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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

어것을 번역해 주십시오

CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG

Xin nhờ người dịch hộ

सबुची साडवारी

पिऊन वडवे विनि केडें विन दऱा उडेंनऱ वडवऱर ।

**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.**

January 16, 2025

West Vancouver Schools Registration opened January 15th, 2025

K-12 registration for both in-district and out-of-district students opened 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 for the New Year

As we begin a new term, we'd like to remind students and families of our **Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations**, which have been key to fostering focused and engaging learning environments.

Students are expected to use personal digital devices only with the explicit permission of a teacher or administrator, ensuring their use is intentional and supports learning.

Families can continue to support this by:

- Encouraging balanced screen time at home.
- Avoiding calls or texts to students during school hours.
- Modeling mindful device use when on school property and at home.

Let's keep building on the success of this initiative and continue supporting safe, focused learning for all!

GLENEAGLES NEWS

Traffic Awareness

Earlier this week, representatives from ICBC and the West Vancouver Police were on site to help monitor morning traffic and educate students and families about road safety and the importance of respecting driving regulations in and around school zones. Don't forget that roads around GEC are in a 30 km/hr school zone – please help us ensure students are getting to and from school safely each day.



In addition to following posted speed limits, families are reminded to:

- respect designated drop-off and pick-up areas and have your child exit and enter the vehicle on the side of the car closest to the sidewalk – please don't drop off in the bus zone
- refrain from attempting U-turns or three-point turns – these are dangerous maneuvers that can confuse other drivers and pedestrians
- walk along sidewalks and use crosswalks; making eye contact with the driver is always a good measure

Help us keep all our Gleneagles students and families safe!

Hot Lunch for Term 2 – now open for orders!

If you missed the chance to place your order in December, the Munch-A-Lunch system is now open for new orders and edits of existing orders for a short period of time **between Thursday, January 16th and Tuesday, January 21st**. These updated orders will be served beginning January 28th.

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

Please remember to bring your own utensils as we request minimal packaging from vendors to cut back on waste and cannot provide utensils for students. As well, students are reminded to pack out hot lunch containers and packaging for recycling or disposal at home.

If you require assistance with the Hot Lunch system, please contact our coordinator at gechotlunch@gmail.com.

Student Lunches

We kindly remind you to ensure that your child is packed with a morning snack and a healthy lunch that includes a good amount of food. It's important for their health and energy throughout the school day.

We have noticed an increase in students coming to the office asking for lunch, either because they have forgotten it, are still hungry after eating, or would like hot lunches if there are extras available at the office. If you are interested in ordering hot lunch, please discuss it with your child and select something they would enjoy. The brief window for Term 2 orders is open until Tuesday January 21st! We encourage you to speak with your child about their lunch time eating habits and have them choose items they will enjoy eating at school.

A reminder that there is funding available should families require financial support. Please send an email, in confidence, to revans@wvschools.ca. All requests will be treated with sensitivity and compassion.

Grade 7 Basketball

Our first basketball game is scheduled for next week on **Tuesday, January 21st** and our teams have been busy practising their ball skills! This is a reminder for grade 7 parents, that **permission forms, jersey deposits and online payments are now due**. We look forward to a fun basketball season ahead!

Sea Dome

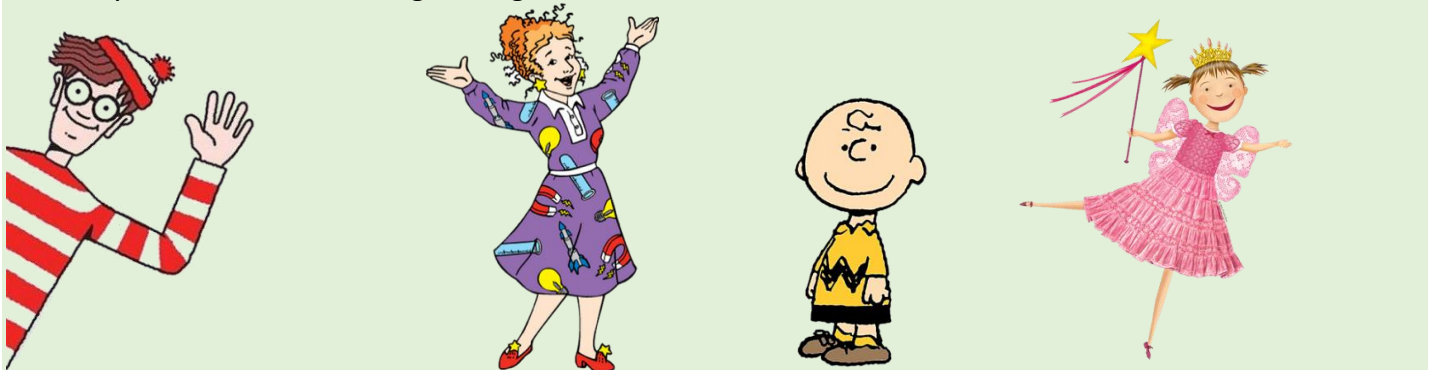
Our primary students (K to grade 3) will have an opportunity to visit the **Ocean Wise Sea Dome** and learn about our oceans, the challenges they are facing and to explore how we can protect them. An inflatable sea dome will be visiting our school gym along with other hands-on stations on **Thursday, January 23rd**.

This program is delivered by Ocean Wise, an organization that works to educate students on the impact of climate change, our ocean's critical role in regulating our climate and how we can take action to help protect and restore our oceans. Please visit ocean.org to read more information on this topic.



Literary Character Day

Bring your favorite book to life! On **Friday, January 31st**, Gleneagles Ch'axáy students and staff are invited to dress as a beloved character from literature. Whether you're stepping into the shoes of Harry Potter, Fancy Nancy, Curious George, or the Cat in the Hat, let your imagination run wild. Show off your 'school appropriate' creativity and celebrate the magic of a good book with us!



Body Science

Gleneagles will be hosting a parent info session “**Body Science Boot Camp**” on **Tuesday, February 4th at 6:30 pm**. This session will be held via Zoom and will be facilitated by Saleema Noon of Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators. Using humor and straight talk in an open, interactive environment, Saleema will show parents how easy it is to convey healthy, positive messages about sexual health to kids. *A meeting link and detailed information will be shared with parents closer to the meeting date. Please mark your calendars for this informative presentation.*

Student sessions will be held in person with Saleema on **February 5th and 6th**. Saleema works with children of all ages and is experienced in teaching them about healthy bodies and healthy sexuality in ways they find non-threatening and engaging. Children will learn in an age-appropriate environment how their bodies change and what those changes mean. More information about these sessions will be shared with parents soon.

**Saleema
Noon**
sexual health educators

LIONS BAY NEWS

Capoeira Workshop Series in January

Did you know that Capoeira, a dynamic blend of martial arts, dance and music, originated in Brazil among enslaved Africans as a tool for resistance and freedom? Disguised as a dance to avoid punishment, it combined combat techniques with cultural expression. Over time, capoeira evolved into a celebrated Brazilian tradition, featuring acrobatic movements, rhythmic music, and communal spirit. Today, it is practiced globally, symbolizing resilience, creativity, and heritage.

For the Capoeira performance, we encourage students to wear white pants and a white shirt. If your child doesn't have white pants, light-colored pants are a great alternative. We also have white shirts available for students, but please inform the office if your child needs one. We recommend lightweight or flexible materials for comfort during the performance. The series will conclude with a performance on **February 4th**, with an 8:30 am drop-off on this day.

Students are thoroughly enjoying the Capoeira workshop series.



LB PAC Meeting – TONIGHT!

The next PAC Meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 16th at 6:00 pm** via **Teams** and all parents are welcome to attend. Please see the PAC Meeting Agenda here: [Jan. 16 Agenda](#)

Microsoft Teams Link: [Join the meeting now](#)

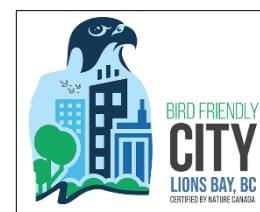
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Bird Friendly Workshop

On **Friday, January 17th** students will participate in a bird-friendly workshop with some members from the [Lions Bay Bird Friendly Society](#).

Did you know that Lions Bay is the first Small Town in Canada to be certified a Bird Friendly City? The village was awarded this designation in May of 2022 for their work in reducing threats to birds, protecting and restoring natural habitats and increasing climate resiliency. We are looking forward to learning more about the local bird community on this day!



Lockdown Drill

Lions Bay students and staff will conduct our annual lockdown drill on **Tuesday, January 28th** in collaboration with the Squamish RCMP and West Vancouver School District staff. A school lockdown is initiated when a potential threat is detected either within the school or outside of the school building. During the drill, students will be guided through the procedures to follow in the event of such an occurrence. Our staff will provide age-appropriate support to students before, during and after the drill to ensure they feel prepared and reassured. If you have any questions or concerns about the lockdown procedure, please contact your classroom teacher.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, January 16 th	LB PAC Meeting, 6:00 pm
Friday, January 17 th	Bird Friendly Workshop at LB, 10:45 am Seaview Trail Run, Div. 3 & 6, 10:45 am
Tuesday, January 21 st	Tooth Talk, Divs. 4, 5 & 6, 9:00 am Visit from Rockridge Admin for Grade 7's, 1:00 pm Basketball game #1 vs. Caulfield, 3:30 pm
Wednesday, January 22 nd	Capoeira workshops at LB, 10:40 am
Thursday, January 23 rd	Ocean Wise Sea Dome in the gym for K to grade 3 at GEC Physical Literacy workshops (Movement & the Mind) – K to gr 3 GEC

Friday, January 24 th	Seaview Trail Run, Div. 3 & 6, 10:45 am
Monday, January 27th	Pro-D Day (school not in session)
Tuesday, January 28 th	Lockdown Drill at LB, 11:30 am Basketball game #2 vs Irwin Park, 3:30 pm
Friday, January 31 st	GEC Theme Day: Literary Characters Seaview Trail Run, Div. 3 & 6, 10:45 am
Tuesday, February 4 th	Capoeira Performance at LB, 8:30 am Body Science Boot Camp for parents, 6:30 pm
February 5 & 6	Body Science workshops for students at GEC

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Junior Ignite District Choir – grades 5-7

We are excited to announce that applications are now open for the Junior Ignite District Choir, a premier program offered by West Vancouver Schools for students in grades 5 through 7. This exceptional opportunity is designed for young students who have a passion for singing and wish to develop their vocal talents in a supportive and dynamic environment.

The Junior Ignite District Choir focuses on:

- Vocal Training: Enhancing students' singing abilities through professional instruction.
- Musical Education: Building a strong foundation in music theory and choral performance.
- Community Engagement: Providing opportunities to perform at various events, fostering a sense of community and teamwork.
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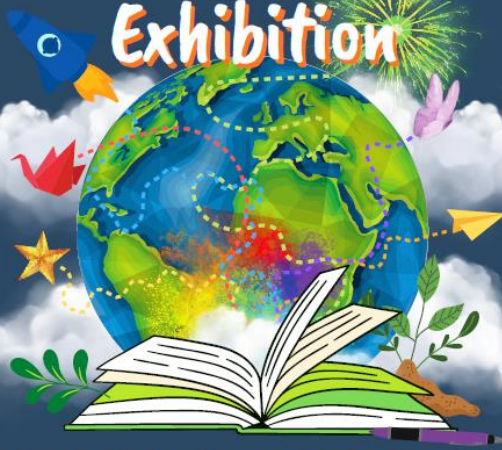
We encourage all interested parents to visit our website for detailed information on program specifics, application procedures, and important dates: [Junior Ignite District Choir](#).

Don't miss this chance to inspire your child's musical journey. Apply now and let their voices shine!

Join Us at Rockridge!

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR

Personal Project Exhibition



PRESENTED BY ROCKRIDGE GRADE 10 STUDENTS
IN COMPLETION OF THEIR MYP CERTIFICATE

COME EXPLORE THEIR LEARNING JOURNEYS,
DISCOVERIES AND WHAT WAS CREATED IN THE PROCESS!

FEB. 6, 2025 - 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Rockridge Secondary - 5350 Headland Dr., West Vancouver