

# HOLLYBURN THIS WEEK: February 12th - Feb 16th, 2024

The Week Ahead		
Monday	Boys' Basketball Practice 8:00-8:45am	
	Girls' Basketball Practice 3:00-3:30pm	
Tuesday	WVMEA Support Staff Appreciation Day (see information below)	
	Alroy Baker Visit (see information below)	
	WVSS Staff Visiting Grade 7's	
	Basketball Game #4 vs. Westcot Girls @ Hollyburn Boys @ Westcot	
Wednesday	Valentine's Day	
Thursday	Boys' Basketball Practice 8:00-8:45am	
	Girls' Basketball Practice 3:00-3:30pm	
Friday	READING BREAK (School not in session)	
UPCOMING	See more details on our calendar at the end of this document	

### Information, Request, Reminders

WVMEA STAFF APPRECIATION DAY	Tuesday is WVMEA support staff appreciation day. You may wonder who are our WVMEA STAFF? These are individuals who contribute to	
let's celebrate	student success and safety every day. From our incredible team of education assistants who care and support a diverse range of students, to our administrative assistants like Ms. Denman, Ms. D and Ms. Rana - who keep Hollyburn running smoothly, to our custodians- Mr. Haji and Mr. Manuel who ensure our schools are safe and clean, and the hundreds of other vitally important staff who contribute to our school district, we thank you and look forward to celebrating them next week. A great way you could celebrate these individuals is by simply thanking them for the work that they do, and thinking thoughtfully about how they contribute to our incredible Hollyburn community!	





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FESL UPDATE (Framework for Enhancing Student Learning)	Our school goal this year is to improve number sense and increase student ownership of Math learning from K-7. School goals typically span three years and Hollyburn has reached the midpoint of its journey. The document <u>HERE</u> provides highlights and data of Year Two. It is also posted on our school website.
PURDYS FUNDRAISER	Want to know the most DELICIOUS way to support us? Order Purdys chocolate from our fundraiser! Pamphlets have been sent home. From now until February 26th, you can order Purdy's treats from our
	online campaign. Shop gifts for family, friends, and neighbours, AND yourself in one convenient place!
	What you'll need to order: 1. Our campaign number: 58622
	2. Go to our fundraising website:
	https://fundraising.purdys.com/1571749-115920 3. Click 'Join Campaign'
	4. Shop, shop, away!
	Last day to order is <b>February 26th, 2024.</b> Order pick up is <b>March 13th</b> .
	If you have any questions, please email idelucrezia@wvschools.ca
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR INTENTION FORMS	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 was sent home with your child and can also be accessed <u>HERE</u> . 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 as soon as possible.
SKWXWU7MESH LANGUAGE LESSONS	In the coming months, all of our classes at Hollyburn will be learning Skwxwu7mesh Language Lessons with K'etximtn (Mr. Alroy Baker). K'etximtn 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.
NORTH SHORE HARVEST PROJECT FOOD DRIVE	Ms. Gratton and our Grade 6/7 classes are organising a Food Drive for the North Shore Harvest Project and we need your help!





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HARVEST PROJECT	Do you have an abundance of canned or boxed food left in your cupboards after the holiday season? Please consider sending it this month as we are collecting for the North Shore Harvest Project. 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. Consider doing a little extra shopping for the North Shore Harvest and donating over the next few weeks. Together, our school can show how much we care for the people in our community who are struggling this winter.
WVS 2024-2025 PREMIER ACADEMIES	The 2024-2025 Premier Academies are open for registration! Please visit <u>https://westvancouverschools.ca/programs/</u> for further information. <u>Premier Academies</u> : Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Fencing, Field Hockey, Rugby, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball
WV DISTRICT FOOD SECURITY PLAN	As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare <u>Feeding Futures</u> <u>Initiative</u> , 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 ( <u>jduncan@wvschools.ca</u> ) if support is needed with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect and confidentiality.

In the Community		
EXPLOITATION EDUCATION RESOURCES	West Vancouver Schools in association with The Foundry North Shore hosted a parent presentation on Tuesday, January 23rd. The topic was <b>Cybersafe from Exploitation</b> . 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 <u>here</u> .	
SAFE SCHOOLS PRESENTATIONS FOR PARENTS/ GUARDIANS/	The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with adolescent Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Hayley Watson, will be hosting free virtual sessions on youth substance use for parents/guardians, caregivers and caring adults. Dr. Watson will provide valuable insights, practical tips,	





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CAREGIVERS	<ul> <li>and resources to equip participants with the tools needed to guide their children and youth toward making positive choices when it comes to substance use.</li> <li>Key Takeaways for Participants: <ul> <li>Learn why children/teenagers are drawn to substances.</li> <li>Understand what causes and maintains substance use disorder and needs.</li> <li>Increase your child's ability to make positive choices about substances.</li> <li>Acquire practical conversation tools for discussing substances in the home.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Participants must register in advance due to limited capacity. Session dates are: <ul> <li>February 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST - Click here to Register</li> <li>February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST – Click here to Register</li> <li>February 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST – Click here to Register</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
SPRING BREAK SPORTS CAMP	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 <u>HERE</u> for more information and registration details.
REC CENTRE HAPPENINGS	Winter and Spring Break camp information: Click hereBrowse our recreation activities and programs hereAre you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us. Clickhere to learn about the programs and services designed to helpnewcomers feel welcome and connected to their new community.
WEST VANCOUVER LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION	West Vancouver Little League registration is open! Spring baseball for ages 5-16 We have girls only programs this year! https://wvll.ca/registration/

## **COMING UP!**

Monday, February 19th -Family Day Holiday

Tuesday, February 20th -Basketball Game #5 vs. Pauline Johnson

Wednesday, February 28th -Pink Shirt Day -Girls Basketball Tournament at WVSS 1-4pm

Thursday, February 29th





-Boys Basketball Tournament at WVSS 1-4pm

#### Friday, March 1st

-NSBIT - delayed start for students (9:50am) -ArtStarts Program - Dufflebag Theatre presents Robin Hood

#### March 4th-8th

- Tennis for ALL classes (2 sessions per student over the course of the week)

#### March 11th

-Math Festival at Hollyburn - parents are welcome to attend during their child's time slot. Watch for information closer to the date.

#### Wednesday, March 13th

- HPAC Meeting @9am in the school Library (Guests, Superintendent Kennedy and Ms. Rochfort with students who will be sharing information on our school numeracy goal)

#### Friday, March 15th

- Learning Updates for Term 2 Posted on MyEd Parent Portal

#### Upcoming PAC Meeting

- Thursday, April 11th @ 9am, school library (Guest, Cari Wilson, "Digital Citizenship")