



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

어것을 번역해 주십시오

CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG

Xin nhờ người dịch hộ

समूची सावधानी

धन्यवाद है कि यह संकेत पर ध्यान अवधारण ।

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 30, 2025

### Winter Weather

With the possibility of wintry weather in the forecast, parents are reminded that our school district endeavours to keep schools open on regular instructional days, including those with accumulating snowfall. Any decision to close schools will be made by the Superintendent and will be based on the safety of students and staff.

Parents are asked to check the [school district website](#) for the most current information on school closures. If schools are open, please plan ahead and allow extra time for your commute as needed to ensure a safe arrival to school. Please refer to the [Weather Closures and Procedures page](#) on the West Vancouver Schools website for more information. Thank you.

## GLENEAGLES NEWS

### Lunar New Year – Happy Year of the Snake!

Gong Xi Fai Cai! Happy New Year. Today students at Gleneagles Ch'axáy learned about customs and traditions related to the celebration of the Lunar New Year. In addition to listening to an engaging presentation, students made traditional dumplings. At the end of the day, they were presented with a special token for their hand made “red envelopes”, also know as hongbao or laisee.

Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who helped out today, especially Helen for all the ‘behind the scenes’ preparations including, preparing the filling for the dumplings, and purchasing all of the necessary supplies.

## Happy Year of the Snake!



## Literary Character Day is Tomorrow!

Bring your favorite book to life! On **Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**, 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 an information session for parents and guardians, ***“Body Science Boot Camp”*** on **Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 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. ***Please see the [Parent Meeting Flyer here](#) and don't forget to mark your calendars for this informative presentation.***

Student sessions will be held in person with Saleema on **February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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. **Parents can view the [Parent Info Letter here](#).**

**Saleema  
Noon**  
*sexual health educators*

Thank you to our GEC PAC for funding these sessions for our school. Families wishing to provide alternative delivery of BC Health Education curriculum are asked to apply as outlined in [AP 206](#) and through [Form 206-1](#).

## Skating Field Trip

Our primary students (K to grade 3) will be visiting the Karen Magnussen Arena next **Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** for a fun morning of skating! Permission forms with detailed information has been sent home with all students. We are looking for parent volunteers for this field trip to help with lacing up skates and assist on the ice if possible. Please refer to the permission form for details.

**Parents are asked to return the completed form to their classroom teacher and submit payment through [School Cash Online](#) prior to February 6<sup>th</sup>.** A big thank you to our GEC PAC for covering the bussing costs for this trip!

## Grade 7 Fundraiser

Our grade 7 parent committee has just launched their first GEC "Grad" Fundraiser and are offering you an opportunity to place an order through **Two Rivers Specialty Meats!** This is a great way to fill your deep freeze with quality meat products and the individual packages are fantastic. See details in the link below and thank you in advance from this year's grade 7's Parent "Grad" Committee.



Ordering is now open and will close on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Place your orders here:** [Two Rivers Grad Fundraiser](#) Thank you for your support!

## LIONS BAY NEWS

### Spirit Day is tomorrow at Lions Bay!

Our Grade 3 leaders have planned a "Wacky Dress Up Day" for **Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**. Everyone is invited to come to school dressed in their wackiest combinations!



### Capoeira Workshop Series in January

Our Capoeira performance will take place next week on **Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** and all parents are welcome to attend. **A reminder that we will have an early 8:30 am drop-off on this day and the performance will take place at 8:50 am.**

Students are encouraged 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.

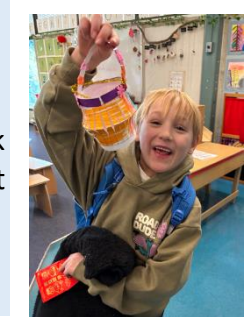
### Lockdown Drill

Lions Bay students participated in a lockdown drill in conjunction with the Squamish RCMP and the WVSD staff this past week. Our students remained quiet and followed directions well. Afterwards, they had the opportunity to ask questions and debrief with the RCMP.



### Lunar New Year

A special thank you to Kelly (Sophie’s mom) for leading the children in a fun activity to kick off the Lunar New Year! Students had the opportunity to make a lantern and learned about the traditions and ways to celebrate the *Year of the Snake*.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, January 31 <sup>st</sup>	GEC Theme Day: Literary Characters LB Spirit Day: Wacky Dress Up Seaview Trail Run, Div. 3 & 6, 10:45 am
Tuesday, February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Capoeira Performance at LB, 8:30 am student arrival Basketball game #3 vs. West Bay, 3:30pm, (boys @ WB, girls @ GEC) Body Science Boot Camp for parents, 6:30 pm via Zoom
February 5 & 6	Body Science workshops for students at GEC
Friday, February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Skating field trip for GEC, grades K to 3, 9:00 am Seaview Trail Run, Div. 3 & 6, 10:45 am
Tuesday, February 11 <sup>th</sup>	“Tooth Talk” presentation for grades 4/5, 8:45 am Swimming field trip for Div. 3, 12:00 pm No basketball game today – BYE for Gleneagles
Thursday, February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Marketing presentation for Divs. 1, 2 and 3, 1:00 pm
Friday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Reading Break (school not in session)
Monday, February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Family Day Holiday (school not in session)

# 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.

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

The poster features a central illustration of a globe with various symbols of learning and discovery: a rocket, a bird, a star, a book, and a plant. The background is dark blue with white clouds.

## Sports Camps



WINTER | SPRING | SUMMER

### MULTI-SPORT CAMPS FOR AGES 5-12



IN WEST & NORTH VANCOUVER

LEARN MORE AND BOOK AT

**SPORTSWEEK.CA**

## Late French Immersion Open House

# YOU'RE INVITED!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A LATE FRENCH IMMERSION OPEN HOUSE

### What is Late French Immersion?

Late French Immersion (LFI) is designed for students wishing to start their French education in Grade 6, allowing them to study the French language and culture while following the full BC curriculum.

### Why Attend?

- Learn about our school and the very popular LFI Program at PJ
- Discover the benefits of learning French fluently
- Hear how parents can support their child when they do not speak French themselves
- See the fun we have at PJ and in West Vancouver Schools

### Meet Our Team!

Join École Pauline Johnson Principal Mme Zielinski as she hosts an informative session about the LFI program. Parents and students will have the opportunity to meet with her, the Vice-Principal, French Coordinator, and the dedicated LFI teaching team. As part of our established pathway to Sentinel Secondary School, we are pleased to welcome Principal Mike Finch, who will share insights about their French Immersion program at Sentinel and how it builds upon the foundation established at École Pauline Johnson.

**WHEN:** Monday, February 3rd  
**TIME:** 3:30 - 4:00 pm  
**WHERE:** 1150 22nd Street, West Vancouver  
**CONTACT:** Tara Zielinski  
**PHONE:** 604 981 1225  
**EMAIL:** tzielinski@wvschools.ca

