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ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ
Переведите это, пожалуйста.

September 19, 2024

Professional Development Day

A reminder that tomorrow **Friday, September 20th** is a Professional Development Day for staff at all West Vancouver schools and classes will not be in session. We wish all our families a wonderful long weekend and we look forward to seeing students back on Monday!

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 – now overdue, 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.

Orange Shirt Day

All students at both Gleneagles and Lions Bay schools are invited to **wear an orange shirt to school on Friday, September 27th** in recognition of **Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th**.

The orange shirt has become a symbol of hope, reconciliation, and a commitment to a better future. By wearing an orange shirt to school, we make a statement to support reconciliation and commit to the enduring truth that EVERY CHILD MATTERS. Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led commemorative day that honours the children who survived the residential schooling experience and remembers those who did not as well as their families. This day relates to the experience of Phyllis Webstad, a First Nation student, who arrived on her first day of school dressed in a new orange shirt which was taken from her. Please [read Phyllis' story here](#).



Classrooms will be engaging with recognizing Orange Shirt Day in various, age-appropriate ways. At Gleneagles students will also be exploring what "Every Child Matters" means and will be showing this by tying one orange ribbon per student to our fence along Marine Drive. Remember to have a look at our school Instagram and X feeds for photos and timely learning updates.

Take a Peek!

As we head back into a new school year, germs and lice are once again brought into our classrooms. We have had a couple of reported cases already. 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.

Interested in a parent education session focusing on awareness and prevention? Please take a moment to fill out this quick PAC survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WLRJ3T7>

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

GLENEAGLES NEWS

Staff Spotlight

Ms. Donahue is a familiar face for students and also many of our parents – you may see her outside during morning drop off and pick up times monitoring our traffic flow and ensuring that kids get to class safely. Ms. Donahue is an integral part of our staff team at Gleneagles, working in the school office to support Ms. Pistilli, checking daily attendance to ensure that all kids are safe and accounted for, manning the wild Gaga Ball games, and much more! She always goes through her day with a smile and embraces whatever task is thrown her way.

Please say hello if you see her around the school and thank you Ms. Donahue for everything you do!



Welcome Back Open House

Please join us on **Wednesday, September 25th for the GEC Welcome Back Open House** – all parents, students and siblings are invited to attend! This is a great opportunity to meet our staff, visit your child's classroom and see what has been happening so far at Gleneagles Ch'axá'y.

The schedule for our Open House will be as follows:

5:00 to 6:00 pm	Please join us in the gym for a light meal and connect with GEC families
6:00 to 6:30 pm	Parents and students are invited to visit classrooms

All of our classes have been involved in harvesting and preparing for our Open House meal. **Chef Lisa Kim of Olive & Anchor Restaurant** is making us some amazing soups again this year using the food the students have grown. In the three weeks leading up to the Open House, students have harvested kabocha squash, cherry tomatoes, apples, beans, garlic, dill, potatoes, leeks, sage, oregano, chives, nasturtiums, goldenrod, sunflower seeds, kale, chard, carrots, beets, mint, and flowers – Wow!

This year's harvest is the result of vegetables the classes started from seed in Spring 2024. Thank you to the **Engelbert, Da Lomba, Green, Stapleford, Brown, Trask, Vermiere, Snow, Lavallee, Lee, Clark, Clearwater, Olsen/ MacRae, Taylor, Brady and Oaten/Stanimir families** for keeping the gardens watered and growing all summer and thank you to the Gleneagles Ch'axá'y PAC for their financial support of the school garden program and for purchasing the ingredients we couldn't grow to create this meal.

Our meal will include:

- leek & potato soup with sour cream, roasted garlic, sundried tomato and olive oil drizzle
- roasted kabocha squash and coconut soup with pumpkin seeds (vegan & gluten free)
- sourdough or cranberry sourdough bread (with gluten free options)
- kale, carrot tops, beet greens and chard Caesar salad (vegetarian)
- assorted harvest plate (mixed veg.)
- potato, nasturtium and pickled bean salad (vegan & gluten free)

- mint water
- goldenrod flavoured iced tea

Families are asked to bring their own reusable bowl, spoon, fork and cup to sample these delicious items – a few compostable dishes will be available but please help us to reduce waste by bringing your own.

Extra soup will be available for sale after the event with proceeds being donated to the GEC PAC. Extra kabocha squash not used in our soup preparation will also be for sale by donation.

If you would like to help at this event or volunteer to help in the school garden program, please text garden coordinator, Jenny Clark at 778-997-7955. Thank you!

Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held on **Thursday, September 26th at 1:15 pm**. We are proud to continue the legacy of one of our greatest Canadian heroes and ask for your support as we will be collecting “Toonies for Terry” throughout the week beginning on Monday, September 23rd.

Please send a toonie or two to school with your child as students from Ms. Mac’s class will be visiting classrooms next week (Sept. 23 to 26) to speak about Terry and collect donations. All monies will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation to support the fight against cancer.



On Thursday, beginning at 1:15 pm, classes will assemble in the gym for a short presentation and then they will be walking/running around the school property as a group, accompanied by their classroom teacher. **All students are asked to wear red on this day to show their pride for our Canadian Hero!** Our run will happen regardless of the weather, so please dress accordingly! Parents are welcome to come out and watch as our students participate in this year’s run. Thank you for your support!

Hot Lunch Ordering Now Open!

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 is now open 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.

Grade 7 Hoodies

Our grade 7 students have chosen their design for this year's Class of 2025 hoodies and Ms. Philip has organized classroom fittings and orders through our supplier. **Grade 7 parents are reminded to complete the order form and submit payment through [School Cash Online](#) by Thursday, September 26th to ensure that your child receives a Grade 7 hoodie.** This is a firm deadline and late orders cannot be accepted.

The cost of each hoodie is \$40.00 and this will be the only opportunity to purchase a hoodie, so don't miss out! Purchasing a hoodie is optional, but we don't want any of our grade 7's to miss this opportunity if they are wanting to place an order. Thank you.

Gardening Volunteer Opportunity

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!

Cops For Cancer

Despite the impromptu rain, everyone enjoyed a quick visit last week by the Cops For Cancer Tour de Coast as they stopped by Gleneagles to visit with our kids at GEC. This group of cyclists rode onto our gravel field, greeted kids and spoke about their fundraising efforts to raise money for children who are battling cancer. This group is cycling a total of 800 km over a one-week period! Wow! A donation cheque of \$250 was presented to the Cops for Cancer fundraising efforts for the Canadian Cancer Society on behalf of our school.

If you would like to see some highlights from this visit, **please visit our IG page [@gleneagles_chaxay](#)** and don't forget to follow us for all special events and activities throughout the year!



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!

LIONS BAY NEWS

LB PAC Meeting

The first PAC meeting for this school year will be held **TONIGHT! (Thursday, September 19th)** and all Lions Bay 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

Please see the LB PAC Agenda for September 19th [here](#).

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

A big thank you to our school community who made a donation and supported our Terry Fox event. Our grade 3 leaders are pictured below along with the winner of our Terry Fox t-shirt, Graeme.



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!

Parent Teacher In-Take Conferences

Parents are asked to sign up for a Parent/Teacher conference time if you have not yet done so. Parent-teacher conferences will be held on **October 1st and 2nd** and will be held in person in your child's classroom. ***Please note that early dismissal is in effect on October 1st only at 12:15 pm.***

This is a formal reporting opportunity for parents/guardians to be involved in a one-on-one meeting with your child's classroom teacher; interview times are for parents and teachers only and we ask that students are not involved in this process in order to allow for effective and efficient interviews.

Please sign up through the links below:

[K/1 Intake Interviews for Tuesday, October 1, 2024](#)

[Grade 2-3 Intake Interviews for Tuesday, October 1, 2024](#)

[K1 Intake Interviews for Wednesday, October 2, 2024](#)

[Grade 2-3 Intake Interviews for Wednesday, October 2, 2024](#)

Photo Day

Our school photographer will be visiting LB on **Thursday, October 3rd** to take individual student photos. Photos will begin at 9:30 am – please mark your calendars.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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, 1:15 pm
Friday, September 27 th	Orange Shirt Day recognized
Monday, September 30 th	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (school not in session)
Tuesday, October 1 st	Physical Literacy assessments at GEC Parent/Teacher Conferences at LB, early dismissal at 12:15 pm
Wednesday, October 2 nd	Parent/Teacher Conferences at LB, (regular dismissal day) GEC PAC Meeting, 6:30 pm
Thursday, October 3 rd	Photo Day at LB, 9:30 am
Friday, October 4 th	World Teacher Day!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Memorial Library News

The WVML September/October e-newsletter for kids, families and educators is here! We have lots to offer after school, weekends and on School's Out days (including around the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – we're open September 30!) As usual, story times are all still drop-in (and we currently have French story time running on Saturdays!)

[West Van Schools Update September + October 2024 \(patronpoint.com\)](https://www.wvml.ca/2024/09/01/wvml-september-october-2024/)

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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