



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

여것을 번역해 주십시오

CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG

Xin nhờ người dịch hộ

समूची माहवारी

विकल्प बदलने विषय केसके विषय पर ध्यान देना आवश्यक है।

INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE

Busque alguien que le traduzca.

اطلاعات مهم و سودمند

لطفاً از یک نفر بخواهید که برای شما ترجمه کند

ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON

Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan

يرجى ترجمة هذا

معلومات هامة

ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ

Переведите это, пожалуйста.

September 17, 2026

Policy & Procedures Form – now overdue

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](#) has been sent home with all students. 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!

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.

Code of Conduct

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

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, smart phones, tablets, smart watches, and any other portable technology devices.

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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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:
 - Always start by discussing the concern with the adult directly involved (start with the source)
 - Engage with respect and in good faith
 - Respect the privacy of all individuals involved
 - Work collaboratively to seek a resolution
 - Follow the above process before formal escalation

Daily Health Checks

Parents are asked to do daily health checks of children before sending them to school- children should be healthy and well enough to participate in normal school activities. Sore throats, fevers, coughs and other symptoms that make learning difficult should be considered as a suggestion for kids to rest at home.



Parents are also reminded to “Take A Peek Every Week” and make a routine of checking your child’s scalp carefully. This is a good practise to help prevent occurrences of head lice at school – please speak with your child about the importance of not sharing hats, headphones or direct head-to-head contact. Thank you for doing your part to keep everyone healthy and comfortable at school. If you do detect a case of lice, please [inform your classroom teacher or the school office](#) so that we can remind all parents to be diligent in checking and treating this problem and avoid repeated exposure. Your assistance goes a long way in helping to keep everyone healthy at school! Thank you.

Literacy Screening for K to 3 Students

Parents are asked to see [this letter from the Ministry of Education](#) regarding information about Literacy screening practises in our schools.

GLENEAGLES NEWS

Welcome Back Open House

Please join us for our upcoming **Open House/Meet the Staff** event to be held on **Wednesday, September 23rd beginning at 5:00 pm** in our gym. All parents, students and siblings are invited to attend! This is a great opportunity to meet our staff, visit your child’s classroom and see what has been happening so far at Gleneagles Ch’axáy. A reminder that this is not the time to discuss your children’s learning with the teacher as information about conferences on Oct 14 & 15 will be coming soon.

The schedule for our Open House will be as follows:

5:00 to 6:00 pm	Please join us in the gym for a light meal and connect with GEC families Mrs. Hulme will have a short presentation for all families
6:00 to 6:45 pm	Parents and students are invited to visit classrooms

Thank you to our GEC PAC who will be serving up a complimentary meal of hot dogs, chips and water (a veggie hot dog option will also be available).

Hope to see you there!



Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held on **Thursday, September 24 at approximately 1:50 pm.**

We are asking for your support of one of our greatest Canadian heroes by donating "Toonies for Terry" throughout the coming days. Please send some toonies to school with your child as Grade 7 students will be visiting classrooms over the next week to collect donations and speak about Terry. All monies will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation to support the fight against cancer.

Students are asked to wear RED to school on this day to show their pride for our Canadian Hero! Our run will happen regardless of the weather, so please dress accordingly. Parents are welcome to come out and watch as our students participate in this year's run (around the school property). Thank you for your support!



School Fees Now Due

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.

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

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!

Spirit Wear Now Available!

Our online store for purchasing Spirit Wear is now open at the following link: [GEC SPIRIT WEAR](#)



We have a number of youth and adult items for sale this year, including T-shirts, long sleeve shirts, hoodies, crew necks, zipped hoodies and sweatpants. The store is open **until October 4th** and orders will be distributed 2 to 3 weeks after that.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to order some school swag as items will not be available later in the school year.

Nut Free Zone

Please be aware that Gleneagles is a nut-aware zone, and parents are asked not to pack nuts or nut products in their child's lunches.

Thank you.

Gleneagles Ch'axáy Elementary is a nut-aware school



**Please do not bring any products containing nuts into our school.
Thank you for keeping us safe.**

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.



Sport Explorers PLAY

Gleneagles Elementary Gym



PLAY

Grades K-4

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

Thursdays

2:40pm - 4:10pm

LIONS BAY NEWS

Student Absences and Late Arrivals

If your child will be absent or arriving late to school, please notify Mrs. Cox in the school office by phone 604-921-8311 or email scox@wvschools.ca . This saves valuable time during our busy mornings and ensures that all students are safe and accounted for.

Students are asked to stay home if they are not feeling well enough to participate in a full day of learning. Sore throats, fevers, coughs and other symptoms that make learning difficult should be considered as a suggestion for kids to rest at home.

If your child is late for school, or is leaving early, please contact Mrs. Cox in the school office by phone 604-921-8311, in person or email scox@wvschools.ca . Thank you for your assistance!

LB PAC Meeting

The first PAC meeting for this school year is scheduled for **Thursday, September 17th at 6:00 pm**. All Lions Bay school parents are encouraged to attend.

Please see the PAC Meeting Agenda here: [September PAC Mtg Agenda](#)

To join the meeting, please follow the link below:

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 269 297 956 881 213

Passcode: 8X2JB2pm

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!



Hot Lunch is OPEN!

The Lions Bay School Hot Lunch Program will be starting the week of September 28th! The lunch program features Pizza Day on Tuesdays, a rotating parent made lunch on Wednesdays and Sushi Day on Thursdays. The Lunch Program is not mandatory but is a fundraiser for our school that enables teachers to purchase additional materials they may not otherwise be able to. Ordering is OPEN! To order and pay for lunch, please go to the following link: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/LionsBay> Returning parents can log in with your existing account; new parents will need to set up an account.

Please note: orders for the week of September 28th are due September 22nd for pizza and the 24th for sushi.

We are looking for volunteers to help with hot lunch deliveries on Tuesdays and Thursdays or help with parent made hot lunches on Wednesdays. We NEED at least 4 more volunteers to make our Hot Lunch program successful this year. We still require one more volunteer for each of the following:

- Pizza pickup twice a month
- Sushi pickup twice a month
- Parent made lunch twice this term
- Hot dog lunch 2 times this term

Those interested in volunteering can get in touch with Alison at aloufischer@gmail.com . Thank you!



School Fees Now Due

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 have received information with instructions on how to connect to School Cash Online. Please contact Ms. Pistilli if you need assistance at mapistilli@wvschools.ca .

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This year's fees are as follows:

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

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!

YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!

Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- On photo day, no order form or payment is due.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!

! DON'T FORGET
School photos are a Canadian tradition to capture the school year and preserve your continued growth.

🔔 GET REMINDERS
Sign up for notifications at edgeimaging.ca/photoday to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.

1 (866) 707-3343

edgeimaging.ca

[edgeimaging](https://www.facebook.com/edgeimaging)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, September 21 st	First full day of school for K students
Tuesday, September 22 nd	Cross Country Meet at Ambleside, 3:45 pm
Wednesday, September 23 rd	Student Photo Day at LB, 1:00 pm 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, 1:50 pm (please wear red to school)
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 NO early dismissal

Friday, October 2 nd	Parent/Teacher Intake Conferences at LB with early dismissal at 12:00 pm
Wednesday, October 7 th	Terry Fox Run at Lions Bay

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

Adaptive Soccer Program

ADAPTIVE SOCCER PROGRAM FOR NEURODIVERSE PLAYERS

13 Week Program
 Fridays 3:45-4:45 PM
 Ages 4 to 15
 First Session is Friday, Sept. 11th
 Location: Ambleside Field D









FORMERLY NORTH SHORE
MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS)

Support for you and your family as you
navigate the Canadian school system

**CHECK OUT THE
UPCOMING WORKSHOPS
& EVENTS!**



SWIS hosts a variety of workshops for newcomers and community events. Our newcomer workshops explore topics such as Canadian culture and systems, employment options, English language, parenting, health and so much more. Our community events explore themes of immigrant inclusion, belonging, and anti-racism.

<https://impactnorthshore.ca/immigrant-service-centre/settlement-workers-in-schools/>