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June 12, 2025

Summer Reading Club

It wouldn't be summer without the Summer Reading Club! Last week, both Gleneagles Ch'axáý and Lions Bay schools enjoyed a visit with one of our community Librarians from the West Vancouver Memorial Library.

The Summer Reading Club is a free, at-home, self-directed program to keep kids motivated with reading over the summer. It's really simple; read for at least 15 minutes a day this summer for 50 days. You can read anything you like! Books, eBooks, audiobooks, books in any language, chapter books, comics, or non-fiction.

This program includes weekly check-ins, a tracking system, and book recommendations for children. Register to get started today!

To register, follow this link: WVML Summer Reading Club



Did you know that reading helps with cognitive development in kids? It also helps with empathy, when we read a book, we put ourselves in the story, this helps to develop empathy as we experience the lives of characters. Reading also helps to build vocabulary, understanding, and concentration. Encourage your kids to read this summer! It's an activity that can be taken anywhere you go!

GLENEAGLES NEWS

Sports Day is tomorrow!

Sports Day will be held on Friday, June 13th with early dismissal in effect at Gleneagles at 12:05 pm.

This year's theme is "Tropical" and students have been divided into four colour groups:

- Red Snakes
- West Vanna Bananas (yellow)
- Bluegas
- Rapid Green Riptides

Students are asked to come to school <u>wearing their team color</u>. Sports Day will begin with teams performing their cheers in the morning, then moving through a series of stations outside on the field (we are hoping for a sunny day!). Please come to school prepared for any weather with appropriate clothing and footwear. Parents are welcome to come out and watch the fun.

Schedule for Sports Day:

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8:35 am	students report to class for attendance
8:50 to 9:10 am	students assemble into colour groups/team locations
9:10 to 9:30 am	all teams report to the gym and share their cheers
9:30 to 10:30 am	teams report to the field for stations – families welcome to come watch
10:30 to 10:45 am	recess break for everyone; GEC PAC to provide snack – thank you!
10:45 to 11:40 am	continue with sport day stations
11:40 to 12:00 pm	assemble into colour groups, perform cheer one last time, students will return to class
	for dismissal
12:05 pm	early dismissal for all students; Lions Bay bus to depart approx. 12:15

Library Books

All library books <u>are now due back to the school library.</u> Overdue lists have been shared with classroom teachers. Please check in with your child and check your homes/backpacks for any library books that should be returned in order to avoid overdue/lost book fines. Thank you for your assistance!



Hot Lunch

A reminder to parents and students that today was the last day for hot lunch. After next week, students will need to bring a packed lunch for the remainder of the school year.

A huge thank you goes out to our Hot Lunch co-ordinators, Jessica Jenkin and Lauren Fuhre who have done an amazing job organizing and managing our Hot Lunch program over this past year — thank you!

Lost and Found

Our lost and found bins are overflowing! Parents are encouraged to come into the school and take a peek at the items that are currently on display – you never know what you may find. If you are visiting our school for Sports Day, or are coming by for drop-off or pick-up, take a moment to stop in and check out the lost and found. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity after the end of our school year.

Volunteers Needed!

Our school gardens are looking great thanks to the guidance of Jenny Clark, our resident gardener! Jenny has been working with many of our classes this past Spring and has offered students the opportunity to work and play in the Gleneagles vegetable gardens by preparing the soil, building trellises, and planting seeds and seedlings for our upcoming fall harvest. So far, they have planted garlic, scarlet and sunset runner beans, snap peas, sunflowers, squash, tomatoes and a variety of pollinator-friendly flowers — with more to come in the weeks ahead!

At our Fall Open House, we hope to offer a bountiful harvest of fresh vegetables for school families to purchase. To keep the gardens thriving over the summer, we need your help! We are looking for parent volunteers to help with watering. If you can spare some time over the summer months, please sign up through this link: Summer Watering Volunteers. Watering instructions will be emailed out before the end of the school year.

A big thank you to Jenny and her Gardening Committee for their time and commitment to our school gardens and a big thank you to our volunteers!







Track Meet

Our track team (grades 4 to 7) attended the District Track Meet at SFU last week, competing in various running events including 4x100m relays, medley relays, and 800 m races. Our students did an amazing job and were fierce competitors for other athletes in our district. Gleneagles represented our school well, showing good sportsmanship and finishing with many strong placements at this meet. Well done!

Thank you to Ms. McIntyre and Ms. Maledy for their time and dedication in coaching our team! A big thank you also goes out to Ms. Philip who had the mammoth task of organizing the District Meet!







Roots of Empathy

This year Mrs. Robertson's grade 1/2 class participated in the Roots of Empathy program and met weekly with our facilitator, Heather Nelson along with regular visits with baby Wesley. Roots of Empathy is an evidence-based program involving guided observation of a baby's emotions and development throughout the school year. Baby Wesley and his mom Corinne visited regularly and captured everyone's hearts! Students learned to tell how Wesley was feeling during his visits, which led to great discussions about empathy and understanding of how their peers are feeling. Research has shown that if school-aged children can understand how their classmates are feeling, they are less likely to engage in unkind behaviour and are more likely to act in a caring manner. Division 9 had lots of fun getting to know Wesley, celebrating his developmental milestones, and fostering empathy in the classroom. Thank you to the GEC PAC for funding this important program!

We are very fortunate at Gleneagles to have one of our GEC parents, Heather Nelson, who is a trained and qualified Roots of Empathy instructor. Heather has been delivering this program to our students for several years now and we hope to continue this valuable program next year. Thank you, Heather!





Grade 7 Fundraisers

Thank you to our GEC community who supported our many fundraisers for the upcoming grade 7 celebrations! From plant sales to meat sales, freezie sales and car wahes – your support has gone along way! We are looking forward to a special day for our grade 7 class. A big thank you also to our grade 7 parents for organizing these events!





Head Lice

We have had a few reports over the past weeks of head lice in several of our classrooms. Parents are asked to be vigilant in checking your kids' scalps for the presence of nits or live lice and to continue to do regular checks over the coming weeks. We need your help in order to minimize the re-occurrence of cases at school.

If you discover that your child has lice, <u>please contact the school office</u> to report it so that we can inform other parents in your child's class to check – this will help reduce the spread and reoccurrence. Thank you for your assistance!

Please follow <u>this link</u> from Vancouver Coastal Health more information about the prevention and treatment of lice.

Important Items for Next School Year:

Please review the following items in preparation for the upcoming school year 2025/26:

School Calendar

The school calendar for next year has been finalized and parents can access it through our school website here: 2025/26 School Calendar Please print a copy for your records and mark important dates on your calendar. *Reminder: As you make travel and return to school plans, please refer to AP 300: "Enrolled students will be removed from the school's register if the student has not returned to school by 3:00 pm on the Thursday after school opening." (ie. September 4, 2025)

School Supplies

We have a new supplier in place for school supplies next year and their ordering site is now open for parents to place orders. Supplies can be ordered directly through the EduPac website, using passcode 9973:

GEC EduPac Orders

If parents prefer to purchase their own items, a grade list can be printed from the school website and used as a shopping guide: GEC School Supplies 2025/26

BYOD Program

Students in grades 4 through 7 are asked to BYOD: "bring their own device" to school to support student learning in the classroom through the use and integration of Google Apps. Please find more information regarding our BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program for students here: BYOD Program

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Evans directly at revans@wvschools.ca.

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.

An instrument demonstration was held for all current grade 5 and 6 students on **Friday, May 30**th. Representatives from Long and McQuade provided a hands-on opportunity for students to explore the different instruments available.

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.

Bus Transportation for 2025/26

All parents/guardians of new and returning students who will be utilizing the bus service between Gleneagles and Lions Bay must complete an online registration form for each eligible student. The deadline for bus registration is **July 15**, **2025**. School bus seating cannot be guaranteed for students after that deadline.

To register your child(ren) for school bus service, please click the link below:

Register Here

For details on eligibility, routes, and service guidelines, please visit our Student Transportation webpage:

Student Transportation Information

If you have any questions, please contact Transportation SD45 at transportation@wvschools.ca.

LIONS BAY NEWS

Grade 3 Leaving Ceremony

We will be celebrating our grade 3 students on **Friday, June 20**th at 11:00 am to recognize their time here at Lions Bay School and wish them well as they move on to grade 4 at Gleneagles in September. Everyone is welcome to join us as we celebrate and send off our amazing Grade Three students!

School Photos

The school-wide photo and class photos are now ready and parents can download a copy as a special keepsake of this school year. Please check your email inbox for download instructions coming soon.

Art Lesson

Students learned about printmaking with a beautiful art lesson led by Ms. Barabulea.



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School Supplies

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Don't delay and get your orders in now! Your supply kit will be delivered directly to school in September.

BYOD Program and Bus Transportation

Parents of grade 3 students at Lions Bay who are transitioning to grade 4 at Gleneagles in September 2025 are asked to make note of the information listed above in the GEC section regarding BYOD program, school supplies, and bus registration for students attending Gleneagles.

School Admissions

Please note that school admissions are ongoing and <u>if your child will not be returning</u> to Lions Bay school for September 2025, you are asked to contact Ms. Cox in the school office or send an email to Ms. Pistilli at <u>mapistilli@wvschools.ca</u>. Thank you for your assistance.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sports Day at GEC followed by early dismissal at 12:05 pm
Kayaking Fieldtrip, Div. 3
Swimming Fieldtrip, Divs. 4, 5 & 6
Cheakamus Fieldtrip for Lions Bay – TBC
Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony (GEC), 10:30 am
Grade 7 Mystery Fieldtrip
Fieldtrip to HS Bay, Divs. 7, 9 and 10 – morning
Hike to Whyte Lake, Div. 3
Grade 3 Leaving Ceremony at Lions Bay
Yearend fieldtrip to Whytecliffe, Divs. 4/5/6
K yearend ceremony at GEC, 1:45 pm
Grade 3 Luncheon (LB)
Sailing fieldtrip at WVYC, Divs. 1 & 2
Yearend fieldtrip at Whytecliffe, Div. 3
Touch of Japan school visit with Div. 4, 1:30 pm
Beach Day at LB
Yearend fieldtrip to Whytecliffe, Divs. 1 & 2
Yearend class party for Div. 8
Divs. 5 & 6 visiting HS Bay
Last day of school! Early dismissal at 12:05 (GEC) & 12:15 (LB)
Yearend school-wide assembly at 10:45 am (GEC)
Term 3 Learning Summaries to be issued for all students

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please visit our <u>District Community Connections page</u> to see upcoming community news and events.

As part of a new series on digital citizenship, we will be sharing best practices for parents/caregivers on popular social media platforms. This week is: **TikTok**

Check out the resource here to learn how to help your child stay safe and informed online.

West Vancouver – Help us Become the Most Active Community in Canada!

The ParticipACTION Community Challenge is a national physical activity initiative that encourages Canadians to get active in search of Canada's Most Active Community. In 2021, the community of West Vancouver placed second in Canada. It is our goal to be the **most active** community in Canada. West Vancouver Schools will be participating in this initiative. Individuals can pledge to 'get active' throughout June in support of the community's efforts <u>without</u> having to track any movement minutes. To support West Vancouver in this initiative, we hope you will take the pledge to get active: https://www.participaction.com/individual-pledge/. Let's make movement matter!



Thank you for supporting our community! (Maybe we can encourage you to use your school postal code and pledge to be active, too? \bigcirc)

West Vancouver Early Childhood Education Centre Update - Opening Early 2026

West Vancouver Schools is pleased to share an update on our upcoming **Early Childhood Education Centre** announced in August 2024. Construction is underway, and the new facility is expected to open in early 2026. Once complete, it will offer high-quality childcare for children ages 0–5, operating at market value rates. We look forward to welcoming families into this purpose-built, modern space designed to support early learning and child care in our community.

For more information and to join the waitlist please click here

Vancouver Pride Parade

Join the West Vancouver Schools' group in this year's Pride Parade on August 3rd! Get ready for a day filled with fun, laughter and vibrant colours. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Pre-registration is now open: WVS Pride

Pride is alive in District 45.

