school. Students do not need to bring anything with them on the first day.

**We look forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten students on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> (as per the gradual entry instructions emailed in July).**

As a reminder, in order to secure a place for the 2024-25 school year, students are expected to be in attendance by Thursday, September 5th. If your child will not be in attendance before this time, please email [mapistilli@wvschools.ca](mailto:mapistilli@wvschools.ca) or leave a message on the Call Back line at 604-981-1360 with your child's name, grade, reason for absence, and expected date of return. For more information, please refer to [AP 300](#).

**Lions Bay Bus**

**Please note that Lions Bay bus service will begin on Tuesday, September 3rd with only drop off service available on this day (no return trip to Lions Bay will be available).** Please arrange to have your child picked up from school on Tuesday if you are using the bus service. **Full AM/PM service will begin on Wednesday, September 4th.** All students living in the Lions Bay corridor who wish to use the LB bus service must register annually through our district site [here](#).

***Important: if your child is not registered, they will not be able to use the bus service as this causes a liability issue for our school district. Please ensure that registration has been completed as soon as possible.***

## Bell Schedule

The bell schedule is posted on the school website and can be viewed below. Parents and students are asked to make every effort to arrive on time, if your child is late, please report to the school office to sign-in. If your child will be absent from school, please call the school office to report their absence through the Call Back Line. Thank you for your assistance. [Gleneagles Bell Schedule](#) [Lions Bay Bell Schedule](#)



## Policy & Procedures Form

Each school year parents are asked to complete the online Policy & Procedures Form for each student attending school in West Vancouver. This form provides permissions for code of conduct, internet use, use of electronic devices, etc. This online form must be completed for all students – this is a quick and easy task and can be completed now! Please follow this link to complete a form for your child/ren: [2024/25 P & P Form](#)

## Personal Digital Device Expectations – NEW!

At West Vancouver Schools, we understand that personal digital devices offer students valuable opportunities to collaborate, create, and communicate, to enhancing learning experiences. We also recognize the importance of maintaining focused and safe learning environments for all students. Recently, provincial guidelines and legislation have further highlighted the need to minimize distractions, as digital devices can interrupt class time, interfere with student concentration, and disrupt the educational setting.

To support focused and safe learning environments, West Vancouver Schools is refining our approach to digital device use and will be uniformly applying personal digital device expectations across all schools. Starting this school year, personal digital devices will only be allowed with the explicit permission of a teacher or administrator, who will provide clear guidelines to ensure their use is intentional and directly supports student learning. Additionally, considerations will be made to accommodate students' medical and health needs, accessibility, and accommodation requirements.

For **Elementary Schools**, this means:

- Personal digital device expectations will apply throughout the entire school day, including before school, after school, and during break times. Cell phones will not be used at all during school hours.

## How You Can Help:

To support these updated expectations, we ask parents and guardians to:

1. **Familiarize Yourself:** Please take the time to read through the [Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices](#) to fully understand the new district-wide expectations. Additionally, review any specific guidelines or expectations provided by your child's teacher(s). Understanding both the general and specific expectations will help you support your child in following the new expectations effectively.
2. **Model Appropriate Use:** Demonstrate and discuss the importance of limiting device use at home, especially during family time or other important activities. Your behavior sets a powerful example for your child.
3. **Encourage Balance:** Help your child find a healthy balance between screen time and other activities, such as reading, outdoor play, or family interactions. This will reinforce the focus on learning during school hours.
4. **Mindful Communication:** Please avoid calling or texting your child during school time. Remind your child that school time is for learning, and that messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.

By working together, we can create a safer, more focused learning environment for all students. These small steps at home can make a big difference in reinforcing the positive changes we're implementing at school. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

## GLENEAGLES NEWS

### PAC Welcome Back Tea

All GEC parents are invited to join the Gleneagles PAC Executive, along with our school Principal Mrs. Evans for coffee, tea, and some treats, in the gym at 8:35am on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kindergarteners and younger siblings are welcome to join with their parents if needed. It's a great way to hear about upcoming events at the school and mingle with other parents in our community. Hope to see you there!

### School Items for 2024-25

**School Calendar:** The school calendar for next school year is 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:** There is still time to order your school supplies for this school year. 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:** It's not too late! We still have a limited number of spaces available. If your child is entering grade 6 or 7 and would like to join Band for the 2024-25 school year, please register through this link: [Elementary Band Program](#). If you have any questions about Band, please contact Ms. Inkster 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 can be accessed [here](#).**

Please visit our school district Student Transportation page for more information including bus routes:

**IMPORTANT:** 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>).

## LIONS BAY NEWS

### Lions Bay PAC Events

To kick off a new school year, our Lions Bay PAC have a couple of events coming up soon; we hope you can join us!

**Welcome Back Tea:** Thursday, Sept. 5. Please join after drop-off in the school courtyard.

**Welcome Back Beach Night:** all Lions Bay school families are welcome to join the PAC sponsored beach night on Friday, Sept 13. 5pm. Pizza and snacks provided. Please RSVP to [lionsbaypac45@gmail.com](mailto:lionsbaypac45@gmail.com).

**LB school WhatsApp:** Keep informed about school events, PAC meetings, and more. The QR code to join the school WhatsApp is posted outside the K/1 room.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

First day of School for students in grades 1 to 7

	Please check times listed above for each school site.
Wednesday, September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Gradual entry begins for Kindergarten First full day of school for students in grades 1 to 7
Monday, September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Half day schedule begins for K students
Monday, September 9 <sup>th</sup>	K Intake Conferences at LB (pm)
September 9 to 12	K Intake Conferences at GEC (pm)
Friday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Cops for Cancer Tour visit at GEC
Monday, September 16 <sup>th</sup>	First full day of school for K students

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **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.