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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

ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ

ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਖ਼ਬਰਾਂ ਦਾ ਉਲੇਖਾ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ।

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 24, 2026

School Closures

A reminder that tomorrow (**Friday, September 25th**) is a Pro-D Day in West Vancouver and classes will not be in session as our staff attend professional development sessions. We wish all our families a wonderful long weekend and we look forward to seeing students back on Monday!

On **Wednesday, September 30th** all schools will be closed in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada. Don't forget to wear your orange shirts on Tuesday the 29th!

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:

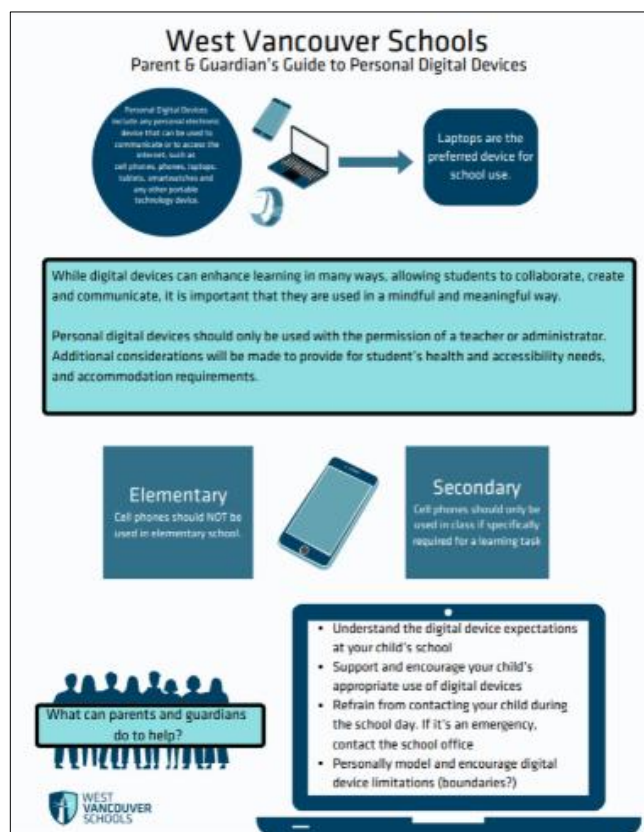
Encourage Balanced Screen Time: Promote activities like reading, outdoor play, and family time.

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.



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.

Toys At School

We’d like to remind families that toys from home should stay at home unless they are specifically requested by a teacher for a classroom activity or special theme day.

Outside of these special occasions where bringing a toy is part of a planned activity, we ask that general toys and items from home remain at home. This helps us keep classrooms focused, reduces distractions, and helps prevent items from being lost or damaged. Thank you for helping us support a positive and focused learning environment for everyone!

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 Christine Hulme or to 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.

GLENEAGLES NEWS

Orange Shirt Day

Students are invited to **wear an orange shirt to school on Tuesday, September 29th** in recognition of our **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** which falls on Wednesday, September 30th.

The orange shirt has become a symbol of hope, reconciliation, and a commitment to a better future. By wearing an orange shirt to school, we make a statement to support reconciliation and commit to the enduring truth that EVERY CHILD MATTERS. Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led commemorative day that honours the children who survived the residential schooling experience and remembers those who did not as well as their families. This day relates to the experience of Phyllis Webstad, a First Nation student, who arrived on her first day of school dressed in a new orange shirt which was taken from her.

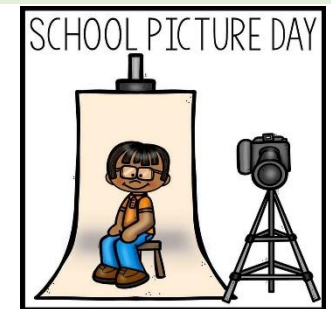
Please [read Phyllis' story here](#).



At Gleneagles, all students will be decorating an orange feather which will be used for a school-wide display in the hallway outside of the office area. Please come by to have a look!

Photo Day

Students at Gleneagles will have individual photos taken on **Thursday, October 1st** beginning at 9:00 am. Bring your smiles to school!



Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews are scheduled for **October 14th & 15th** and the online scheduling system will open for parents on Monday morning, September 28th. An email reminder will be sent out on Monday morning.

Please note that early dismissal is in effect on these days at 12:30 pm and the Lions Bay bus will be departing GEC at approximately 12:40 pm.

Our GEC PAC is organizing a **Movie Afternoon** for students on both of these days from 12:30 to 2:35 pm in the school gym. Please go to Munch-A-Lunch to purchase tickets and see details below ...

All appointments will be held in-person in your child's classroom. If you are unable to attend one of these scheduled times, please contact your classroom teacher directly to make alternate arrangements. This is a formal reporting opportunity for parents to be involved in a one-on-one meeting with your child's classroom teacher; interview times (10 minutes) are for parents and teachers only and we ask that students are not involved in this process in order to allow for effective and efficient interviews given the limited timeframe.

Please follow this link to schedule your appointment: <https://gleneagles.schoolappointments.com/admin/> . An instruction sheet to assist you with this process can be found [here](#). If you are having difficulty, please contact Ms. Pistilli in the school office for assistance.

Our GEC PAC is hosting a movie afternoon for students after the early dismissal days on **October 14 and 15**.

Kids will be supervised by adult volunteers and grade 7 helpers! Parents can drop off their kids and go to their scheduled appointment times! **Tickets are available through [Munch-A-Lunch](#) under the fundraising tab.**

GENEAGLES CH'AXAY ELEMENTARY
PAC FUNDRAISER



MOVIE AFTERNOONS IN THE GYM

EARLY DISMISSAL • OCTOBER 14 & 15
12:30-2:35 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14



"Hoppers" (2026)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15



"The Super Mario Galaxy Movie" (2026)

\$25 PER CHILD, PER AFTERNOON

Supervised by adult volunteers and Grade 7 helpers
Snack included • Please bring a bagged lunch

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.

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.

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](#)

A poster for "Sport Explorers PLAY" at Gleneagles Elementary Gym. The top section has a dark background with a circular logo on the left and the title "Sport Explorers PLAY" in white, with "Gleneagles Elementary Gym" below it. The middle section is a photograph of children playing basketball in a gym. The bottom section is white with black text. It includes the title "PLAY" in bold, "Grades K-4", and a description of the program. It also lists the schedule as "Thursdays 2:40pm - 4:10pm", the cost as "\$240 for 8 sessions", and the dates "October 1st - November 19th".

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

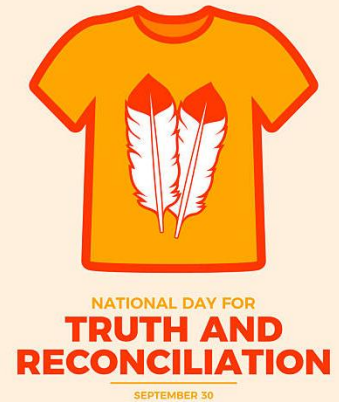
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LIONS BAY NEWS

Orange Shirt Day

All schools in West Vancouver **will be closed on Wednesday, September 30th** in recognition of our **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. To show our support for this day, all students at Lions Bay are invited to wear an orange shirt to school on **Tuesday, September 29th**.

The orange shirt has become a symbol of hope and reconciliation in recognition of the events that took place in residential schools across our country. To learn more about Orange Shirt Day, [read Phyllis's story here](#).



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

Thank you to everyone who attended our PAC meeting last week, please see the meeting minutes here: [LB PAC Meeting Minutes](#)

Hot Lunch is OPEN and we are looking for Parent Volunteers!

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

If you are interested in helping out, please sign up through our [Hot Lunch Volunteer sheet](#).

Please consider signing up to help out with hot lunch deliveries and/or cooking so that the program can continue. Even one day this term is a huge help! We have outlined what each volunteer job requires on the sign up sheet, but please reach out if you have any questions. You can reach Alison at aloufischer@gmail.com or [604-619-853](tel:604-619-853) or Mikhaela at davidandmikhaela@gmail.com or 780-965-4494.



Parent/Teacher Interviews

Interviews are scheduled for **October 1st and 2nd** at Lions Bay with early dismissal in effect only on Friday, October 2nd at 12:00 pm.

This is a formal reporting opportunity for parents to be involved in a one-on-one meeting with your child's classroom teacher; interview times are for parents and teachers only and we ask that students are not involved in this process in order to allow for effective and efficient interviews given the limited timeframe.

To schedule an interview time, please refer to the email sent from your classroom teacher.

Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held on **Wednesday, October 7th**. More info will be shared soon!

DATES TO REMEMBER

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
Monday, October 5 th	World Teacher Day
Wednesday, October 7 th	Terry Fox Run at Lions Bay GEC PAC Meeting, 6:30 pm
Monday, October 12 th	Thanksgiving Holiday (school not in session)
Tuesday, October 14 th	Hearing Screening for K students at GEC
October 14 & 15	Parent/Teacher Interviews at GEC, early dismissal at 12:30 pm GEC PAC Movie Afternoon in the gym
Thursday, October 15 th	Shake Out BC earthquake drill

COMMUNITY NEWS

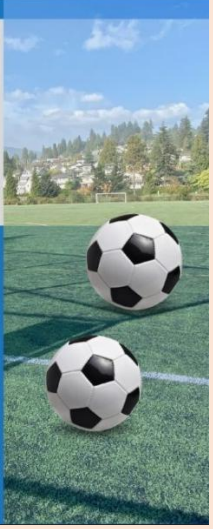
Adaptive Soccer Program

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







Settlement Workers In Schools



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/>

All Candidates Meeting

Please join the West Vancouver DPAC for the West Vancouver Board of Education All Candidates Meeting. All parent questions can be sent [here](#)

West Vancouver Board of Education All Candidates Meeting

Tuesday, October 6th from 6-8pm
Kay Meek Studio Theatre
1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver

On October 17, 2026 voters in the District of West Vancouver, the Village of Lions Bay, Bowen Island Municipality and part of Metro Vancouver Electoral Area A will elect five Trustees for School District 45, West Vancouver Board of Education.

The West Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council (WVDPAC) is hosting an All School Trustee Candidates Meeting on Tuesday October 6th, 2026 in the Kay Meek Studio Theatre.

All members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Learn more about the candidates
for Trustee at
election.westvancouver.ca