



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

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### West Vancouver Schools Admissions Information

K-12 admission applications 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!

### West Vancouver Schools Parent Text Alerts

For parents/guardians who would like to be notified of a school emergency such as power outages, severe weather or safety alerts via SMS, please text a "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 to ensure you are on the list.

### Use of Personal Devices in School

As we begin the new year, we are asking all students and families to recommit to reducing cell phone use and to the school district's Personal Digital Device expectations. Consistent routines after the break help students re-engage quickly, keep instruction on track, and reduce distractions in shared spaces.

#### Expectations at a glance:

**Elementary (K-7):** Cell phones are not used during the school day, including before and after school and at recess and lunch times. Laptops may be used to support learning during instructional time, only with explicit staff permission.

**Secondary (8–12):** Cell phones and other digital devices should only be used during instructional time with explicit staff permission. Device use should be intentional, supervised, and tied to learning.

**Family actions that make a difference:**

- Minimize adult cell phone use in and around school
- Refrain from sending your child texts or calls during the school day; contact the office for urgent needs only.
- Review the school district's guidelines for personal digital device expectations.
- Help your child understand that when schoolwork requires technology that they need to choose a laptop over a phone as it helps to reduce distractions and support learning

Thank you for working with us to uphold these important expectations.

**West Vancouver Schools**  
Parent & Guardian's Guide to Personal Digital Devices



Personal Digital Devices  
Personal digital device that can be used to communicate or to access the internet, such as cell phones, phones, laptops, tablets, smartwatches and any other portable technology device.

Laptops are the preferred device for school use.

While digital devices can enhance learning in many ways, allowing students to collaborate, create and communicate, it is important that they are used in a mindful and meaningful way.

Personal digital devices should only be used with the permission of a teacher or administrator. Additional considerations will be made to provide for student's health and accessibility needs, and accommodation requirements.

**Elementary**  
Cell phones should NOT be used in elementary school.

**Secondary**  
Cell phones should only be used in class if specifically required for a learning task

**What can parents and guardians do to help?**

- Understand the digital device expectations at your child's school
- Support and encourage your child's appropriate use of digital devices
- Refrain from contacting your child during the school day. If it's an emergency, contact the school office
- Personally model and encourage digital device boundaries

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## Student Learning Updates

A reminder to parents that student Learning Updates were published in December and are still available for viewing and downloading through your MyEd BC Family Portal account. Student reports will be available for the remainder of this school year and parents are encouraged to download a copy for your records.

If you are having difficulty accessing your child's reports, please contact Ms. Pistilli in the school office [mapistilli@wvschools.ca](mailto:mapistilli@wvschools.ca) who can assist you. **It is important that parents have access to the MyEd BC Family portal, as your child's reports will continue to be shared through this platform right through to their grade 12 year.**

**MyEducationBC**

## Feeding Futures

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare [Feeding Futures initiative](#), the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to school Principal Mrs. Hulme [chulme@wvschools.ca](mailto:chulme@wvschools.ca) or to [feedingfutures@wvschools.ca](mailto:feedingfutures@wvschools.ca) if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

# GLENNEAGLES NEWS

## Lunar New Year

The Lunar New Year in 2026 welcomes the **Year of the Horse** and will be recognized beginning **February 17<sup>th</sup>**. Celebrated by millions of people around the world, this is a time for cultural traditions, family reunions and hope for good fortune in the coming year.

**We are looking for some parent volunteers** to help organize student activities on this day - if you are interested, please contact Mrs. Hulme directly at [chulme@wvschools.ca](mailto:chulme@wvschools.ca). Mrs. Hulme already has ideas and a drafted plan for this day, and parents will be provided with an easy schedule to follow. Please reach out if you can spare some time and would like to help. Thank you!



## Rocks & Rings

Our students had a fun time learning about the game of curling and practising some new skills! Thank you to our GEC PAC for funding these opportunities for our school.



## Ice Skating at WV Arena

We have some skating sessions booked at the West Van Ice Arena and all students will have an opportunity to enjoy one skating session with their classmates. **January 29, February 5 and February 12<sup>th</sup>** are the scheduled dates, students will travel via school bus for skating, and there will be an activity fee of \$10 per student. The cost is the same regardless if students bring their own skates or require rentals. Students will be divided into grade groups for skating (not by division/classroom).

**Please return the permission form and submit payment through [School Cash Online](#) as soon as possible. We are looking for parent volunteers to join us at the arena to assist with skates, please check the volunteer box on the permission form if you can help us out.** Thank you!

Here is a breakdown of the anticipated schedule:

<b>Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup></b>	9:15-10:15 am, Divs. 8, 9 & 10 <b>All K, Grade 1 and Grade 2's</b> <b>Parent volunteers please arrive at WVCC at 9:25 am</b>	10:30-11:30 am, Div 6 & 7 <b>All Grade 3's only</b> <b>Parent volunteers please arrive at WVCC at 10:30 am</b>
<b>Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30-10:45 am, Div 5, 6 & 7 <b>All Grade 4's only</b> <b>Parent volunteers please arrive at WVCC at 9:45 am</b>	10:45-11:30 am, Div 3, 4 and 5 <b>All Grade 5's only</b> <b>Parent volunteers please meet at WVCC at 10:30 am</b>
<b>Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30-10:45 am, Div 1, 2, 3, & 4 <b>All Grade 6's only</b> <b>Parent volunteers please meet at WVCC at 9:45 am</b>	10:45-11:30 am, Div 1 and 2 <b>All Grade 7's only</b> <b>Parent volunteers please meet at WVCC at 10:30 am</b>

## Hot Lunch Reminders

Hot Lunch is now well underway, and this is the last reminder for parents that you can always access the Munch-A-Lunch system to edit an existing order or place a new order. Food will arrive at school for your child 2 weeks after you have placed an order. If you have any questions or require assistance with Hot Lunch, please contact Sonia or Russell at [gechotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:gechotlunch@gmail.com).

**IMPORTANT:** Don't forget that your child requires cutlery at school for their lunches as our vendors do not provide cutlery. Also, please consider packing a Ziploc bag for your child so that this can be used to pack extra food items to bring home. We are finding that food items are sometimes spilling in backpacks and kids are struggling with having to bring messy food items home.

Place your orders here: [GEC Munch-A-Lunch](#)

## News From our School Library

Ms. Yorke is looking for **parent volunteers** to assist in the library with a variety of tasks. Volunteers are asked to commit weekly for 30 to 90 minutes. Times can be scheduled on Wednesdays or Fridays between 8:35 am and 2:35 pm, or on other days between 10:40 and 11:55 am. Training will be provided by Ms. Yorke during recess times or before/after school. If you are available, please email Ms. Yorke at [kyorke@wvschools.ca](mailto:kyorke@wvschools.ca). Thank you for your consideration!

## Traffic Reminders

We understand that parking is limited, and that drop-off and pick-up logistics can be challenging. Parents are asked to keep the following guidelines in mind:

- Please have your child use the cross walk (do not cross in the middle of the street)
- Please do not have your car running/idling as you are waiting. Consider our environment and turn off your engine
- Do not park in the bus zone, please use designated parking spots
- Please consider walking to school to pick up your child if possible or use the lot at the community center and walk up for pick up to help with vehicle congestion.



Mrs. Hulme is currently in contact with the city of West Van and is trying to have the parking lot under the overpass re-opened to help with our parking difficulties. Thank you for your cooperation and patience while we try to resolve this issue.

## LIONS BAY NEWS

### SpacesEDU

Don't forget to look at SpacesEDU to see the digital portfolio of your child's most recent learning.



**SpacesEDU**  
by myBlueprint

### Planetarium Visit

We are looking forward to having a guest visitor from the Canadian Planetarium at Lions Bay on **Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**. We will be learning about the sun rising and setting, and the patterns of the moon from both scientific and Indigenous perspectives.

### Grade 3 Field trip

Our grade 3 students are going on a field trip to go ice skating at the West Van Arena on **Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** along with grade 3 students from Gleneagles Ch'axay. Detailed permission forms have been sent home and we are looking for parent volunteers to help transport students to the arena and assist with lacing skates, etc. An activity fee of \$10 is posted to [School Cash Online](#); please return your form and payment as soon as possible.



### PAC Meeting & Movie Night

Please view the PAC Meeting Minutes from our November meeting here: [PAC Meeting Minutes](#)

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**, it's a two-event night with a movie night too! Movie night starts at 5:30 pm and families are invited to join us in the big ideas area for an in-person PAC meeting once our students are settled and enjoying the movie.

We will be sharing and discussing our new school wide “sorting things out” framework created by our staff. And as always, we’ll celebrate the good things happening in our school and the ways that the PAC contributes to all the good. Please join us - child care will be provided during Movie Night for your child if you wish to attend the meeting.

Please see PAC Meeting Agenda here:

[Jan. 29 Agenda](#)

*Kids are asked to bring a water bottle; popcorn, pizza and admission can be pre-ordered by sending an e-transfer to [lionsbaypac45@gmail.com](mailto:lionsbaypac45@gmail.com) .*



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Rockridge Vice Principal visits the grade 7s at GEC, 9:00 am Basketball game #1, 3:30 pm
Thursday, January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Energy Champions presentation at GEC with the BC Lions, 1:00 pm
Friday, January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	POWER assembly at GEC, Divs. 6 to 10, 11:30 am
Tuesday, January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Vision Screening for K students at LB Planetarium visit at LB, 12:45 pm Basketball game #2, 3:30 pm
Wednesday, January 28 <sup>th</sup>	GEC Field trip to MacMillan Space Center, Divs. 6 & 7
Thursday, January 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spirit Day at LB – Opposite Day!</b> Skating for grades K to 3 at West Van Arena (GEC) Skating for grade 3s at Lions Bay School LB PAC Meeting & Movie Night, 5:30 pm
Friday, January 30 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Development Day

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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

## West Van Run! March 7 & 8

We invite students and families to take part in this fun, community run and enjoy special discounted registration. Parents and students can register for \$45 using the code **WVSCHOOLS**, and children can join the Kids 1K for \$15 using the code **WVKIDS**. These codes can also be used by other family members who would like to participate.

Whether you prefer walking, jogging, or running, this event welcomes all ages and abilities. It's a great way for families to be active together and supports our shared commitment to health and well-being across West Vancouver Schools.

Register here - <https://www.westvanrun.com/schools>

**DPAC Parent Evening with Sarah Ward** Please register and purchase your ticket [here](#).



The poster for the DPAC Parent Evening with Sarah Ward on Executive Functioning. The title is at the top in large pink and blue text. Below the title, a bio for Sarah Ward is on the left, and the date and price are on the right. A photo of Sarah Ward is in the center. Below the photo, there's a 'REGISTER HERE' button, the venue and time, and a section titled 'What Parents will Gain From This Evening' with two bullet points: 'Understand' and 'Learn'. The bottom of the poster features the West Vancouver Schools DPAC logo.

**DPAC parent evening with**  
**Sarah Ward on Executive Functioning**

Sarah Ward is an internationally recognized expert in executive function. Her practical, research-informed strategies are widely regarded as groundbreaking in supporting student learning and independence.

Wednesday, January 28th  
\$20 per ticket

**REGISTER HERE**

KAY MEEK THEATRE    6:30 -  
1700 MATHERS AVE    8:30 PM  
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**What Parents will Gain From This Evening**

**Understand**  
Parents will gain a clear, reassuring understanding of how executive function skills develop over time, why children may struggle with organization and time management, and what is developmentally typical at different ages.

**Learn**  
Parents will learn practical, easy-to-use strategies they can apply at home to strengthen their child's time awareness, organization, study routines and follow-through for academic success.

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## Parent Literacy Workshop

**GRADE 4 - 7  
LITERACY WORKSHOP  
FOR PARENTS:**

**STRENGTHENING  
LITERACY FOUNDATIONS FOR  
ACADEMIC SUCCESS**

**TUESDAY  
JAN 27th  
5:30-6:45PM**

**WELSH HALL  
West Vancouver  
Memorial Library**

Join us for an engaging evening designed for parents of students in Grades 4 - 7.

Learn about the curriculum, practical strategies, resources, and ideas to help your child strengthen their literacy skills and thrive as a learner.

**Topics Covered**

- Creating conditions that support learning, independence, and academic success
- Strengthening literacy skills and practices across subjects
- Reading to understand, communicate, and connect

**Presenters:**  
Mary Parackal, Vice Principal of Early Learning  
Michelle LaBounty, District Principal of Teaching & Learning  
Tricia Yurkowski, District Foundational Skills Teacher  
Shannon Ozirny, Head of Youth Services - West Vancouver Memorial Library

**Register here!** 

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