



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

아갓을 번역해 주십시오

CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG

Xin nhờ người dịch hộ

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INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE

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ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ

Переведите это, пожалуйста.

September 11, 2026

A Message from Mrs. Hulme

This week, the staff at Gleneagles Ch'axáy and Lions Bay Schools enjoyed welcoming students and families to the start of a new school year! A big welcome to our newest Kindergarten families and new families that have joined our communities. Thank you to our GEC PAC executives who hosted Welcome Back Coffee morning this week, and to all the families who attended. We are so excited to kick off a new year with our incredible school communities.

As we begin to get settled into this year's classrooms, we are excited for the opportunities a new school year brings. Today, students at Gleneagles had their first day in their new classroom. We understand that a new school year and class placements often bring big feelings; it's normal for students and families to experience a mix of excitement and apprehension.

We are here to support our students as they transition into their new classrooms and encourage open communication between families and our staff. Together, we can ensure a smooth and positive start to the year. Before the end of next week, you can expect to receive an email from your child's teacher, welcoming you both to the classroom.

Thank you for your continued partnership, and we look forward to a wonderful year ahead filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences for our students!

Mrs. Hulme
Principal



Bell Schedule

The bell schedule is posted on the school website and can be viewed below. Parents and students are asked to make every effort to arrive on time.



If your child is late for school, please report to the school office to sign-in; if your child will be absent from school, please call the school office to report their absence through the Call Back Line. Thank you for your assistance.

[Gleneagles Bell Schedule](#)

[Lions Bay Bell Schedule](#)

Policy & Procedures Form – please complete this now!

Each school year parents are asked to complete the online Policy & Procedures Form for each student attending school in West Vancouver. This form provides permissions for code of conduct, internet use, use of electronic devices, etc. This online form must be completed for all students – this is a quick and easy task and can be completed now!

Please follow the appropriate link below to complete a form for your child(ren):

[Lions Bay Policy & Procedures Form](#)

[Gleneagles Policy & Procedures Form](#)

In addition to the online form, a hard copy Student Verification form will be sent home with all students soon. Please look for this item in your child's backpack, make the appropriate edits, and return this to school as soon as possible. Thank you!

School Supplies

Don't forget to order school supplies for your child in preparation for the new school year. Supplies can be ordered through EduPac using your school's special code and all information can be found on your school's website here:

[Gleneagles School Supplies](#)

[Lions Bay School Supplies](#)

Personal Digital Devices

As we start a new school year, we want to remind everyone of the Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations. These guidelines include the use of Apple watches – students who wear Apple watches to school will be asked to put them into their backpacks for use after school. If parents need to message a student during the school day, please contact the school office to relay your message. We ask that this is used for emergency/urgent messages only and that parents and students should aim to make important plans prior to coming to school for the day if at all possible. Thank you!

Secondary Schools: Personal digital device expectations are in place during instructional time. Instructional time is during classes, assemblies and all school related learning activities.

Elementary Schools: Personal digital device expectations apply throughout the entire school day, including before school, after school, and during break times. Cell phones will not be used at all during school hours.

These guidelines are key to creating focused and engaging learning environments.

Our goal is to minimize distractions and maximize learning opportunities. Digital devices, when used appropriately, are powerful tools for collaboration, creativity, and communication. However, they should not interrupt instructional time or disrupt the learning environment.

What Families Can Continue to Do

Here are some ways families can help reinforce these expectations at home:

Encourage Balanced Screen Time: Promote activities like reading, outdoor play, and family time.

Model Consistency: Show your support by modeling mindful and appropriate device use.

Support School Communication: Avoid contacting your child during instructional time. Non-urgent messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.

Stay Engaged: Revisit the Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices to refresh your understanding of the expectations and discuss them with your child.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support. Let's keep building on the success of this initiative and continue supporting safe, focused learning for all.

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

Personal Digital Devices include any personal electronic 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 limitations (boundaries?)

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Code of Conduct

Parents are asked to review the guidelines in our Code of Conduct to encourage respectful and constructive communication at school.

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Expectations

Conduct For Parents & Guardians

- 1 Respectful Communication**
Parents & guardians are expected to communicate respectfully and constructively with all members of the school community. This includes in person conversations, email, phone calls, etc.
- 2 Conduct on School Property**
To help maintain a safe and welcoming school environment, parents & guardians must model appropriate behaviour for our students by using responsible language and actions. Adults will not approach or engage with another family's child to resolve conflicts, obtain information, or address concerns. Such matters should be directed to school staff or administration.
We ask that parents & guardians:
 - Sign in upon arrival in the school
 - Follow staff guidance and direction
 - Refrain from entering classrooms without permission
- 3 Online Conduct**
Parents & guardians must use digital communications—including email, social media, and school platforms—in a respectful and responsible way. This means not posting or sharing content that could harm others, such as comments that are unkind, misleading, or that share private information about students, families, or staff. Any online communication about members of the school community is expected to follow these same guidelines, no matter what platform is used.
- 4 Privacy and Confidentiality**
Parents & guardians must respect the privacy of all students, families, and staff and must not share personal or identifying information about others without their knowledge and consent. This includes photos and recordings on any school property.
- 5 Supporting the Resolution of Concerns**
When concerns arise, parents & guardians must follow the established resolution process:
 1. Always start by discussing the concern with the adult directly involved (start with the source)
 2. Engage with respect and in good faith
 3. Respect the privacy of all individuals involved
 4. Work collaboratively to seek a resolution
 5. Follow the above process before formal escalation

SMS Text Messaging

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 that you are on the list.

GLENEAGLES NEWS

Class Configuration

Students at Gleneagles are now settled into their classrooms for this school year, with our class configuration as follows:

If you would like to send an email to your classroom teacher, please have a look at our [staff contact page](#) located on the school website. All staff emails are listed here by clicking on individual names.

Div.	Grade	Teacher
1	6/7	Mrs. Staples
2	6/7	Ms. Philip & Mrs. Odegard
3	6/7	Ms. Birnie
4	4/5	Ms. Sawyer & Ms. Goeson
5	4/5	Ms. Maledy
6	3/4	Ms. Zandvliet
7	2/3	Ms. Harquail
8	1/2	Ms. Robertson
9	K/1	Ms. Sedgwick
10	K	Ms. Carter

Cross Country Team

The start of our annual Cross-Country season is just around the corner with the first district meet coming up on **Tuesday, September 15th**. All **students in grades 3 to 7** are invited to join our GEC Cross Country team and practices will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays during lunch recess. A detailed permission form was sent home with all students who attended the informational meeting with Ms. Maledy today. Please be sure to complete this form and return it to school promptly. If your child missed the meeting, they are still welcome to join our team! Please have your child connect with one of our coaches – Ms. Maledy or Ms. Carter.

There is a \$10 fee per student to cover costs associated with running our Elementary Athletics programs. Please look for this fee on your [School Cash Online](#) account and submit payment if your child will be participating in Cross Country – thank you!

Grade 6/7 Band

The first band class will be held on **Tuesday, September 15th** and Ms. Inkster is looking forward to connecting with all of our band students. Band classes for this school year will be held on Tuesdays at 10:40am and on Thursday mornings at 7:45 am (**The first morning class will begin on September 24**). Students should have their instrument rental in place by September 22nd and Ms. Inkster is recommending Long & McQuade as a good option for instrument rental. Please refer to the detailed email sent out to all band parents earlier today.

If you have any questions regarding Band, please contact Ms. Inkster directly at cinkster@wvschools.ca.

Welcome Back Open House

Save the date for our upcoming Open House/Meet the Staff event to be held on **Wednesday, September 23rd beginning at 5:00 pm in our gym** (not Sept. 24 as previously communicated).

Due to a scheduling conflict, our Open House has been moved to Wednesday, September 23rd and we hope to see you all there!

Our GEC PAC is planning to serve a light meal and more details will be shared soon!



School Fees

Student fees for this school year have been posted to [School Cash Online](#) accounts. Parents are asked to login and submit payment as soon as possible. Families with students who are new to our school will receive information with instructions on how to connect to School Cash Online soon, please wait for this info. Please contact Ms. Pistilli if you need assistance at mapistilli@wvschools.ca.

School Resources & Activity Fee: this annual fee is applied to all WVSD students to support enrichment activities, essential supplies, and student resources that enhance the overall educational experience of our students. This may include cultural and physical programs, student agendas or communication pouches, athletics, fine arts, and School Cash Online administrative fee.

This year's fees are as follows:

School Resources & Activity Fee	\$20 for all students (\$10 for Div. 1 & 2 only)
Printing workbook	\$20 for K, grade 1 and 2 students
Handwriting workbook	\$20 for grade 3 students in Div. 7 only
Cross Country fee	\$10 for participating grade 3 to 7 students only

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. Hulme directly at chulme@wvschools.ca

Hot Lunch is back!

Ordering for Hot Lunch will open this weekend! The Hot Lunch program for Term 1 will **begin with delivery of food items on September 29th**. The ordering system will remain open throughout the school year, but parents should note that the deadline for placing orders is always two weeks before each event, at 6 pm. For example an order for Friday October 9th would need to be placed by 6 pm on Friday September 25th. Given the short notice before the first week of orders, the system will remain open until Friday September 18th at 6 pm for the following orders only: Fresh Slice (Tues 29th), (no school Wed), Aburi Sushi (Thu 1st) and Subway (Fri 2nd)

Orders can be placed through the [Munch-A-Lunch website](#) and all orders must be paid in full, unpaid orders cannot be fulfilled. For any questions or assistance, please contact our Hot Lunch co-ordinators, Russel and Tracey, at gechotlunch@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of our biggest school fundraiser!



IMPORTANT: Please remember to send utensils to school with your child each day as these will not be provided.

Thank you for helping us to be kind to the environment!

After School Clubs at Gleneagles

GEC Sports Explorers

This program runs on Thursdays, October 1st to November 19th

2:40 pm to 4:10 pm in the school gym

\$240 + GST per child

This program is open to kids in grades K to 4 and offers high-energy game-based fun! Kids will build confidence, coordination and a lifelong love of sports.

Please register here: [GEC Sports Explorers](#)

Art Class

This class will not be running for Term 1.



PLAY
Grades K-4

Thursdays 2:40pm - 4:10pm

Sport Explorers PLAY is a high-energy, game-based program that focuses on learning through play. Athletes will participate in a wide variety of structured sport games with modified rules.

With a focus on fair play, coordination, game sense, and tactical growth, this program helps athletes build confidence. A rotation of PE games is included to keep engagement high.

Athletes will be sure to find their love of sport through our Play program.

Note: This program is open to athletes of any skill level!

\$240 for 8 sessions
October 1st - November 19th

LIONS BAY NEWS

Lions Bay PAC Events

Our amazing PAC group is looking forward to a new school year and to connecting with parents! They are inviting you to the following events coming up soon on **September 18 and 24th**. We look forward to seeing everyone!



Kindergarten Intake Conferences

Welcome to our newest students at Lions Bay! Our Kindergarten students are following a gradual entry schedule this week and we send out a big welcome to them as they become accustomed to school routines and settle into their new classroom. Kindergarten parents are reminded that Kindergarten intake conferences are scheduled for **Thursday, September 17th** and you are asked to sign up for a scheduled time through the link that was shared by Mrs. Ohlhauser. Kindergarten intake conference handouts went home in backpacks this past week.



Cross Country Team

Our grade 3 students are invited to join this year's Cross Country team. Mrs. Southam is our coach for running club for grade 2s as well.

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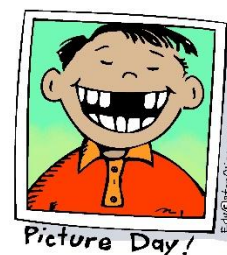
School Resources & Activity Fee	\$20 for all students
Printing workbook	\$20, grade 1 students only
Math workbook	\$18, grade 3 students only
Cross Country fee	\$10 for participating grade 3 students only

Hot Lunch will be starting soon!

Our new hot lunch coordinators this year are Mikhaela and Alison and our Hot Lunch program will begin food delivery on **September 29th**. **We are looking for parent volunteers to pick up and deliver lunch items – if you can help please contact Alison Fischer at aloufischer@gmail.com**. Thank you!

Student Photos

Our school photographer, Edge Imaging, will be onsite on **Wednesday, September 23rd** to take individual student photos beginning at 1:00 pm. Mark your calendars and come to school looking your best!



DATES TO REMEMBER

September 14 to 18	Half day schedule for K students from 9 am to 12 noon
Tuesday, September 15 th	First Cross Country Meet at Ambleside, 3:45 pm
Thursday, September 17 th	Kindergarten Parent Teacher Conferences – see email from Mrs Ohlhauser
Monday, September 21 st	First full day of school for K students
Wednesday, September 23 rd	Student Photo Day at LB Welcome Back Open House at GEC, 5 pm
Thursday, September 24 th	Welcome Back Tea at LB, 8:15 am Terry Fox Run at GEC, 11:30 am
Friday, September 25 th	Pro-D Day (school not in session)
Tuesday, September 29 th	Orange Shirt Day recognized (wear orange to school) Cross Country Meet at Ambleside, 3:45 pm
Wednesday, September 30 th	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (school not in session)
Thursday, October 1 st	Photo Day at GEC, 9:00 am Parent/Teacher Intake Conferences at LB
Friday, October 2 nd	Parent/Teacher Intake Conferences at LB with early dismissal at 12:00 pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

Grade 7 to 8 Parent Info Night (parents & grade 7 students welcome)

<u>Date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location/ Notes</u>
Tuesday, January 5, 2027	WVSS	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Kay Meek Theatre
Wednesday January 6, 2027	Sentinel	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Sentinel Secondary
Thursday, January 7, 2027	Rockridge	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Rockridge Secondary