



Gleneagles



Ch'axáy  
ELEMENTARY



LIONS BAY  
SCHOOL

## GLENEAGLES CH'AXÁY & LIONS BAY E-BULLETIN

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED**

**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

**सुबुवी साउवारी**  
पिठुवुव वतरे विनि वेडें विनि दुरा विडेंव वतवववुव ।

**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 19, 2024

### A Message from Mrs. Evans

As we approach the holidays, I want to take a moment to wish you and your loved ones a safe, joyful, and restful break. This time of year is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the many things we are grateful for, and at the top of that list is our incredible school community.

Thank you for your partnership, support and trust in creating a nurturing and inspiring environment where your children can thrive. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated and caring PACs and parent volunteers work alongside us. Together, we've built a space where curiosity is encouraged, challenges are embraced, and success is celebrated.



On behalf of the entire staff of Gleneagles and Lions Bay schools, we wish you a season filled with love, laughter, and meaningful moments together. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new year; there's lots more exciting things to come!

### 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

### Hot Lunch for Term 2

**The Munch-a-Lunch system is now open and will close when we leave for the winter break on December 20<sup>th</sup> 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!

Place your orders here: [Gleneagles Hot Lunch](#)

If you require assistance with the Hot Lunch system, please contact our coordinator at [gechotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:gechotlunch@gmail.com).

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup>**.

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.

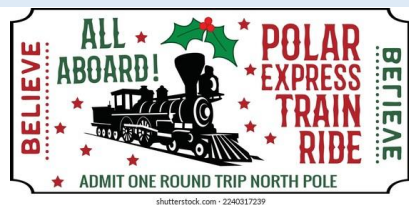
Through storytelling and hands-on activities, students will develop artistic techniques, enhance their fine motor skills, and gain an appreciation for diverse cultures and art forms.

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

### Polar Express

On the last day of school prior to our winter break, **Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**, 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.



### Winter Concert: Thank You's!

We are incredibly proud of our young performers who showcased their talents in our winter musical, "*How the Penguins Saved Christmas*." Our K-3 students worked diligently to learn the words and dance moves for five songs—a remarkable achievement for such young children! We were especially impressed by their ability to memorize both individual and group lines. Thank you for all your support at home in helping your child prepare.

A heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff for their hard work in making the concert a success. We also extend our gratitude to the parents who contributed to decorating the gym and assisting with makeup, costumes, and props. Your support made all the difference!

Special thanks go to our Lions Bay alumni, Ben and Kien, for expertly managing the lighting—it was truly a tremendous job! We are also grateful to Jill and Danielle who organized the pizza dinner before the concert. It was a wonderful way to build community and save parents some time.

Best wishes and Happy Holidays to all our Lions Bay families.



## Thank You for the Staff Christmas Lunch

A huge thank-you to the PAC (and all parents) for providing a delicious Christmas lunch for the staff on Thursday. We deeply appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness—it's such a pleasure to work with such a caring community.



## Capoeira Workshop Series in January

In January, all students will participate in a capoeira workshop each Wednesday morning led by Elieverson F. Silva. We encourage students to wear white pants and a white shirt if possible. If your child doesn't have white pants, light-colored pants are a great alternative. We also have white shirts available for students – please inform the office if your child needs one. Lightweight or flexible materials are recommended for comfort.

The series will conclude with a performance on **February 4<sup>th</sup>**, with an 8:30 am drop-off on this day.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, December 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holiday PJ Day at GEC!</b> <b>Polar Express PJ Day at LB!</b> <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 <sup>rd</sup>	Winter Break – all West Vancouver Schools closed!
Monday, January 6 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens & classes back in session
Wednesday, January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Capoeira workshops at LB, 10:40 to 12:00 pm Rockridge Athletics visit with Grade 7's, 1:15 pm
Friday, January 10 <sup>th</sup>	Coding workshop for Div. 4, 11:00 am Grade 7's visit Rockridge for "Flock to the Rock" event, 1:00 pm
Wednesday, January 15 <sup>th</sup>	Black Excellence Day Capoeira workshops at LB, 10:40 to 12:00 pm GEC PAC Meeting, 6:30 pm
Thursday, January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Field hockey workshops, K to grade 5 at GEC LB PAC Meeting, 6:00 pm

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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



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

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AT ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY

