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SCHOOL

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
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**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

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INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE

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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.

September 6, 2024

A Message from Mrs. Evans

This week, the staff at Gleneagles Ch'axáy and Lions Bay Primary enjoyed welcoming students and families to the start of a new school year! A big welcome to our newest Kindergarten families. Thank you to our PAC executives who hosted Welcome Back Coffee mornings this week, and to all the families who attended. We are so excited to have you join our incredible school communities. Welcome!

As we begin to get settled into this year's classrooms, we are excited for the opportunities a new school year brings. Yesterday, students at Gleneagles were placed into classrooms for the year ahead. We understand that a new school year and class placements often bring big feelings; it's normal for students and families to experience a mix of excitement and apprehension.

We are here to support our students as they transition into their new classrooms and encourage open communication between families and our staff. Together, we can ensure a smooth and positive start to the year. Before the end of next week, you can expect to receive an email from your child's teacher, welcoming you both to the classroom.

Thank you for your continued partnership, and we look forward to a wonderful year ahead filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences for our students!

Mrs. Evans
Principal

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. This helps our staff save time as we account for all student absences. Thank you for your assistance.

[Gleneagles Bell Schedule](#) [Lions Bay Bell Schedule](#)



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 will be coming home next week with all students. Please follow the instructions on these forms and return to school promptly. Thank you.

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.

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.

GLENEAGLES NEWS

Staff Spotlight

Behind the scenes, we have an unsung hero at Gleneagles Ch'axá'y, Mr. Torres, our daytime custodian.

Over the summer, Mr. Torres worked so hard to prepare our school for our return – the floors were waxed, the walls were washed, and the classrooms cleaned – our building looks amazing! Thank you, Mr. Torres, for taking good care of our school, and for taking such pride in your work.



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!

Updates to GEC Spaces

Did you notice some upgrades to our school grounds over the summer? Not only did we get a new “friendship deck”, but the concrete stairs at the north end of the school were also replaced. Inside the school, we had two new view boards installed. If you haven’t seen them already, we look forward to showing you these improvements to our school!



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 will be held on Mondays and Thursdays during lunch recess. A detailed permission form will be sent home with all students who attend the informational meeting with Ms. Maledy and Ms. McIntyre on Monday, September 9th during morning recess. Please be sure to complete this form and return it to school promptly.

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!

Student Agendas

Students in Divisions 3 through 9 (grades 1 to 6) will receive 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.

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

It was terrific to see so many of our parents at our Welcome Back Tea on Thursday! Thank you to Jill and our LB PAC for hosting this event (and for the yummy donuts!). We hope to see many families at the upcoming Beach Night.

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.

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.

First Week of School

We welcomed our students back to school this past week with lots of fun activities including a paper airplane contest and some exploration time. We are looking forward to settling into a new school routine and a terrific year ahead!



Staffing Update

Welcome to Christie Okawara, our new EA at Lions Bay who has joined our staff for this school year. Miss Chrissy is a welcome addition and brings with her a wealth of experience from her time spent at Gleneagles the last few years. You will see Miss Chrissy working in our classrooms with students and also outside during recess breaks. Welcome!

Additional staffing changes at Lions Bay include Ms. Dykstra, our new school Counsellor, Ms. Fourness our new ELL teacher, and Mr. Masabio our new evening custodian on site.

We look forward to working with all of our new staff members and feel very fortunate to have such an amazing staff team!

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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

The LB Hot Lunch program will be starting the week of September 16th! This program features Pizza Day on Tuesdays, a rotating parent made lunch on Wednesdays, and Sushi Day on Thursdays.

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.

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!



We are looking for volunteers who would be able to either pick up lunches on Tuesdays or Thursdays, or who can help with the parent made hot lunches. Those interested in volunteering can get in touch with Hilary at hilary.monfared@gmail.com or 647-209-7722.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, September 9 th	Half day schedule begins for K students
Monday, September 9 th	K Intake Conferences at LB (pm)
September 10 to 12	K Intake Conferences at GEC (pm)
Friday, September 13 th	Cops for Cancer Tour 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)

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.