

October 3, 2024

## **World Teacher Day**

Tomorrow, **Friday, October 4**<sup>th</sup> marks World Teacher Day and we celebrate all teachers who make a difference in children's lives every day. Thank you to all of the dedicated, passionate, hard-

working teachers at Gleneagles and Lions Bay. Your impact goes far beyond the classroom, shaping the future and inspiring young minds every day. Thank you, we appreciate you!

Thank you to the GEC PAC for recognizing our teachers with special treats and baked goods.



## **Upcoming Parent Information Session**

Please join us on the evening of October 10<sup>th</sup> for an informational session with the <u>Greater Vancouver Lice</u> <u>Clinic</u>. Learn expert tips on how to identify, treat, and prevent lice from spreading. This is a good opportunity for parents to learn and better understand this topic and we thank the GEC PAC for organizing this session.

This event is happening Thursday, October 10th from 7-8:30pm via Google Meet (meeting link to follow).



### **Cross Country**

Congratulations to all of the athletes from Gleneagles Ch'a<u>x</u>áý and Lions Bay who participated in Cross Country this year. We are so proud of the dedication we saw from all of our team members. We were lucky to have 3 beautiful afternoons of running at Ambleside Field and noticed improvement in our runners each week. We had some very strong Top 10 finishes and personal bests!

A big thank you to our coaches: Ms. McIntyre and Ms. Maledy (GEC), and Ms. Southam (LB). Thank you as well to all of the parent and staff volunteers who help make our meets so successful!



## **Breakfast Basket**

A reminder for families that our Breakfast "Grab, Go and Grow" Baskets continue to be available at both Gleneagles and Lions Bay for any students who are feeling hungry upon arrival at school. 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. The breakfast baskets continue to be a BIG hit!

If you don't want your child taking food from this basket, please speak with them at home about this. If you have any questions or concerns, please let Mrs. Evans know.

# **GLENEAGLES NEWS**

#### **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent-Teacher Interviews are scheduled for **October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>** and families are asked to make an appointment through our <u>online scheduling system</u>. *Please note that early dismissal at Gleneagles is in effect on these days at 12:05 pm and the Lions Bay bus will be departing GEC at approximately 12:15 pm.* 

All appointments will be held in-person in your child's classroom. If you are unable to attend one of these scheduled times, please contact your classroom teacher directly to make alternate arrangements. This is a formal reporting opportunity for parents to be involved in a one-on-one meeting with your child's classroom teacher; interview times are for <u>parents and teachers only</u> and we ask that students are not involved in this process in order to allow for effective and efficient interviews given the limited timeframe.



Please follow this link to schedule your appointment: <u>https://gleneagles.schoolappointments.com/admin/</u>. An instruction sheet to assist you with this process can be found <u>here</u>. If you are having difficulty, please contact Ms. Pistilli in the school office.

### Volleyball

All grade 7 students are invited to join one of our volleyball teams for the upcoming season which will commence on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. All practices will be held during lunch recess times with games scheduled on Tuesdays after school. If your child would like to join a team, an informational meeting will be held at school this week. Our coaches for this year's teams are as follows: Mrs. Foster (boys' team) and Mrs. Hood and Ms. Zandvliet (girls' team).



Detailed permission forms will be sent home with students who express an interest in participating in this year's season. Please note that there is a \$10.00 Athletics fee for students who are participating in volleyball. If your child is not participating in volleyball, please disregard this fee. Best of luck to our teams!

## **Big Appetites!**

Being at school all day is hard work, and students really work up an appetite! We have several students who come to the office each day looking for additional food. While we always have additional food at the office, we also want to acknowledge the healthy lunches that families pack from home. Please check in with your child to see if more food needs to be packed. If support is required with food, please email Mrs. Evans, in confidence, at revans@wvschools.ca to arrange for support.

## LIONS BAY NEWS

#### **Orange Shirt Day**

On Orange Shirt Day, Lions Bay students gathered together to honour our National Day of Truth and Reconciliation by listening to stories and explore the concept that "Every Child Matters." Students wore orange shirts to honour residential school survivors. Students listened to the story "My Heart Fills With Happiness" by Monique Gray Smith to explore the importance of family to each child. Lions Bay students learned about Phyllis Webstad (the founder of Orange Shirt Day and residential school survivor) and then worked with a buddy to create an orange felt heart pin to give to a loved one.



#### **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 <u>Munch-a-Lunch</u> system.

#### **School Fees**

Parents are asked to please check their School Cash Online account and submit payment for the following items as soon as possible, thank you!

Student agenda, grades 1 to 3	\$12.00
Mathology workbook, gr. 3 only	\$10.00
Communication Pouch, K only	\$8.00

#### **LB PAC Meeting Minutes**

To see minutes from the last PAC meeting, please visit the Lions Bay School website under the PAC/PAC Resources tab here: <u>September Minutes</u>

### Move & Pizza Night Fundraiser

Our PAC has organized a fun fundraiser event on **Thursday, October 17**<sup>th</sup> **from 5:30 to 7:30 pm**. Tickets are as follows (per person):

Movie, popcorn and 2 slices of pizza - \$10.00 Movie and popcorn only - \$5.00 Extra slice of pizza - \$5.00

Please RSVP and e-transfer to <u>lionsbaypac45@gmail.com</u>.

Don't forget to bring your own water bottle, pillow and blanket. Hope to see you there!



### **Upcoming Activities**

Please note – new date for photo day – October 11.

West Vancouver Little League Workshops will be held on **October 22** and students will have an introduction to baseball throwing sessions with professional coach Antonio Paolini.

Isaac Vanderhorst (Education Coordinator) from the West Vancouver Art Museum will visit Lions Bay School on **October 23**. Students will examine old technologies from the communities past e.g., typewriter, camera, chamber pot, stereoscope (view master) and much more.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Friday, October 4 <sup>th</sup>	World Teacher Day!	
October 8 & 9	Parent/Teacher Interviews at GEC, early dismissal at 12:05 pm	
Thursday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Info Session about Lice, 7-8:30pm via Google Meet	
Friday, October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Student Photo Day at LB	
Monday, October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Holiday (school not in session)	
Thursday, October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Shake Out BC Earthquake Drill	
October 21 to 31	GEC Scares Hunger Food Drive	
Tuesday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Baseball in-service at LB	
	Volleyball game #1 – GEC has a bye (no games)	
Wednesday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	WV Museum visit with Isaac at LB	
Thursday, October 24 <sup>th</sup>	GEC Fall Fair in the gym	
Friday, October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pro-D Day (school not in session)	
Monday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Photo Retakes at LB	
Tuesday, October 29 <sup>th</sup>	Volleyball game #2 vs. Cedardale	

# **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)

**Opportunities at West Van. Rec Centre** Indigenous Arts & Culture Workshop <u>this fall</u>.

Small Group Music Classes: Ukulele, Acoustic Guitar and Singing Classes are starting in September.

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

Click here for <u>PD Day Camps</u>

Browse all your recreation activities and programs here: https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities

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