



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

ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ

विकल्प बदलने विधि के लिए यहां कृपया अनुवाद करें।

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.

Welcome Back to School!

Dear Gleneagles Ch'axáy and Lions Bay Families,

Welcome back to a new school year!

Along with our Vice Principals, Alysha Philip and Jenn Ohlhauser, I am so excited to welcome everyone back to Gleneagles Ch'axáy and Lions Bay. As we begin our second year together, we are looking forward to building on the relationships, connections, and learning that began last year. We feel very fortunate to be part of such caring and supportive school communities.

To our returning families, welcome back! I look forward to continuing to get to know you and your children and to celebrating all that they will accomplish this year. To our new families, a very warm welcome to the Gleneagles Ch'axáy and Lions Bay communities. We are so happy to have you join us and hope you quickly feel a sense of belonging and connection within our schools.



I look forward to continuing to work together with families to support our students throughout the year as they learn, grow, and build confidence. There is so much to look forward to, and I can't wait to see our hallways and playgrounds filled with energy, laughter, and both familiar and new smiling faces.

Here's to a wonderful year ahead!

Christine Hulme

Principal

First Day of School

Our staff at both Gleneagles Ch'axáy and Lions Bay are looking forward to the first day of school on **Tuesday, September 8th**. Students in **Grades 1-7** are expected to be in attendance according to the times listed below:

Lions Bay School	Students will be in attendance from 8:45 to 10:00 am. All students are asked to enter through the door labelled with a deer 
Gleneagles Ch'axáy	Students in attendance from 8:30 am to 10:15 am; parents are invited to the gym for our PAC-hosted Welcome Back Tea & Coffee. Returning students should report to their <u>last year's classroom</u> for attendance at the welcome bell. All students NEW TO GEC are asked to meet in the basketball court at the back of the school. Students do not need to bring anything with them on the first day.

We look forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten students on Wednesday, September 9th (as per the gradual entry instructions emailed in July).

As a reminder, in order to secure a place for the 2026-27 school year, students are expected to be in attendance by Tuesday, September 8th. If your child will not be in attendance before this time, please email mapistilli@wvschools.ca or leave a message on the Call Back line at 604-981-1360 with your child's name, grade, reason for absence, and expected date of return. For more information, please refer to [AP 300](#).

Parents at Gleneagles are asked to look for an important email coming to your inbox on Thursday afternoon, September 10th. This email will contain your child's class placement for this school year and will detail their classroom teacher and where your child should report to on Friday morning.

Lions Bay Bus

Please note that Lions Bay bus service will begin on Tuesday, September 8th with only drop off service available on this day (no return trip to Lions Bay will be available). Please arrange to have your child picked up from school on Tuesday if you are using the bus service. **Full AM/PM service will begin on Wednesday, September 9th.** All students living in the Lions Bay corridor who wish to use the LB bus service must register annually through our district site [here](#).

Important: if your child is not registered, they will not be able to use the bus service as this causes a liability issue for our school district. Please ensure that registration has been completed as soon as possible.

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, 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

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](#)

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](#)

Cross Country

The start of our District Cross-Country season will kick off with the first meet being held on **Tuesday, September 15th**! All students in grades 3 to 7 are invited to join Cross Country and to accommodate the quick start date, a permission form will go home on Friday, Sept 9th. Please sign and return it on Monday, Sept 14.

There is a \$10 fee per student to cover costs associated with running the 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!



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.

After School Clubs at Gleneagles

Gleneagles is planning to offer two after school clubs for Term 1 – an Art Class and a Sports Explorers class. Please see info below to register your child:

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

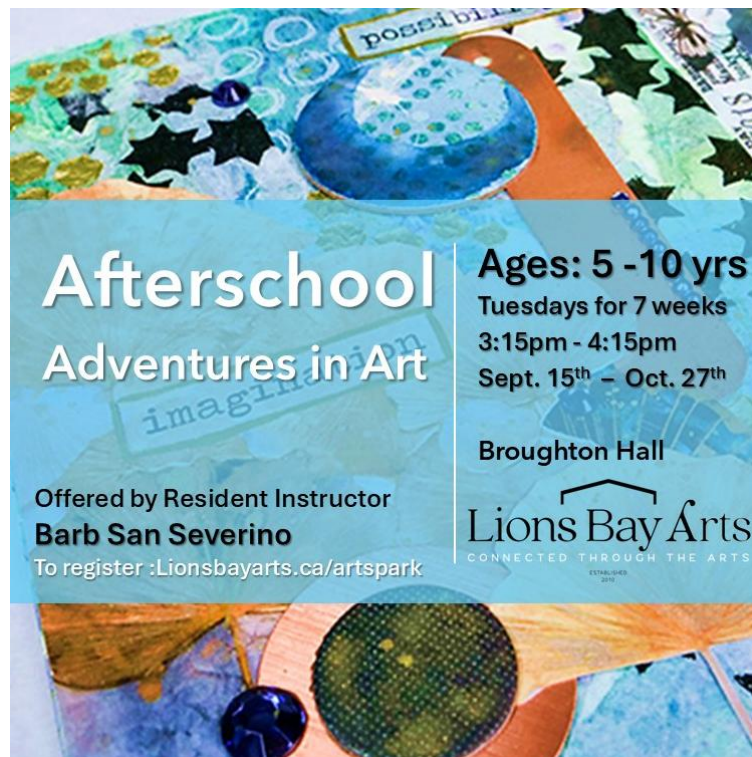
This program is open to kids in grades K to 4 and offers high-energy game-based fun! Kids will build confidence, coordination and a lifelong love of sports. **Please register here:** [GEC Sports Explorers](#)

Art Class

More information to follow regarding this program.

After School Art in Lions Bay

Please see information below regarding the Adventures in Art after school program which runs on Tuesdays. This program is held off site at Broughton Hall and **registration info can be found here:** [Arts Park](#)



**Afterschool
Adventures in Art**

Ages: 5 -10 yrs
Tuesdays for 7 weeks
3:15pm - 4:15pm
Sept. 15th – Oct. 27th

Broughton Hall

Offered by Resident Instructor
Barb San Severino
To register : Lionsbayarts.ca/artspark

Lions Bay Arts
CONNECTED THROUGH THE ARTS
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Personal Digital Devices

As we start a new school year, we want to remind everyone of the Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations.

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

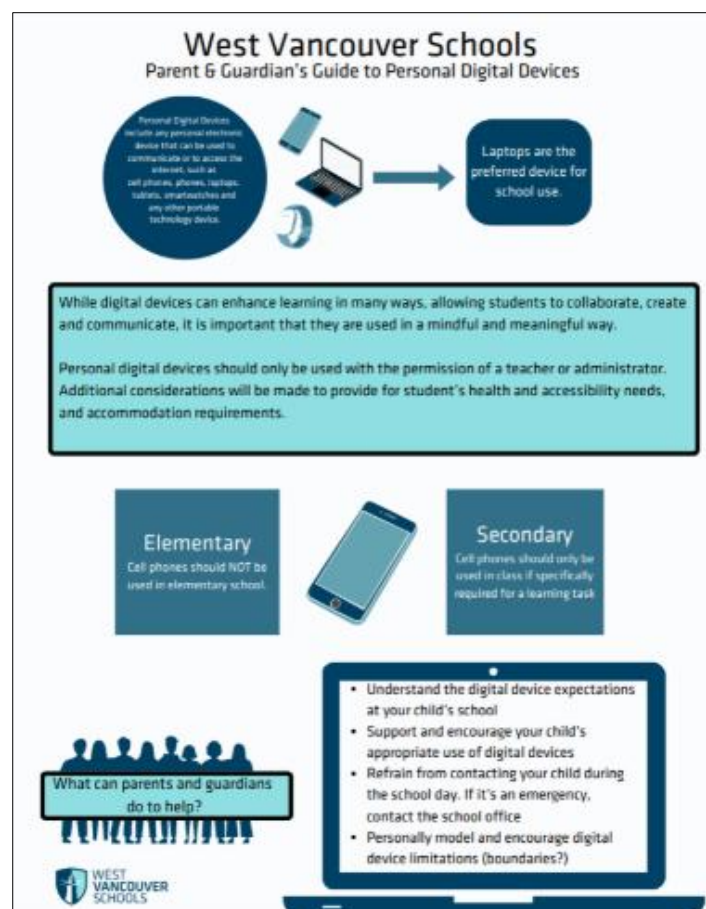
Here are some ways families can help reinforce these expectations at home:

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, September 8 th	First day of School for students in grades 1 to 7 Please check times listed above for each school site.
Wednesday, September 9 th	Gradual entry begins for Kindergarten First full day of school for students in grades 1 to 7
September 14 to 18	Half day schedule for K students
Tuesday, September 15 th	First Cross Country Meet at Ambleside
Monday, September 21 st	First full day of school for K students

COMMUNITY NEWS

E-TRANSPORT: Know Before You Buy or Ride

Not all small or electric transportation is treated the same.
Know the Micromobility rules for Personal Electric Vehicles in West Vancouver.

Vehicle Type	Where Can I Ride?	How Old Do I Need To Be?	Max Speed	License & Insurance?	Other Important Rules
 e-bike	Anywhere bicycles can ride	14+ for light e-bikes 16+ for standard e-bikes	Light bikes: 25 km/h Standard: 32 km/h	No license or insurance required	Must have fully operable pedals
 e-scooter	Anywhere bicycles can ride in West Van	16+	25 km/h	No license or insurance required	Solo riders only
 moped/LSM	Public Roads Only	16+	70 km/h	License & insurance required	BC licence plate required
 e-dirt bike	Not on roads, sidewalks, or bike lanes	Not legal at any age on public roads	Not permitted on public roads	Cannot be registered or insured	Not legal on public roads
 mini-motorcycle	Not on roads, sidewalks, or bike lanes	Not legal at any age on public roads	Not permitted on public roads	Cannot be registered or insured	Not legal on public roads

