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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

ਇਹਦਾ ਬਾਰੇ ਖਿੱਚੋਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਦਾ ਉੱਲਥਾ ਬਦਵਾਰੋ।

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.

December 12, 2024

Term 1 Learning Updates

Term 1 Learning Updates were published for all students at Gleneagles and Lions Bay schools last **Friday, December 6th**. If you are unable to access your MyED BC Family Portal account, please contact Ms. Pistilli mapistilli@wvschools.ca for assistance. If you have any questions regarding your child's report, please contact your classroom teacher directly. Thank you.

West Vancouver Schools Registration Opens January 15th, 2025

K-12 registration for both in-district and out-of-district students opens on January 15! If you have students in your family or network who are looking to join our district, please help spread the word about this important date.

West Vancouver Schools offer a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community that values excellence in education. Our schools take pride in creating meaningful learning experiences and providing opportunities that support the growth, well-being, and success of every student. To learn more about registration expectations and processes, please visit our admissions page: [West Vancouver Schools Admissions](#)

We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our vibrant and supportive school community!

Personal Digital Device Expectations

As we reflect on the first four months of the school year, we're proud to recognize the progress we've made together in implementing our Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations. Thanks to the collective efforts of our students, families, and staff, we've seen a significant improvement in how digital devices are used in our schools. This has fostered more focused and engaged learning environments, aligning with our shared goal of

supporting student success. This success would not have been possible without everyone’s ongoing support and commitment. While we celebrate these strides, it’s important that we remain consistent in maintaining these expectations and continue to remind and support students to ensure this positive momentum is sustained.

Why We’re Doing This

The purpose of these expectations is to minimize distractions and maximize learning opportunities. Digital devices, when used appropriately, are powerful tools for collaboration, creativity, and communication. However, ensuring they don’t interrupt instructional time or disrupt the learning environment remains a priority.

What You Can Continue to Do

Here are some ways families can help reinforce these expectations at home:

- 1. **Celebrate Progress** -Acknowledge your child’s efforts in adhering to the guidelines and discuss how this has positively impacted their focus and learning.
- 2. **Reinforce Healthy Habits** - Continue encouraging a balanced approach to device use at home by promoting activities like reading, outdoor play, and family time.
- 3. **Model Consistency** - Show your support by modeling mindful device use when on the school grounds or in the school building AND during shared family time.
- 4. **Support School Communication** - Please avoid contacting your child during instructional time, this includes communication through phones and smartwatches. Remind them that non-urgent messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.
- 5. **Stay Engaged** - Revisit the Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices to refresh your understanding of the expectations and discuss them with your child.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support in making this initiative a success.

GLENEAGLES NEWS

December Spirit Days

December is here and Gleneagles is getting festive! In addition to our Red & Green day last Friday, we have two more themed Spirit Days coming up, please see details below. Show us your Holiday Spirit GEC!



Friday, December 13th	Holiday Hats & Ugly Sweater Day
Friday, December 20th	Holiday PJ’s Day

*Reminder – there will be an early dismissal at 12:05pm on Fri. Dec 20th. Bus service to Lions Bay will be available at 12:15pm.

Hot Lunch for Term 2

Hot Lunch is open for orders! Lunches for next term will be delivered from **January 7th through to March 14th**. **The Munch-a-Lunch system is now open and will close when we leave for the winter break on December 20th at 12 noon**. No more orders will be accepted after this date until we open again for a brief change window

period in mid-January. We know this is a busy time of year so please remember to get your orders in now while you have the chance and then sit back and enjoy your time off from school! This is the biggest fundraiser for our school and the PAC appreciates all your support. Cheers!

NEW parents register here:

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/Gleneagles>

RETURNING parents login here:

<https://munchalunch.com/login>

If you require assistance with the Hot Lunch system, please contact our coordinator at

gechotlunch@gmail.com.

Winter Concert – Monday, December 9th

Thank you to everyone who attended our winter concerts on Monday, and a big thank you especially to our music teachers Mrs. Fulton and Ms. Inkster for their guidance and expertise in leading our choirs, band and classes in their performances. Our students did a wonderful job of spreading some holiday cheer and entertaining our audience! Well done GEC!



Join Us at the Movies!

Our GEC PAC has organized a private movie showing at Cineplex Park Royal! Celebrate the end of Term 1 and join GEC friends and families on **Friday, December 20th** to watch Sonic 3 on Opening Day!

The movie will be showing from 2:30 to 4:25 pm, at Cineplex Park Royal!

Purchase your tickets through [Munch-A-Lunch](#). If you do not have a Munch-A-Lunch account, please email Emily at gecpacchair@gmail.com to arrange for tickets.

Basketball

Our basketball season will commence in January and all grade 7 students are welcome to join! Games will be held on Tuesdays after school and a tournament will be held at the end of February at WVSS. The boys' team will be coached by Mrs. Evans and the girls' team by GEC parent Lisa Fairburn and Mrs. Staples.

Detailed permission forms with practise schedules will be sent home in January with all interested students. Go Gleneagles!

Creative Arts & Crafts with Tracey (after school program)


Join Tracey for a fun art class where kids will focus on a new project each week. Students will have fun experimenting and exploring with new mediums and elements including art journaling, storybook illustration & design, printmaking, painting techniques, felting, weaving, sewing, sculpture, and stop motion animation. No previous art experience is required! This program is open to all students in grades 1 to 7 and will run on Thursdays after school from **January 9th to May 13th**.

For more information and to register, please visit this link: [Creative Arts & Crafts With Tracey](#)

Artmania After School Class

Do you like art? Join this class on Mondays after school and learn about Story Book creations, folk tales and cultures. This class is open to students in Kindergarten through to Grade 7 and will be held in the Flex Room (room 209).

Please register here: [GEC Artmania Class](#)



artmania

STORYBOOK CREATIONS: AN ART JOURNEY THROUGH FOLK TALES & CULTURES

Embark on a creative 8-week journey through Folktales and Folk Art, designed for young artists! In this engaging class, students will explore traditional folk tales from around the world and create art inspired by these stories. Each week, they'll dive into projects such as colorful Carp Streamers from Japan, Inuit multi media paintings, Russian nesting dolls, and more.

Through storytelling and hands-on activities, students will develop artistic techniques, enhance their fine motor skills, and gain an appreciation for diverse cultures and art forms.

Mondays, January 6 - March 10th, 2:35- 3:45pm, n/c Jan 27, Feb 17
Gleneagles Ages K - 7. COST \$216 [CLICK TO REGISTER](#)

LIONS BAY NEWS

Winter Concert

Tickets for our winter concert “**How the Penguins Saved Christmas**” are now available through [School Cash Online](#). Tickets are \$5.00 each and all parents and family members are welcome to attend.

Our concert is scheduled for **December 17th at 5:30 pm**. Thank you to the Lions Bay PAC for organizing a pizza dinner before the event beginning at 5:00 pm. Pizza is available for purchase (\$2.50/slice); funds should be e-transferred to: lionsbaypac45@gmail.com.

Students are asked to be at school no later than 5:15 pm so they can get ready for the performance.

Costume Guidelines for Students

Students in K/1 are asked to wear a long-sleeved brown shirt and dark bottoms for their reindeer costume.

Students in 2/3 are asked to wear a long-sleeved black shirt and dark bottoms (preferably black) for their penguin costume.

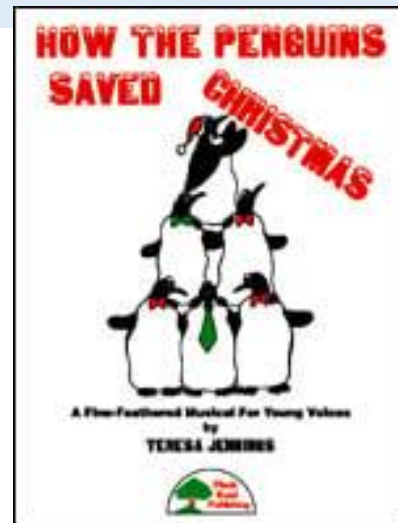
Students are encouraged to wear dark socks instead of slippers on the concert night – thank you!

Our grade 3 students will be collecting non-perishable food donations before our winter concert in support of a local charity. Please help support this by brining in some food items and helping those in need this Holiday Season. Thank you!

Science Made Fun Workshops

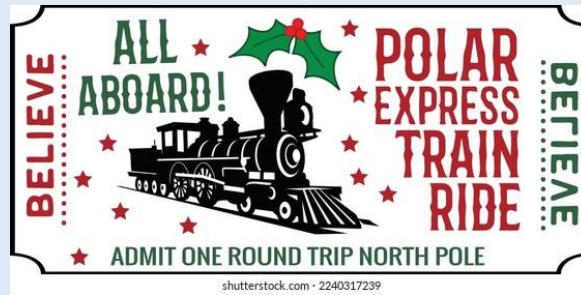
We are grateful to the PAC for supporting our Science Workshops this past week. Our K/1 class participated in the *Newton in a Nutshell*® program, exploring force and motion through hands-on activities. They learned about push and pull forces, gravity, friction, speed, and distance while sharing observations and engaging in discussions.

Our 2/3 class participated in the Erosion workshop, learning how water, wind and ice shape landforms and the differences between weathering, erosion, and deposition, enhancing the Grade 3 Earth Science studies.



Polar Express

On the last day of school prior to our winter break, **Friday, December 20th**, Lions Bay students will be reenacting the *Polar Express*! Students are invited to wear their pajamas to school, enjoy some hot chocolate and decorate cookies on this day. Don't forget that we have an early dismissal scheduled on this day at 12:15 pm.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, December 13 th	Holiday Hats & Ugly Sweaters Day at GEC!
Tuesday, December 17 th	Pizza dinner (5:00 pm) & Winter Concert at LB, 5:30 pm
Friday, December 20 th	Holiday PJ Day at GEC! Polar Express PJ Day at LB! <i>Last day of school before winter break with early dismissal at 12:05 pm (GEC) and 12:15 pm (LB)</i>
Dec. 23 to Jan. 3 rd	Winter Break
Monday, January 6 th	School re-opens & classes back in session

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please visit our [District Community Connections page](#) to see upcoming community news and events.

PJ Support

Last Thursday École Pauline Johnson suffered a kitchen fire incident that has caused a shift in their holiday plans for their annual Santa's Workshop event. The school gym and kitchen are currently out of commission for the time being, which means that they are not able to hold this big event there this year. Unfortunately, there was a sizable amount of donations that got damaged during the incident, and from a health and safety perspective, they are not able to have our children use these items as part of the Santa's Workshop. With all the challenges facing this event, a group of strong-willed parents were determined to save Christmas for all

and have devised an alternative plan to still keep the Santa's Workshop tradition alive at PJ this year. It's truly a Christmas miracle in the making, but to ensure its success, we are asking for any possible community help.

Starting from now until December 17, PJ is asking for help with this miracle by increasing any/all donations. They need anywhere between 400-500 more items minimum to even be able to run this event successfully. If you have items in your home (gently used) that you could drop off at PJ, please place your donations at the front office of the school at any time. Please no books, clothing or any baby items accepted as the children don't typically select these items as gifts for their family.

We thank our PJ community, school, and parents for supporting our students and keeping our traditions strong. #PJPROUD. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and may the holiday times bless you all with cheer and happiness.

Your PJ PAC Team

Join Us at Rockridge!

#FlockToTheRock

WELCOME TO THE ROCK

FLOCK TO THE ROCK

FRIDAY JANUARY 10

WELCOME ASSEMBLY @ 1:30 PM | GAME 2:00 PM

SUTHERLAND SABRES VS ROCKRIDGE RAVENS

AT ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY