



GLENEAGLES CH'AXÁY & LIONS BAY E-BULLETIN

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A Message from Mrs. Hulme

As we head into the final days before Spring Break, we want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout the term. It has been wonderful to see our students learning, growing, and contributing so positively to our school community.

Spring is a time of renewal, and it's also a great opportunity for students to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends. Whether you are travelling, spending time outdoors, or simply enjoying a slower routine at home, we hope the break brings moments of connection and relaxation for everyone.

When we return, we look forward to an exciting and productive stretch of learning through the spring months. There are many engaging classroom activities and school events ahead as we continue to support each student's growth. Thank you again for being such an important part of our school community. We wish all of our families a safe, restful, and joyful Spring Break, and we look forward to welcoming students back on **Monday, March 30th**, refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead.



Warm regards,
Christine Hulme
Principal

Term 2 Reports

Student Learning Updates (reports) for Term 2 will be published tomorrow, **March 13th** for both Gleneagles and Lions Bay schools. Parents will receive an email notification once reports are published and are asked to log into their MyEd BC Family Portal account to view them.

The Family Portal is where all parents will go to access their child's Learning Update as well as Individual Student Plans (IEP's), ELL grades (AIP's) and other student data which is part of our school database, MyEd BC. This is an important component of how our school delivers student information to parents and families and will be used all the way through high school. **It is important that parents set up this account and save a pdf copy of your child's reports as hard copies will not be sent home and will not be provided from the school office.**

If you are a new family to our school District, you will have received an email from the MyEd BC server last week inviting you to initialize your Family Portal account - you may need to check your junk folder if you do not see an email in your inbox. Please follow the instructions in that email carefully to initialize the account by replacing the temporary password. **This must be done on a COMPUTER and will not work on a phone or tablet.**

MyEducationBC

Please use this link to access the Family Portal site: [MyEd BC Login](#)

Many helpful resources which can assist you with this process are located here: [WVS MyEd BC Family Portal Guides](#) Please contact Ms. Pistilli in the school office if you need some assistance mapistilli@wvschools.ca.

Nowruz

March 20 is **Nowruz**, the Persian New Year, which celebrates the first day of spring and new beginnings. In our schools you see a **Haft-Seen table**, which is a special table with seven symbolic items that start with the Persian letter "S." Each item represents a hope for the new year, such as apples for health, sprouts for growth, garlic for protection, and coins for prosperity. Families also include candles, a mirror, and decorated eggs to symbolize light, reflection, and new life. Nowruz reminds us to welcome spring, take care of one another, and look forward to a fresh start. Thank you to our parent volunteers Negar and Parisa at Gleneagles and Ms. Zahra and student Leyli at Lions Bay for facilitating these tables for us.



Emergency Student Release Drill

A simulated drill plays an important part of our school's emergency preparedness plan and gives us important feedback on some of the issues that we may encounter in the event of an earthquake or other disaster. A **full scale Emergency Student Release drill** is scheduled for both schools in early Spring and students will be released through a formal process. Detailed information will be emailed out to parents closer to the drill dates, please look for this email in your inbox soon. Parents are asked to mark these dates on your calendar and anticipate to pick up your child(ren) early from school as outlined in the emergency plan. Thank you.

Lions Bay Emergency Student Release Drill will be Thursday, April 2nd

Gleneagles Ch'axá'y Emergency Student Release Drill will be Friday, April 10th

Personal Digital Devices Reminder (including cell phones)

West Vancouver Schools continues to focus on keeping learning spaces calm, focused, and supportive for students. Clear and consistent expectations around cell phones and other personal digital devices help reduce distractions and support student well-being throughout the school day. Below is a reminder of what device use looks like at school.

At school, this means:

Elementary (K–7)

- Cell phones are not used at any point during the school day, including before and after school, recess, or lunch
- Laptops may be used only during instructional time and only when directed by staff

Secondary (Grades 8–12)

- Cell phones and personal digital devices are used during instructional time only when explicitly permitted by staff
- Any device use is purposeful, supervised, and directly connected to learning

How families can support consistency:

- Avoid texting or calling students during school hours
- Model limited cell phone use when on school grounds
- Reinforce expectations at home so students receive the same message from school and family

A one page [Parent & Guardian Personal Digital Device Infographic](#) is available for a clear summary of expectations.

GLENEAGLES NEWS

Ultimate

Our co-ed grade 7 Ultimate season will begin after Spring Break with the first game scheduled on **Tuesday, April 7th**. All interested grade 7 students will be invited to attend a team meeting during the first week back and will receive a detailed permission form.

In preparation of the Ultimate season, all students at Gleneagles Ch'axáy had an opportunity to participate in several Ultimate workshops this past week which were facilitated by coaches from [Elevate Disc Sports](#). Thank you to our GEC PAC for funding these opportunities for our school and to Ms. Philip for organizing these workshops.

Did you know that the game of Ultimate teaches the value of teamwork and collaboration? Kids learn how to trust others, share responsibility and win or lose as part of a supportive team environment. The game of Ultimate is self-refereed, meaning players call their own fouls, this unique feature helps kids develop integrity and honesty in competitive situations – skills that translate to success in school and life.



Daily Health Checks

Parents are asked to do daily health checks of children before sending them to school. As flu and cold season is upon us, we ask for your assistance to ensure that your child is healthy and well enough to participate in normal school activities. If your child is unwell, please report their absence through the school Call Back Line at 604-981-1360. Parents are also reminded that communicable diseases should be reported to the school office - this would include lice, chicken pox, measles, etc.

TAKE A PEEK ONCE A WEEK: We have had cases of lice reported recently in our classrooms, and parents are reminded to continue doing daily health checks of your child's hair and scalp before sending your child to school. Your assistance goes a long way in helping us to keep everyone healthy at school! If you need support with the treatment or prevention of lice, please reach out to Vancouver Coastal Health for support. A good resource can be found here: [Health Link BC](#)



Thank you for your assistance in keeping everyone healthy at school!

Hot Lunch for Term 3 – place your orders!

Hot Lunch is now open for Term 3 orders - thank you to all the families who have been using the updated Munch-A-Lunch system. We hope the new flexible ordering format has made a positive difference and helped make managing changes easier for everyone. Hot lunch is served Tuesday to Friday, and we are continuing with the same vendors as Term 1 & 2. As a reminder:

- You can place orders **at any time** — there are no longer open and close ordering windows.
- You may order for the **entire term in advance**.
- You can make changes to your child’s order **up to 14 days (two weeks) before each delivery date**.
- Ordering automatically closes at **8:00 pm, 14 days prior to each lunch date**.

When making changes, please double-check the **new start date** for your updated order. All changes will take effect after the two-week window.

For example, parents go into Munch-A-Lunch and place an order for the entire term, your child comes home and says, “I don’t want mac and cheese anymore”. You can now go back to Munch-A-Lunch, go to the mac & cheese days, change the order, and then tell your child, “You will have to eat your mac & cheese for 2 more weeks until it changes to the new order”.

The **LAST DAY for HOT LUNCH DELIVERY will be JUNE 11th**. Please provide lunches from home for the last two weeks of school.

If you have any inquiries after your child has received their meal, please contact the Hot Lunch coordinators at gechotlunch@gmail.com. (Please do not contact the food vendors directly.)

Thank you for your support - **place your orders here:** [GEC Munch-A-Lunch](#)

Student Photos

If you missed the opportunity to place an order for your child’s photo, we have a second opportunity for you. Our school photographer, [Edge Imaging](#), is sending out a “second chance photo proof” which gives parents another opportunity to place an order. Please look for this photo proof coming home with your child today and follow the ordering instructions on the card. Orders placed before **April 3rd** will receive free shipping directly to school. It’s not too late to place an order!



School Registration for Grade 8

A note for parents of our current grade 7 students, that if you have submitted course selection form for Rockridge Secondary, then your child is considered confirmed to attend Rockridge in September 2026 and no further action is required. Parents will receive a welcome email from Rockridge in late August with information about school start up.

If your child is attending a school other than Rockridge for grade 8, please contact Ms. Pistilli mapistilli@wvschools.ca in the school office in order to assist with the transition of school records.

Save The Date

Gleneagles is planning a Spring Concert which will feature our grade 6/7 Band and all students in Divisions 1 through 5 (Mrs. Staples, Ms. McIntyre, Ms. Birnie, Ms. Sawyer/Odegaard, and Ms. Philip/Maledy’s classes). Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, May 21st** and look for more info about these shows (matinee and evening) coming soon!

PAC Meeting

Please see the minutes from the last meeting here: [Feb. 19 Minutes](#)

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 15th**. Please hold this date as we are hoping to secure a guest speaker for our parent community. The time is still TBC.

After School Programs for Term 3

Mixed Media Arts & Crafts with Tracey

This program runs on Mondays after school and all students in grades 3 to 7 are welcome to join! This class is held in the Flex Room (classroom 101) from 2:35 to 4:15 pm. Tracey holds a fun open art studio and explores various techniques and materials through both guided and self-directed projects. No previous art experience is required. Register soon to secure your spot!

Please see the detailed registration form here: [Mixed Media Arts & Crafts](#)

Please note that the Artmania after school class will not be returning (held on Tuesdays) but families are encouraged to register for the Multi-Sport class below. Thank you!

New! Multi-Sport – limited spots are still available

Does your child love sports? We will be offering a new after school program beginning **March 31st through to May 19th**. This program offers exposure to a variety of sports and activities and will run on Tuesdays after school in the gym.

Follow [this link for more information and to register.](#)

LIONS BAY NEWS

Spirit Day

Tomorrow is Spirit Day at Lions Bay and our theme is Crazy Hair Day! Show us your craziest styles and we look forward to seeing you!



“The Power of Small”

Please take a moment to read a recent article published in the *Lions Bay Watershed* and written by our PAC co-chair, Danielle. She writes a thoughtful and meaningful message about the benefits of attending a small school such as Lions Bay, thank you Danielle! [The Power of Small](#)

PAC Meeting

The next PAC meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 9th** at 6:00 pm (not on April 16th as originally scheduled) Please mark your calendars - all parents are invited to join us!

Saplings After School Care

If your child goes to Saplings after school and is NOT attending on a particular day, please be sure to communicate this to Saplings before 2:45 pm through the Lillio app. A note in your child's planner is also helpful so that your child and teacher are aware. Thank you!



Gondola Field Trip

We had an amazing day at our Olympics-themed field trip at the Sea to Sky Gondola last week. Thank you to Ms. Southam for organizing this for our students.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, March 13 th	Last day of classes before Spring Break Term 2 Student Learning Updates posted to the MyEd BC Portal
March 16 to 27	Spring Break
Monday, March 30 th	Classes resume
Thursday, April 2 nd	Emergency Student Release Drill at LB, 1:00 pm
Friday, April 3 rd	Good Friday Holiday
Monday, April 6	Easter Monday Holiday
Tuesday, April 7 th	Ultimate game #1, 3:45 pm
Wednesday, April 8 th	LB field trip to GEC 3 Crows Performance at GEC, 1:00 pm
Friday, April 10 th	Pancake Breakfast at LB Emergency Student Release Drill at GEC, 1:00 pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

2026 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools

Are you interested in Summer Learning opportunities for your child? West Vancouver Schools is proud to offer a comprehensive set of **refreshed and engaging courses** for students entering Grades 1–12.

Programs will be offered at:

- **Ridgeview Elementary**
- **Irwin Park Elementary**
- **West Vancouver Secondary School**

Registration Opens Next Month: Registration for Summer Learning begins **April 8–10, 2026**, with staggered openings by grade:

- **April 8 at 8:00 AM:**
Current Grade 11 + Grades K–6
- **April 9 at 8:00 AM:**
Current Grade 10
- **April 10 at 8:00 AM:**
Current Grades 7–9

Important Registration Notes

- Registration occurs through **School Cash Online**.
- **Only one course per student** may be selected.
- A **\$100 deposit** is required and is tied to attendance requirements.
- Placement is determined by the **timestamp** of submission and deposit payment.

More information about courses, locations, attendance expectations, and registration can be found at:

 <https://westvancouver schools.ca/summer-learning/>

Junior Ignite District Choir – Registration Now Open!

Do you have a child in **Grades 5–7** who loves to sing? The **Junior Ignite District Choir** offers students a wonderful opportunity to expand their vocal skills, explore diverse choral music, and grow as young musicians in a supportive and inspiring environment.

Led by **Mrs. Suzanne Fulton**, West Vancouver Schools' Choir Program Director, students receive high-quality instruction in:

- Healthy vocal technique

- Musicianship and ear training
- Singing in harmony
- Exposure to a wide range of choral repertoire

This district program is ideal for young singers who are motivated, cooperative learners and eager to deepen their musical experience beyond their school choir.

Program Details

- **Who:** Students in Grades 5–7
- **When:** Tuesdays, 3:30–5:00 PM
- **Where:** West Vancouver Secondary School – South Campus, Cafeteria Building, Room 64
- **Cost:** \$70/month for 10 months (\$700/year)
- **Includes:** Professional instruction, accompaniment, high-quality repertoire, uniforms, and team-building activities

How to Register: Applications for the **2026–2027 school year are now open!**

🔗 **Register here:** <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/premier-programs/jdhc/> [westvancouver.schools.ca]

West Vancouver Basketball Club Spring Program

The WVBC Spring Basketball Program begins April 7th and there are still some spaces available. This spring, the WVBC will be offering sessions for players in Grades 2-9. All sessions will be held at West Van Secondary. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to <http://www.wvbc.ca>