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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
아갓을 번역해 주십시오

CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG
Xin nhờ người dịch hộ

समूची सादरवाची
किरपार करतरे विनि वेळें विना या उद्देशा अदरवारत ।
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.

October 17, 2024

Pro-D Day

A reminder that **Friday, October 25th** is a Professional Development Day across British Columbia and all West Vancouver Schools will be closed as our staff attend pro-d workshops. Thank you.

It's Almost Halloween!

As Halloween gets closer, we want to send out some reminders for parents regarding student costumes. All students are welcome to come to school in costume on **Thursday, October 31st**, keeping the guidelines below in mind.

Please adhere to the following guidelines around costumes:

- Students should arrive at school in costume; no changing should be required
- Students should be comfortable in their costume choice and not restricted by their clothing. Clothing should not interfere with student learning.
- NO accessories of any kind are permitted (no wands, swords, weapons or other handheld items)
- Makeup must be kept to a minimum; consider a 'paired down' version of your child's costume
- NO costume masks are permitted, children's faces should be visible
- Costumes should be school appropriate for K to 7; and should be culturally respectful



Classrooms will be hosting a variety of activities related to Halloween:

- **At Gleneagles**, our primary classes will continue with their tradition of parading; they will wind through our Intermediate classrooms and then out via the friendship deck, around the gravel field. If it's raining,

we'll stick to the undercover areas. Parents are welcome to come out and watch the ghouls as they walk by!

- **At Lions Bay**, students will parade shortly after drop-off at 8:45 am. Parents are welcome to stay and watch – the parade will head along the road that leads to the staff parking lot. In case of heavy rain, the parade will head up to the gym. Halloween craft and game stations will be held between recess and lunch, **please email Ms. Mendes if you would like to volunteer to lead a station along with a Grade 3 student.**
- **Parents are reminded that videos and photos are permitted but are asked to not post publicly online.**
- Please check in with your child's classroom teacher if you are unsure of costumes. We are looking forward to a fun-filled day!

Following Halloween, we ask families to use discretion in sending candy to school. We encourage students to bring a healthy snack and nutritious lunch each day. Candy should be enjoyed at home; a reminder that no sharing of treats or food is permitted amongst students. Thank you for following this effort to enjoy our Halloween treats in moderation and prepare our students in the best way possible for learning at school.

2025/26 Admissions

If you have a child born in the year 2020 they are eligible to start Kindergarten in September 2025. Registration for all Kindergarten students and Grades 1 to 12 in-catchment students opened this past **Tuesday, October 15th, 2024 at 8:00am.** Register early in order to secure placement for your child. Please read the information regarding new documentation procedures carefully before starting the application process.

Families currently attending Gleneagles and Lions Bay schools do not need to re-apply for entry in September 2025 unless you are wanting to transfer to a different school within the district. Current students transferring from grade 3 at Lions Bay and Grade 7 students transferring to Rockridge do not need to apply online as a transfer form will be provided to you in the coming months. Students wanting to move to a school other than their feeder school (Gleneagles or Rockridge) will need to submit an online application form according to the timelines listed on the WV Schools website: [West Vancouver Schools Admission Timelines](#) for more details.

Registration for out of catchment applications will open on **Wednesday, January 15th, 2025.** If you have any questions regarding admissions, please contact Ms. Pistilli at the school office.

GLENEAGLES NEWS

Spirit Day

Tomorrow is **Onesie Day** at Gleneagles! Everyone is invited to show their school spirit and come to school wearing their favorite onesie, PJs, or Spirit Wear gear. Let's get comfy!

GEC Scares Hunger

Recent studies indicate that a staggering 17% of British Columbians face food insecurity. To do our part to help others in need, Mrs. Staples' Division 2 class is hosting the annual **GEC Scares Hunger Campaign which will run from Monday, October 21st to Friday, November 1st.**

This campaign will support the [Harvest Project](#) and all food items collected will be donated directly to their efforts to restock their shelves and help families in need this winter.



Please send non-perishable food items to school with your child between October 21 and November 1st – collection boxes will be available in each classroom.

Suggested items are: peanut butter & spreads, canned fruit, granola bars, cookies, crackers, coffee, flour, sugar, salt, oil, vinegar, pasta, rice, canned tuna, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo and other toiletries.

Thank you for your support to help us SCARE HUNGER!

Spirit Wear – place your orders now!

This is your chance to order some school swag! Thank you to our GEC PAC who has organized our Spirit Wear sale and have added some NEW items this year. Not only can you buy school t-shirts and hoodies, but also long sleeve T's, golf shirts, hats, pants, and toques! This sale will **only be available until Monday, October 28th**, so place your orders now.

Please follow this link to order your items: [GEC Spirit Wear](#)



Fall Fair – Volunteers Needed

Get your tickets now for the Fall Fair! The GEC PAC is hosting a Fall Fair after school in the gym - come enjoy the pumpkin patch, carnival games, face painting, cake walk, and more!

Tickets are \$25 per child, and include a pumpkin, hot dog, popcorn, and cotton candy. Additional food will be available for purchase. Please note that entry tickets must be pre-purchased through [Munch-a-lunch](#).

If you don't have a Munch-a-lunch account, and would like to buy a ticket, please email gecpacchair@gmail.com.

Our GEC PAC will be holding a Cake Walk at this event and are looking for volunteers to donate cakes, along with many other volunteers to help run the events. **If you are interested, please sign up here:**

Fall Fair Volunteers

Don't forget to bring some loonies and toonies to the Fair to purchase additional food and/or cakes!

A poster for a Fall Fair. The top half features a grid of orange jack-o'-lanterns with smiling faces. In the center of the grid is a circular logo with a stylized eagle head. Below the grid, the text "Gleneagles Ch'axáy PAC" is written in a cursive font. Underneath that, "FALL FAIR" is written in large, bold, orange capital letters. Below "FALL FAIR", it says "PUMPKIN PATCH • CARNIVAL GAMES • FOOD" in green capital letters. The date and time are listed as "Thursday October 24" and "2:30pm - 4:30pm" in orange, with "School Gym" below that. A green box at the bottom contains the text "KIDS \$25* ADULTS FREE" in white. At the very bottom, in small green text, it says "*tickets must be pre-purchased on [Munchalunch.com](#) includes one pumpkin + hotdog + popcorn + cotton candy".

GEC PAC Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended last week's PAC meeting on October 2nd. Please follow this link to see the meeting minutes: [PAC Meeting Minutes Oct. 2](#)

The next GEC PAC meeting will be held on November 20th at 6:30 pm. Please join us!

Student Learning Opportunities

On the upcoming **Pro-D Day of November 12th**, our GEC PAC has organized some student courses which will be taught by qualified instructors from Sea 2 Sky Safety Training. Both courses will run from 8:35 to 2:35 pm.

Registration is now open through [Munch-A-Lunch](#):

Babysitting Course	Suitable for kids aged 11 to 13. Students will learn babysitting skills, safe environment awareness and how to deal with different situations when left with a small child. Cost is \$75
Stay Safe Course	This is a basic first aid course designed for kids 9 to 13 years old. Kids will learn about being safe when they are without the direct supervision of a parent, along with first aid and awareness skills. Cost is \$60

Seismic Upgrades Overpass – Traffic Update

Phase 1 of the seismic retrofit improvements, being performed on the south side the Marine Drive Underpass (above Highway 1/BC Ferries), are nearly complete. Phase 2 will commence immediately afterward on the north side of the structure. The same traffic arrangement and detour conditions as outlined above will remain but be flipped onto the south side of the bridge deck (this would include all vehicle, pedestrian, and cyclist traffic). The contractor is currently targeting the end of October to switch over to Phase 2.

TYPING PAL

What is it? Typing Pal School Edition is a web-based application that encourages keyboarding practice for students, from beginner to intermediate and is available to all students from Kindergarten to Grade 9.

Students should go to the unique Gleneagles URL: [Typing Pal](#) and choose "Log in with Google." If students have more than one Google account, they will be asked to choose their account - they should choose the school one.

When students first log in they are prompted to take a diagnostic type of test that will give the program an idea of where to start them. From there, the program will cater to each students' speed/ability.

Happy typing!

Halloween

Please see information above regarding Halloween costume guidelines, parade, and volunteers for game stations. Thank you for helping out!

Upcoming Activities

West Vancouver Little League (WVLL) will be visiting our school on **October 22nd**. They will be providing an introduction to baseball throwing with a professional coach. This is a great chance for our students to learn from Coach Antonio Paolini and get excited about the sport of baseball.

Next week we look forward to a visit from the **West Vancouver Art Museum** with Isaac Vanderhorst. On **October 23rd**, our students will have the opportunity to participate in an art activity where they will examine old technologies from our community's past and explore how things have changed over time.

On **Thursday, October 24th** at 2:45 p.m., we will be hosting a **small market garden**. Please be sure to bring your toonies and loonies if you would like to make a purchase. Grade 3 students are encouraged to stay for 10 minutes after school to help lead this initiative. **If any parents are able to volunteer to help with the harvesting, please let Ms. Mendes know.** Thank you!

Cooking at School

Thank you to Danielle for leading another cooking session in which students made corn bread and delicious soup with vegetables harvested from our school garden.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, October 17 th	Shake Out BC Earthquake Drill – postponed to Friday Oct 18
October 21 to 31	GEC Scares Hunger Food Drive
Tuesday, October 22 nd	Baseball in-service at LB Volleyball game #1 – GEC has a bye (no games)

Wednesday, October 23 rd	WV Museum visit with Isaac at LB
Thursday, October 24 th	GEC Fall Fair in the gym
Friday, October 25th	Pro-D Day (school not in session)
Monday, October 28 th	Photo Retakes at LB
Tuesday, October 29 th	Volleyball game #2 vs. Cedardale
Thursday, October 31 st	Halloween!
Friday, November 1 st	Photo Retakes at GEC Buddy class movie in the gym, Divs. 8 & 2, 10:30 am

COMMUNITY NEWS

We are changing how we share community news and events. Starting now, individual "Community Connections" will no longer be included in our school bulletins. Instead, all local programs, events, and resources will be found in one convenient location, accessible through a [single link](#) that we'll update and share with you each week.

All school-specific information will continue to be featured in our regular ebulletin

West Van Football Club

Let us know you are coming by using the QR Code

COME TO WEST VAN FC'S OPEN HOUSE

West Vancouver Elementary Students, Parents and Educators are Welcome!

FRIDAY, OCT. 25 | 3:45-4:45 PM
AMBLESIDE PARK-SOCCER FIELD D
(RAIN OR SHINE)





Students will be invited to play in some fun warm-up games and mini World Cup with WVFC Staff coaches.

YOUTH & VAPING: Parent Education Session

Youth & Vaping

Information, Considerations & Impacts

45 minute presentation & Q&A about:
youth vaping rates, products, industry influence, health impacts, addiction, prevention and local support.

Did you know?

60% of BC youth who have vaped tried their first vape between the ages of 12-14.

Keynote Speakers

Lindsay MacDonald and **Lauren Wilkinson**, VCH, have extensive knowledge surrounding the world of youth and vaping.

Nicole Kennedy, Foundry North Shore, will provide information on Foundry Services for youth and families.

Join Us

Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00pm
Rockridge Secondary School
Players Hall

This free parenting education talk is brought to you by:



Pumpkins for Polio fundraiser at Rockridge

The poster features a large central pumpkin with the text "PUMPKINS FOR POLIO" written across it. Above the pumpkin is the Interact Club logo. To the left, a red balloon says "\$7 PER PUMPKIN". To the right, another red balloon says "OCTOBER 19, 2024". Below the main pumpkin, two smaller pumpkins with faces are shown. Text at the bottom reads: "COME BY ROCKRIDGE TO BUY SOME PUMPKINS! LOCATED 5350 HEADLAND DR 10AM-2PM".