

May 8, 2025

A Message from Mrs. Evans

It is with mixed emotions that I share that we will see a change in leadership this fall. After four years at Gleneagles Ch'a<u>x</u>áý and Lions Bay I will be moving into the Principalship at Pauline Johnson. I will miss our school communities immensely and look forward to many wonderful events together as we close out the school year over the next two months. At this time, there are no anticipated changes to our Vice Principals.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Christine Hulme has been appointed as the next Principal for Gleneagles Ch'a<u>x</u>áý and Lions Bay.

Mrs. Hulme is thrilled to be rejoining the Gleneagles Ch'a<u>x</u>áý community. She began her teaching career at GEC in 2009 and was the Vice Principal here from 2018 to 2021. Since then, she has continued her leadership journey as Vice Principal at Caulfeild and, most recently, at Cypress Park Primary.

"Returning to GEC truly feels like coming home. I'm thrilled to reconnect with the students, families, and staff who make this school such a special place.

As a parent of two young children, I understand firsthand how important it is to support both the academic and social-emotional growth of our learners. I'm committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and engaging environment where every student can thrive.

I look forward to working in partnership with all of you and to meeting many of you in the months ahead!"

Warmly, Christine Hulme

Cops For Cancer Toonie Drive

Please help us support the West Vancouver Cops for Cancer Twoonie Drive! All schools in West Van will be participating in this fundraising drive over the next two

weeks and we are asking all students at both Gleneagles and Lions Bay schools to bring a toonie to school to show their support for Pediatric Cancer research and care programs.

Families can also make a direct donation online through the following links below. Please share this link with your family and friends and help us help kids living with cancer. One child with cancer is one too many. Thank you for your support!

Gleneagles Cops For Cancer Page

Lions Bay Cops For Cancer Page

WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS COPS FOR CANCER TOONIE DRIV In September, West Vancouver Police Constables Alexandra Harriman & Jerid McCuaig will join 35 other officers & 1st Responders from our region in the 2025 Tour de Coast. The Tour is an epic 8-day bicycle ride across the Lower Mainland, Sunshine Coast and Sea to Sky Corridor, fundraising for children facing a journey with Cancer. All West Vancouver Elementary Schools are conducting a Toonie Drive May 5th – 16th, 2024, to raise funds in support of Cops for Cancer. Funds raised directly support Pediatric Cancer research and family care programs, including Camp Good Times in Maple Ridge! Check with your elementary school office for the Toonie Jar & help us support children and families facing **Childhood Cancers!** PLEASE DONATE! 5th - 16th, 2025 May Canadia Cancer Society WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT **COPS FOR** The premier place for learning. CANCER

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> > Ret. Cst. Jeff Palmer 604-925-7300



A reminder to use caution when driving in and around school zones. We have many students walking and biking to school at this time of year. Students are reminded to stay alert, use crosswalks, and make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.

GLENEAGLES NEWS

Pancake Breakfast is tomorrow!

Join us for our Annual PAC Pancake Breakfast on Friday, May 9 from 7:30-8:30 am in the GEC gymnasium! A crew of our GEC dads will be flipping pancakes to start off the day. Fruit, juice, and coffee will also be served. To reduce waste, we ask that you bring your own cutlery to the event. We will have limited supplies available.



We look forward to seeing you (remember to arrive early to avoid a long line!) There is no charge for this event and no tickets are required. Thank you to our GEC PAC for sponsoring our Pancake Breakfast for our school community. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Freezie Sale

Our grade 7 students will be holding a freezie sale on Friday after school in the undercover area. All students are invited to stop by for a refreshing treat after the final bell of 2:35 pm. Freezies are \$2.00 each and all proceeds will go to our graduating grade 7 class's fundraising efforts. Thank you!

Grade 6/7 Band

Students entering grades 6 and 7 in September 2025 are invited to join our grade 6/7 Band for the 2025-26 school year. No musical experience is required to join band and registration is now open! Our band program aims for all students to enjoy music and have fun playing their instruments through teamwork and performances. Detailed information regarding our Band program was emailed out to current grade 5 and 6 families earlier today; please check your inbox for this email!

If you are interested in joining our Band program, please register here: GEC Grade 6/7 Band

Please note that staffing for next school year is dependent on the number of registrants for the Band program, and so we are encouraging families to register soon in order to help us secure the successful continuation of our Band program at GEC. As well, early bird registration pricing is in effect until May 31st; fees will increase as of June 1st.

Willy Wonka Jr.

If you missed the performances of our recent school musical, here is your chance to have a look! *This video is for your private enjoyment only, please do not distribute the video on any social media platforms or share with members outside of our school community, thank you for your understanding.* (Please note that this video may take a few minutes to download) Enjoy the show!

GEC Willy Wonka Musical

Classroom Placement Process for September 2025

In May and June each year, we begin the process of planning for the next school year. Plans are tentative given the everchanging landscape and West Vancouver Schools' commitment to finding spaces for every student needing one. At this point, we anticipate most, if not all, of our classrooms will continue to be composed of combined (split) grades.

Our class placement process ensures that thoughtful consideration of each child's social, emotional, and academic needs are aligned with the need to create balanced and effective learning environments. The assignment of students to classes is decided by a team, which includes the School Based Resource Team, a child's current teacher, non-enrolling teachers, support staff and the administrators. The professional team considers each placement carefully as they create classes that include a wide range of students who learn in a variety of ways. In addition to individual circumstances, criteria considered in the placement process includes:

Workable instructional groups considering:

 the child's academic needs and strengths;

- teaching and learning styles;
- the child's work habits
- 2. Positive social groups considering:
 - placements where a child can work positively and productively with other children in the class;
 - peer supports or conflicts;
 - establishing the presence of positive leaders in each class
- 3. Balanced classes considering:
 - the differentiated needs of students;
 - social, emotional, and academic needs and abilities;
 - leadership abilities
- 4. Other information considered:
 - School-Based Resource Team recommendations

If you would like to provide input into this process, families may wish to complete a <u>Placement Input Form</u>. **THIS IS OPTIONAL. It is not necessary to complete the form**; many hours and great care are taken around the placement of every child to honour their individual learning style and create the best learning environment for all children. Please note that we will take into consideration Placement Input Forms, but it may not be possible to meet all requests. Our goal is to meet the needs of all students at Gleneagles Ch'a<u>x</u>áý in order to maximize their growth as learners. We appreciate your support in this complex, multi-level process of arranging educationally sound and balanced classes.

Forms will not be accepted after May 30th, 2025.

UPCOMING EVENTS... Mark your Calendar!

Musical Showcase

GEC parents are invited to our upcoming Musical Showcase which will feature our Primary Choir (K to gr. 3), our Senior Choir (grades 4 to 7) and our grade 6/7 Band. Mrs. Fulton and Ms. Inkster have been meeting with these groups throughout the school year and have prepared some wonderful musical pieces to share and showcase the musical accomplishments of these students. Our showcase will be held on **Friday, May 23rd beginning at 1:30 pm.**

Grade 7 Car Wash

Please mark your calendars and support our Grade 7 students on **Saturday, May 31st from 10 am to 2 pm** as they will be washing cars at the front of the school in the drop off area. You are invited to drive through, get a wash, buy a snack and support our grade 7 Grads! What a terrific way to spend some time on a Saturday morning!

Car wash – by donation

Coffee and donuts provided!

We are looking forward to this event and thank you for your support!

Track & Field

Our track and field season is now underway with practises beginning this week. Students have been invited to informational meetings with their coaches and anyone interested in participating is asked to <u>submit a</u> <u>permission form</u> to the office as soon as possible.

Students in grades 4 through 7 are eligible to join track and/or field and are expected to attend practices regularly and also be eligible for the dates listed below. Unfortunately, spaces are limited at the meets and not all students will be eligible to compete – a final roster will be determined by our Track and Field coaches and shared with the teams at a later date. For now, please come out and have some fun!

District Field Meet, grade 6s/7s – Wednesday, May 28th @ Westcot District Field Meet, grade 4s/5s – Thursday, May 29th @ Westcot District Track Meet, grades 4/5/6/7 – Thursday, June 5th @ SFU, Terry Fox Field

Practices will be held as listed below:

	Coach(es)	Practice(s)
Long Jump – Gr 4/5	Ms. Harquail	Tues lunch recess
Long Jump – Gr 6/7	Ms. Zandvliet	Wed lunch recess
Shotput – Gr 4/5 & 6/7	Ms. Carter and Ms. Robertson	Monday and Thursday lunch recess
Track Grades Gr 4-7	Ms. Maledy and Ms. McIntyre	Mon and Wed at 8am on the gravel field

Please refer to the permission form for detailed information regarding these events.

Ultimate

Congratulations to our grade 7 Ultimate team who fought hard at last week's district-wide Ultimate tournament. They proved to be strong competitors with 3 wins and 4 losses and showed great improvement in their game skills over the course of the season. Well done GEC! A big thank you to Mrs. Staples and Ms. Philip for coaching this year's team.



GEC Golf Fundraiser & Parent Social

Join us for the annual GEC PAC Golf Fundraiser and Parent Social happening at Gleneagles Golf Course on **May 30th!** Sign up individually or as part of a group; no golfing experience required.

Not a golfer? No problem! Buy your ticket for the post golf Social at the Orchard. All parents are invited to attend this fun event! Help us support our school and have fun while doing it!

All tickets include a beer, burger, and side salads. We look forward to seeing you!

Purchase your tickets here: GEC Golf Fundraiser



GEC PAC Fundraiser

To date, we have raised almost \$6000 towards our goal of \$25 000! Thank you to all of our families who have donated so far. If you have not yet made your donation, please consider doing so as soon as possible. You will receive a donation receipt for your contribution - any donation amount is greatly appreciated!

The Gleneagles PAC is upgrading the gym AV and Tech systems including speakers, microphones, a new projector unit and screen, control boards, and more! The estimated cost of this entire audio and tech project may reach up to \$25,000! Participating in this online fundraiser will directly benefit GEC for years to come.

Please donate through our School Cash Online Fundraising Link here: **PUMP UP THE JAM AT GEC**

**Please make sure to select the "Gleneagles PAC: Pump Up The Jam! Gym Audio & Tech" as the fund destination if not already selected. If you have any questions, please reach out to Emily at gecpacchair@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!



LIONS BAY NEWS

Welcome Ms. Sabiston!

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Brooke Sabiston to Lions Bay school! Ms. Sabiston has recently joined our staff and will be teaching in our K/Gr.1 classroom. She has been enjoying her first few days and having fun getting to know our students. Ms. Sabiston comes to us with 8 years of previous teaching experience and says she is passionate about creating a warm, inclusive classroom where every student feels seen, supported and inspired to learn. When not in the classroom, she enjoys spending time outdoors with her family, exploring our beautiful coastline and getting creative with art and storytelling.

Please come by and say hello - welcome to our school community Ms. Sabiston!

Photo Day

Our school photographer, Diana, has completed the class photos and school-wide panorama photo. Families who ordered individual photos through Diana earlier this year will receive a complimentary copy of their child's class photo. A photo link will be shared with families soon for anyone who would like to place an order.

Jump Rope for Heart

Lions Bay students will be raising funds for the Heart & Stroke Foundation through our annual Jump Rope for Heart campaign. Our jump event is scheduled for **Thursday, May 15th** and students will be jumping with their friends on this day, so please come to school wearing comfortable shoes and clothing.

We all have a friend or family member who has been affected by heart disease and we are asking parents for your support by making a small donation through our school fundraising page. Please share this link out with family and friends to help spread the word! <u>Lions Bay Jump Page</u>

A kick off assembly will be held on **Thursday, May 8th** where students will learn about the importance of building healthy habits for a healthy lifestyle and also the importance of supporting this worthy cause.

Thank you for your support!

PAC Meeting

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 8th at 6:00 pm**. Please see the <u>agenda here</u>. This meeting will take place via Teams, please follow the links below to join the meeting. We encourage all LB parents to join us!

Microsoft Teams: Join the meeting now





Meeting ID: 241 653 025 961 Passcode: amr4qm

Classroom Learning

Students exploring and investigating the sizes of various natural elements in their forest. This exploration not only deepened their understanding of measurement and size comparison but also fostered a greater appreciation for the natural world.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, May 2 nd	PAC Pancake Breakfast at LB, 8:00 am	
	Plant Sale pick up at the gym door, 3:00 to 4:00 pm	
May 5 to 15 th	Sports Explorers Program at GEC, all classes	
Thursday, May 8 th	LB PAC Meeting, 6:00 pm	
Friday, May 9 th	PAC Pancake Breakfast at GEC, 7:00 am	
Sunday, May 11 th	Happy Mother's Day!	
Thursday, May 15 th	lay, May 15 th Jump Rope for Heart event at LB	
	Gauss Math Contest, grade 7	
	Welcome to K event at GEC, 1:00 pm	
Friday, May 16 th	Pro-D Day (school not in session)	
Monday, May 19 th	Victoria Day Holiday (school not in session)	
Tuesday, May 20 th	Field trip to Rockridge for ADST, Div. 8	
Wednesday, May 21 st	Science field trip to Playland, Divs. 4, 5 & 6	
Thursday, May 22 nd	Welcome to K event at LB, 9:00 am	
Friday, May 23 rd	Musical Showcase at GEC, 1:30 pm	

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please visit our **District Community Connections page** to see upcoming community news and events.

2025 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools

Are you interested in learning during the summer? West Vancouver Schools will be offering a robust Summer Learning Program for both elementary and secondary students during July 2025. Online registration for both the elementary and secondary Summer Learning programs opened on Monday, April 7. Elementary registration closes on May 9. Secondary registration closes on June 13._More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on the Summer Learning information flyers (elementary or secondary) or on the Summer Learning Website.

Registration is Open for the following West Vancouver Schools Academy Programs: Basketball: <u>https://westvancouverschools.ca/academies/basketball/</u>

Field Hockey: https://westvancouverschools.ca/academies/field-hockey/

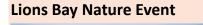
Soccer: https://westvancouverschools.ca/academies/soccer/

Tennis: https://westvancouverschools.ca/academies/tennis/

Science Rendezvous

UBC is proud to host Science Rendezvous, a free family festival that takes science out of the lab and on to the street. Join us at UBC's Vancouver campus on **Saturday, May 10** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a day of hands-on, family friendly science activities!

For more information, follow this link: Science Rendezvous





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where you stop to shop. Kindly remind your kids not to drop any 'wanted' bikes or scooters near FREE signs.

*Please note we cannot accommodate a village-wide pick up at the end of the weekend as it is up to owners to please put away/donate their own unwanted items <u>Contact</u>: Heather Hood - hoodinlionsbay@gmail.com

Pro-D Day Kids Camp



HS Bay Community Event

