


HOLLYBURN THIS WEEK: January 29th - Feb 2nd, 2024




The Week Ahead	
Monday	Professional Development Day (school not in session for students)
Tuesday	Skwxwu7mesh Language Lessons with Alroy Baker (see more information below) Basketball Game #2 vs. Chartwell Girls @ Chartwell Boys @ Hollyburn
Wednesday	
Thursday	Boys' Basketball Practice 8:00-8:45am HPAC Meeting 9am in the School Library (Guest, Board Chair Broady) Girls' Basketball Practice 3:00-3:30pm
Friday	Non-School Based Instructional Time (NSBIT) (Delayed start for students 9:50am)
UPCOMING...	See more details on our calendar at the end of this document

Information, Request, Reminders	
FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS 2023 ASSESSMENT (FSA) COMPLETED	<p>Students in Grades Four and Seven across British Columbia completed assessments in Literacy and Numeracy in November. These annual assessments of academic skills provide parents, teachers, school, school district and the ministry with important information on student progress. Hollyburn parents and guardians of Grade Four and Seven learners, please check your children's backpacks as their marked assessments were sent home Wednesday. The assessments are a snapshot of your child's progress. Please note that this is the ONLY copy of your child's booklet.</p>
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR INTENTION FORMS	<p>At this time of the year it is customary for us to ask you, our parent group, for your input as we begin to plan for the next school year. It is important that we have accurate information about the families who will be attending Hollyburn as staffing and configurations are based on the number of students attending next year. The intention form is being sent home with your child and can also be accessed HERE. Please complete one section for each child in your family. Students in Grade 7, transferring to Grade 8, do not need to be included in this form. Please complete and return the form by Friday, February 2nd.</p>
SKWXWU7MESH LANGUAGE LESSONS	<div>  <p>In the coming months, all of our classes at Hollyburn will be learning Skwxwu7mesh Language Lessons with K'etximt'n (Mr. Alroy Baker). K'etximt'n is a Skwxwu7mesh elder, weaver, language holder, and knowledge keeper. We are so lucky to have him as part of our Hollyburn community and he will be running weekly sessions with classes from January until June.</p> </div>
UPCOMING ROAD CLOSURE ON 15TH STREET - JAN 15TH TO MARCH 11TH	<p>We want to make you aware of upcoming road work for BC Hydro, starting on Monday January 15th that requires the closure of 15th Street between Mathers Avenue and Queens Avenue, for approximately eight weeks. Pedestrian access will remain with Traffic Control Persons (flaggers) assisting where necessary. Details are below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expect a full road closure on 15th Street, between Mathers Avenue and Queens Avenue, starting on Monday, January 15 for approximately eight weeks. ● The full closure on 15th Street will be in effect Monday to Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. After work hours and on weekends/holidays, single-lane alternating traffic will be in effect. ● Traffic control personnel and construction signage will be on-site to facilitate traffic flow.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This work is related to the BC Hydro Glenmore Voltage Conversion project. Please see the long-term work below for more information. <p>Updated information will be posted on the District website HERE.</p>
HOT TIPS FROM OUR LIBRARIAN	<p> Hollyburn Elementary School Library Catalogue - available to browse online! </p> <p>  </p> <p> All of our books are available to view online. Type a search term, such as author or title, into the Find bar to see if it is available, and where it is located (sublocation). Words need to be typed correctly, so if your book title doesn't seem to find anything, check the spelling. For instance Dog Man is two words, and we have 21 titles available. If you type DogMan you will not see any books. </p> <p> Students, write down the names of any books you would like to check out during your next library visit! Parents, we have young adult and adult books available for you to sign out. Send Ms Gratton an email if you wish to do this, and we can sign a book out to you under your child's account. (dgratton@wvschools.ca) </p> <p> Follow this link to see the many resource Collections in our library! These Collections are organized by theme and updated annually. They show the diverse collection of books we have on our shelves. Hollyburn Collections are denoted by the husky icon, but Collections at other schools in our district are visible too. They are in the second row, denoted by other animal icons. In many cases, books from one school are also available at another. *Public Collections are created by other schools across North America and although visible to everyone, not necessarily endorsed by West Vancouver Schools. </p> <p> Note: The link to our library is also available through our school district website https://westvancouver.schools.ca. Click on Resources/Library Resources to find the West Vancouver School Libraries and select Hollyburn Library. Once in our library page, you can use the Catalogue search bar, or click Destiny Discover, to get a view of the new/popular books and see the Collections. If you have any questions or comments, please email Ms. Gratton. </p>
NORTH SHORE HARVEST PROJECT FOOD DRIVE - COMING IN FEBRUARY	<p>Our school is organizing a Food Drive for the North Shore Harvest Project, and we need your help!</p> <p>Do you have an abundance of canned or boxed food left in your cupboards after the holiday season? Please consider putting it aside and sending it to Hollyburn School in early February, when we host our Food Drive.</p>

	<p>Do you know that food banks across BC have been very busy the last few years, including an increase in the number of families across the North Shore accessing food banks? The North Harvest has been operating for over 30 years. Their motto is 'a Hand Up, not a Hand Out' and they are committed to offering Hope, Dignity, Compassion, Respect, and Accountability to the families and individuals that access the Harvest's food shelves.</p> <p>Consider doing a little extra shopping for the North Shore Harvest over the next few weeks, and donating it the first or second week of February. Together, our school can show how much we care for the people in our community who are struggling this winter.</p> <p>Thank you to Ms. Gratton for organizing this activity.</p>
WV DISTRICT FOOD SECURITY PLAN	<p>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 the school principal (jduncan@wvschools.ca) if support is needed with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect and confidentiality.</p>

In the Community	
EXPLOITATION EDUCATION RESOURCES	<p>West Vancouver Schools in association with The Foundry North Shore hosted a parent presentation on Tuesday, January 23rd. The topic was Cybersafe from Exploitation. The presentation shared some great tips on what to look for and notice in children and youths' online behaviour to support their safety from exploitation. The website, Exploitation Education, has some great resources for families that can be found here.</p>
NEURODIVERSITY AND DANCE	<p>My name is Miss Tammy and I teach neuro-affirmative dance classes on Tuesdays from 7:00-7:45pm at the Vanleena Dance Academy, 1457 Marine Drive, our West Vancouver location. All interested families are invited to contact me directly at dance@vanleena.com to learn more about the program (we also offer a free trial class!).</p> 
SPRING BREAK SPORTS CAMP	<p>Private Coaching Company (PCC) is offering spring break camps for students ages 6-10. The camps will be held at Chartwell Elementary. Participants will move through a variety of sports and fun activities. Access flyer HERE for more information and registration details.</p>

<p>REC CENTRE HAPPENINGS</p>	<p>Winter and Spring Break camp information: https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities/camps</p> <p>Browse your recreation activities and programs here: https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities</p> <p>Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us: https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers</p>
<p>WEST VANCOUVER LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION</p>	<p>West Vancouver Little League registration is open! Spring baseball for ages 5-16 We have girls only programs this year! https://wvll.ca/registration/</p>

COMING UP!

Tuesday, February 6th

- Basketball Game #3 vs. Cedardale

Friday, February 9th

- Family Friday (Families are invited into their child's classroom for the first 30 minutes of the day to participate in learning activities)

Friday, February 16th

-District-wide Reading Break - School not in session

Monday, February 19th

-Family Day Holiday

Upcoming PAC Meetings

- Wednesday, March 13th @ 9am, school library (Guest, Superintendent Kennedy and Ms. Rochfort)
- Thursday, April 11th @ 9am, school library (Guest, Cari Wilson, "Digital Citizenship")