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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。

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Xin nhờ người dịch hộ

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INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE

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ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ
Переведите это, пожалуйста.

September 12, 2024

Professional Development Day

A reminder that **Friday, September 20th** is a Professional Development Day for staff at all West Vancouver schools and classes will not be in session. Please mark your calendars.

Policy & Procedures Form – please complete this now!

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](#)**

In addition to the online form, a package of emergency forms has been sent home with all students. Please follow the instructions on these forms and return to school promptly. Thank you!

Student Agendas – please submit payment

Students in grades 1 to 6 have received a student agenda to support the development of effective organizational skills and serve as a communication tool between the teacher and home. The cost of the agenda is \$10.00; an additional administrative cost of \$2.00 will be added which covers the processing fees associated with using the [School Cash Online](#) program. This is a one-time annual fee which will be added to all elementary school cash online accounts. Families are asked to submit payment as soon as possible, thank you.

Breakfast Basket: NEW for 2024-25

Data shows that hunger impacts all communities and many families in West Vancouver; we know we have a wide range of socio-economic status in the area. As part of ongoing funding from the Ministry of Education and Childcare, we are pleased to offer a Breakfast Basket (at both Gleneagles and Lions Bay) for all students. This is a barrier free, “grab and go” offering for students who might be arriving at school without having had breakfast that day. Each site has a basket set up with a variety of non-perishable food bars for students to take and consume as needed. Already, in our first week of operation, the breakfast basket at Gleneagles has been a BIG hit!

Feeding Futures

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare [Feeding Futures initiative](#), the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their school principal or to feedingfutures@wvschools.ca if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

Take a Peek!

As we head back into a new school year, germs and lice are once again brought into our classrooms. We did have a reported case already this week. The best way to combat lice being present at school is to be proactive. Check your children, at least once a week, and be aware of excess or unusual head scratching. If your child has long hair, encourage them to wear it tied back/up. Don't share hats! If you do find any nits or live lice, be sure to get it treated right away. Part of treatment is ongoing checks to ensure that all lice have been removed and haven't continued to spread. They are small and can be extremely difficult to see.

Please note: an itch may not develop for up to six weeks, for initial occurrences. Reoccurring cases may develop symptoms more quickly.

For more information regarding lice prevention and treatment, please visit: <https://www.vch.ca/en/health-topics/head-lice>

GLENEAGLES NEWS

Staffing Update

Welcome to our new staff members joining the team at Gleneagles Ch'axá'y this year – Ms. Fourness, our new ELL teacher, Ms. Dykstra, our school counsellor (returning from last Spring!), Ms. Galura, our new Educational Assistant, and Mr. Salimbay our new evening custodian. Welcome!



A full staffing list can be found on our school website here: [GEC Staff](#)

All families are invited to our upcoming GEC Open House on Wednesday, September 25th at 5:00 pm to meet all of our staff and visit classrooms – stay tuned for more info coming out soon!

Cops For Cancer

Tomorrow we are excited to be a stop on the Cops for Cancer Tour de Coast tour. Approximately 20-25 riders will stop by Gleneagles Ch'axá'y, and students will have an opportunity to cheer them on and wish them well as they continue their ride along the coast.

The Cops for Cancer Tour de Coast 2024 is an exciting annual event where police agencies and emergency service personnel cycle for 8 days and across 800 km along the coast of BC, raising money for childhood cancer research and support services at the Canadian Cancer Society. To find out more about the Tour de Coast or to make a donation, please visit this link: [COPS FOR CANCER DONATIONS](#)

Cross Country Team

The start of our annual Cross Country season is just around the corner with the first district meet coming up on **Tuesday, September 17th**. All **students in grades 3 to 7** are invited to join our GEC Cross Country team and practices are being held on Mondays and Thursdays during lunch recess. A detailed permission form was sent home with all students who attended the informational meeting with Ms. Maledy and Ms. McIntyre this past week. Please be sure to complete this form and return it to school promptly to ensure that your child can participate.

There is a \$10 fee per student to cover costs associated with running our Elementary Athletics programs. Please look for this fee on your [School Cash Online](#) account and submit payment if your child will be participating in Cross Country – thank you!

Hot Lunch Ordering Opens Tomorrow!

Our GEC PAC is very excited to be able to offer Hot Lunch again this year. **Hot Lunch will start Oct 1st** and run through to winter break (Dec. 19th). Lunch will be available every Tuesday (Mucho Burrito), Wednesday (Dominos Caulfield Village), Thursday (Sushi Katsu) and Friday (Subway).

Ordering opens today (Thursday, Sept. 12th) and will close Monday, Sept. 23rd at 12 noon. All orders must be PAID IN FULL by midday on Sept. 23rd. Any unpaid orders will not be fulfilled. After two weeks, the Munch-a-Lunch system will reopen for a few days to allow for changes to orders. After this “change window,” there will be no opportunity to make further changes for the remainder of the session.

Please place your orders here: [Gleneagles Munch-A-Lunch](#) If you do not have a Munch-a-Lunch account, you will need to create one. Click the link above and follow the instructions. If you have an existing Munch-a-Lunch account from another school (i.e. Eagle Harbour, Lions Bay, etc.), you should see a “Transfer Schools” option when you first log in (or you can find it under “My Family” once you are logged in). If you have any problems transferring your account, contact Munch-a-Lunch directly and ask them to move your account over to Gleneagles (support@munchalunch.com).

Please remember to bring your own utensils as the vendors will not be providing them and the school is unable to provide utensils for students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jess Jenkin or Lauren Fuhre at gechotlunch@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your support. This is our biggest fundraiser and supports GEC student learning and experiences throughout the school year.

Student Photos

Our school photographer, Edge Imaging, will be on-site on **Wednesday, September 18th** to take individual student photos beginning at 9:00 am. Don't forget to bring your smiles to school!



Choir

Mrs. Fulton is back at Gleneagles on Wednesday mornings this year and will be teaching choir for our primary students (gr. 1 to gr. 3) from 9:30 to 10:00 am. All primary students will join her in the music room during this block.

Any intermediate students who are interested in joining our Senior Choir are asked to complete a permission form and hand this into the office as soon as possible. Senior Choir will meet on Wednesdays – grades 4 & 5 from 10:40 to 11:20 am, and grades 6 & 7 from 11:20 to 12:00 pm.

If you are a skilled pianist who may be interested in volunteering to support our choirs on the piano for concerts and rehearsals leading up to concerts, please contact Mrs. Fulton at sfulton@wvschools.ca



Gardening Update & Volunteer Opportunity

A big thank you to the families who volunteered to water the school gardens over the summer. The watering crew included Marie Engelbert, Alix Da Lomba, Serena Green, Andrea Stapleford, Shevaun Brown, Rachel Trask, Nichola Vermiere, Russel Snow, Danielle Lavallee, Christina Lee, Jennifer Clark, Rachel Clearwater, Anna MacRae, Paul Taylor, Kelly Brady and Ceri Oaten – Wow! & Thank You! The watering has allowed the vegetable and herb garden that the students planted last spring to thrive. All classes will have an opportunity to harvest our produce over the next two weeks so it can be used to make soup and salad for the Gleneagles Ch'axáy Open House on **Wednesday, September 25**. Chef Lisa Kim will be preparing the harvest soups and the students will help prepare the salads.

We need lots of help over the next few weeks and for future gardening projects!

If you have interest in being involved in the Garden Committee, please contact our Garden co-ordinator, Jenny Clark at 778-997-7955 and she will add you to the gardening What's App group. Thank you!

School Traffic

Parents are reminded that speed limits in and around all school zones in BC are limited to 30 km/hr.

Please use care and attention when driving your child to school by following these guidelines:

- Park in a designated spot only by following the parking signs; DO NOT park in the bus stop, staff parking areas, or on neighbouring streets marked with no parking signs.
 - This includes Marine Drive across from the bus stop and along the cement wall
 - Please note: there is No parking along Roseberry; this is reserved for residents only
- Utilize the drop off lane located at the front of the school near the office area; do not park in the drop off lane, parents are asked to pull forward drop or pick-up your child and continue moving through.
- Be cautious when dropping off children; check for incoming cars, teach children to be alert
- Drive one way along Marine Drive; NO U-turns

Thank you for helping to keep our school zone safe for everyone!

After School Programs

The following programs are in place for term 1 and registration is now open:

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! Please note: there is a minimum number of registrations required in order for this program to run.

Register Here Today: [Gleneagles 1-3 Multi-Sport, Fall 2024](#)

Artmania

Our Wild Impressions: 3D Animal Drawing & Painting Adventure class is perfect for kids who love animals and want to explore their artistic side. Guided by our enthusiastic Artmania instructor, children will discover how to draw and paint their favorite animals while developing their skills and boosting their confidence. Each student will leave with a sketchbook full of their creations, vibrant paintings, and a newfound ability to draw any animal they can imagine. Plus, they'll have the chance to paint outdoors using our fun plein air watercolor kits. It's an amazing opportunity for young artists to unleash their creativity and have a blast doing it!

Dates: Mondays, Sept 9 - Dec 16th, 2:35- 3:45 pm,

Grades K – 7

COST: \$324 + GST

12 classes (no class Sept 30, Oct 14, Nov 11)

Please register here: [ARTMANIA AT GEC](#) and see attached flyer below.

Artmania Club.pdf

Mixed Media Arts Studio with Tracey

Join Tracey for a fun art class where we will focus on a new project each week. Together we will have fun experimenting and exploring with new mediums and elements including art journaling, story book illustration & design, printmaking, felting, and much more! No previous art experience is required!

Dates: Thursdays, September 12 to December 12th (no classes on Oct. 24 and Oct. 31).

Cost is \$264.

Please see attached registration form for more information – forms can be emailed directly to Tracey or dropped off at the school office.

Mixed Media Arts Studio Term 1.pdf

LIONS BAY NEWS

Lions Bay PAC Events

Please join us for our **Welcome Back Beach Night!** All Lions Bay school families are welcome to join the PAC sponsored beach night this **Friday, Sept 13th at 5pm**. Pizza and snacks provided. Please RSVP to 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.

LB PAC Meeting

The first PAC meeting for this school year will be held on **Thursday, September 19th** and all parents are welcome to join us. This is a virtual meeting that will be held on Teams, please follow this link below:

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 271 543 178 943

Passcode: HDLe3w

Outdoor Learning

Exciting learning opportunities occur in our outdoor classroom at Lions Bay.



Cross Country Team

Grade 3 students are invited to join our Cross Country team for this school year. Practises will commence on September 12th and will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays during lunch recess with the first meet scheduled for **Tuesday, September 17th**. A detailed permission form will be sent home with all interested students, please contact Ms. Mendes if you have any questions nmendes@wvschools.ca.

There is a \$10 fee per student to cover costs associated with running our Elementary Athletics programs. Please look for this fee on your [School Cash Online](#) account and submit payment if your child will be participating in Cross Country – thank you!

Hot Lunch

Hot Lunches are back next week! This program features Pizza Day on Tuesdays, a rotating parent made lunch on Wednesdays, and Sushi Day on Thursdays. The Hot Lunch program is optional for all students but is a big fundraiser item for our school that enables teachers to purchase additional materials that may not otherwise be possible. Thank you for your support!

Ordering is now open! To order and pay for lunch, please go the following link: [LB Hot Lunch](#) Returning parents can login with an existing account and new parents should set up a new account by following the registration prompts. If you need any assistance, please contact Hilary as listed below.



We are looking for volunteers who would be able to pick up lunches on Tuesdays or Thursdays, - those interested in volunteering can sign up [here](#).

A big thank you to Hilary for organizing Hot Lunch for our kids!

Spirit Wear

We have a limited supply of t-shirts and hoodies available now – don't miss this chance to show your school spirit with some LB Spirit Wear! Orders can be placed now through the [Munch-a-Lunch](#) system.

Terry Fox Event

We will be hiking in the forest for our Terry Fox event on **Wednesday, September 18 at 9:00 am**. Please have your on-line Policy & Procedures forms filled out by Friday September 13th so that your child will be able to participate in this off-site activity. Any parents interested in volunteering for the event are asked to email Ms. Mendes at nmendes@wvschools.ca .

Please help us raise funds for Terry by donating through our school fundraising page here: [LB Terry Fox Fundraising Page](#)
Thank you for your support!



Meet the Teacher Event

All parents are invited to join us for our “Meet the Teacher” event coming up on **Tuesday, September 24th at 8:15 am**. Please mark your calendars; we look forward to seeing you there!

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 10 to 12	K Intake Conferences at GEC (pm)
Friday, September 13 th	Cops for Cancer Tour do Coast visit at GEC
Monday, September 16 th	First full day of school for all K students
Tuesday, September 17 th	Grade 6 Field trip to UBC Ropes Course First Cross Country Meet at Ambleside, 3:30 pm
Wednesday, September 18 th	Student Photo Day at GEC Terry Fox Run at LB, 9:00 am
Thursday, September 19 th	Grade 7 Field trip to UBC Ropes Course LB PAC Meeting, 6:00 pm
Friday, September 20 th	Professional Development Day (school not in session)
Monday, September 23 rd	Constable Yee visiting GEC
Tuesday, September 24 th	Meet the Staff event at Lions Bay, 8:15 am Cross Country Meet #2 at Ambleside, 3:30 pm
Wednesday, September 25 th	Welcome Back Open House at GEC, 5:00 pm
Thursday, September 26 th	Terry Fox Run at GEC, 1:00 pm
Friday, September 27 th	Orange Shirt Day recognized
Monday, September 30 th	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (school not in session)

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.

Opportunities at West Van. Rec Centre

Indigenous Arts & Culture Workshop [this fall](#).

Small Group Music Classes: [Ukulele, Acoustic Guitar and Singing Classes are starting in September](#).

Language Program for Various Ages: [Give yourself a gift of language skills in French, Spanish, Mandarin, Farsi, Korean, American Sign Language \(ASL\), Ukrainian and English as a Second/Third Language](#).

Click here for [PD Day Camps](#)

Browse all your recreation activities and programs here:

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

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