

HOLLYBURN THIS WEEK: September 25th-29th

The Week Ahead	
Monday	Cross Country Practice 8:00am
Tuesday	Road Safety Blitz 8:15am Cross Country Meet #2 3:30-4:45pm at Ambleside
Wednesday	Photo Day (Individual)
Thursday	Cross Country Practice 8:00am
Friday	Hot Lunch: Last day to place your order for hot lunch! https://munchalunch.com/schools/hollyburn/ National Day for Truth and Reconciliation West Vancouver Schools will observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by encouraging staff and students to wear orange.
UPCOMING	See more details on our calendar at the end of this document

Information, Request, Reminders	
THANK YOU HPAC!	It was great to have so many families attend our Meet and Eat yesterday. We hope you found the information from classroom teachers helpful and were able to enjoy some time socializing with other families. Thank you to PAC for their support with this event, including providing pizza and for organizing a variety of games. We have had a smooth first few weeks of school. Students are settling in
	nicely to the routines and expectations in the classrooms and on the playground. We understand it must be challenging for our new students to navigate the complexities of a new school, but they appear to be happy and doing well! Please never hesitate to reach out to the teachers if you have any questions or concerns. We value and appreciate parent input.
	All parents are members of the Hollyburn Parent Advisory Council (HPAC). I encourage you to come to meetings to learn about the many ways parents support the teaching and learning at Hollyburn. The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 12th at 9am in the library. Guest speakers will be our two Physical Literacy experts, Erin Crawford and Amber Pascual, who will provide an overview of the program in our district, what





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	your children will be learning at school and what you can do at home to help your child.
TERRY FOX RUN 2023	Terry Fox is a Canadian hero. He is a symbol of hope in Canadian history and a pivotal movement in the battle against cancer. Here in Canada, we celebrate Terry Fox and continue to raise money for cancer research in his honour. If you are interested in learning more, click <u>HERE</u> . If you are interested in joining our fundraising efforts, please donate <u>HERE</u> .
CROSS COUNTRY MEET #1	We had a successful first Cross Country Meet at Ambleside this week, despite the downpour of rain! Our competitors demonstrated grit, determination, and terrific team spirit. Go Hollyburn Huskies!
POLICY AND PROCEDURE FORMS	All families need to complete a new Policy and Procedures form for this 2023-2024 school year. Please find a link to the forms <u>HERE</u> . In addition, a package of forms should have come home with your child. It includes a technology form, emergency release forms, and information about agendas. Agendas will be handed out by classroom teachers to students closer to the end of September. Please complete and return these forms to the school as soon as possible.
FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS ASSESSMENT	From October 2 to November 10 students across the province in Grades 4 and 7 will be completing the FSA in their respective schools. This set of assessments measures how well students are progressing in the areas of literacy (understanding and communicating with language) and numeracy





	 (understanding and working with numbers). The FSA provides the Ministry of Education, school districts and schools with information for continuous academic growth and insight into student achievement. Exemptions from these assessments may include students who have Individual Education Plans (IEPs), or students who receive English Language Learning (ELL) support who have not reached a sufficient level of language proficiency or in the event of an extenuating circumstance. Principals, in collaboration with teachers, determine which students, if any, are excused from any or all the assessment components. The online portion of the assessments includes literacy and numeracy questions and two self-reflection questions. The Student Response Booklet contains: a choice of literacy themes, three literacy written response questions, three numeracy written response questions and a self-reflection question. These assessments are similar to activities students do on a daily basis in the classroom. For FSA sample booklets, questions and tests: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/prog ram-management/assessment/foundation-skills-assessment/fsa-samples
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DISTRICT INFORMATION SESSIONS	 Please click on the links below to find out about District information sessions being offered. "Moving to Adulthood" explores supports for youth with diverse abilities. This will be held on Wednesday, October 4th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at the North Vancouver Education Services Centre. Click <u>HERE</u> for more information. On Thursday, October 5th from 6:30pm - 7:30pm at the Kay Meek Studio Theatre a session for parents and guardians of children entering Kindergarten in September 2024 is being offered. Click <u>HERE</u> for more information. Every month, FamilySmart hosts events for parents and caregivers who are parenting a child or youth with a mental health and/or substance use called "in the know". For more information, click <u>HERE</u>. FamilySmart also provides a Help for Hard Times Workshop series which provides a framework for parents/caregivers to consider as they support their child after a crisis. The workshop includes practical strategies, tips, and tools that support caring, connected relationships. For more information, click <u>HERE</u>.
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS	Art Mania - Please access link <u>HERE</u> for information and registration Multi-Sport Program - Please access link <u>HERE</u> for information and registration





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CODING CLUB FOR GIRLS	If you are a girl in Grade 6, 7, or 8 who attends a West Vancouver School and you are interested in coding, this club might be for you! More information can be found <u>HERE</u> .
OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADE 6/7 STUDENTS	Have you ever wondered how technology products are built, what skills and abilities are required, and what the various career options are available in technology? Join us at Game of Apps (season 07) where professional software
	developers and product designers teach and mentor students on a weekly basis. You will learn coding and design skills, as well as important soft skills such as teamwork, communication, critical thinking, problem solving, time management, and much more.
	General promo video: <u>https://youtu.be/RUOK8HIWWd8</u> Intro to Coding program details: <u>https://youtu.be/nWJq7T5bUis</u>
	Registration: https://gameofapps.org/register
	Early bird pricing is available before September 30th. There are also two Info Sessions scheduled (details at gameofapps.org)

In the Community	
WEST VANCOUVER MEMORIAL	The WVML September/October 2023 e-newsletter for kids, families and educators is here!
LIBRARY	September/October 2023 Update from WVML (patronpoint.com)
	This issue features programs and resources related for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, an exciting Youth Department space planning project and so much more!
	As always: everything is free, open to all and no library card is required.
	Marking National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept 30)
	The Library will be open on September 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit us and explore our book displays and curated resource lists designed to promote learning and reconciliation.
	Plus, join us for these upcoming events:
	<u>Reading Circle – The Fire Still Burns: Life In and After Residential School</u> by Sam George
	Sunday, September 17, 3 – 4 p.m.
	The Fire Still Burns: An Evening with Squamish Elder Sam George



	Wednesday, September 27, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
	Storytelling, Songs, and Crafts with Lisa Lewis
	Monday, October 2, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
	<u>Teen Reading Circle</u>
	Thursday, October 5, 3:45 – 4:45 p.m.
	Please check out the <u>WVML website</u> for more information.
FALL PROGRAM	Click here to view the programs and activities available
REGISTRATION	
AT WV	Want to learn indigenous arts & culture, languages, science, Lego, Chess,
COMMUNITY	visit <u>https://westvancouver.ca/learning</u>
CENTER AND	visit <u>inips://westvancoover.ca/ieanning</u>
GLENEAGLES	
	Music Program: <u>https://westvancouver.ca/music</u>
COMMUNITY	Weekly Group & Private Music Lessons
CENTER NOW	
OPEN!	Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us:
	https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers
	Live! Music Series returns this September in the Atrium.

Coming Up!

Monday, October 2nd

- National Day of Reconciliation (Statutory Holiday) School not in session
- Hot lunch delivery (in lieu of Wednesday, October 3rd)

Tuesday, October 3rd

Cross Country Meet #3, 3:30pm @Ambleside

Wednesday, October 4th & Thursday, October 5th

- Learning Conferences - Early dismissal at 11:10am both days

- Due to early dismissal on Wednesday, October 4th, Hot Lunch will be distributed on Tuesday, October 2nd.

Friday, October 6th

- NSBIT - Delayed start at 9:50am (Non School-Based Instructional Time)

Monday, October 9th

- Thanksgiving Holiday - School not in session

Thursday October 12th

- PAC Meeting 9-10:30am in Library

Tuesday October 17th

- Volleyball Game #1 (Grade 7 Team)

Friday October 20th





- Provincial Professional Development Day (school

not in session for students)