

HOLLYBURN THIS WEEK: May 20th - 24th



The Week Ahead

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| Monday | Victoria Day Holiday (school not in session) |
| Tuesday | 8 - 8:40 Grade 6 & 7 Track Practice |
| Wednesday | 8 - 8:40 Grade 4 & 5 Track Practice Div 6-9 on all day field trip to Sea-to-Sky Gondola PAC Carnival Event |
| Thursday | Welcome to Kindergarten Event 1:30-2:30 in the Hollyburn Garden |
| Friday | 8 - 8:40 Track Practice (Endurance) - Optional for all Track members |
| UPCOMING... | |

Information, Request, Reminders

CONGRATULATIONS READING LINK CHALLENGE WINNERS

We are thrilled to announce that our Huskies have clinched 4th place in the West Vancouver Schools District Competition held at the West Vancouver Memorial Library last Thursday, May 9th. Our Huskies showcased exceptional knowledge of the books they were quizzed on and displayed remarkable teamwork throughout the event.

A big congratulations to all the students who participated and gave their best efforts! Your dedication and enthusiasm truly shone through.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful Teacher Librarian, Ms. Gratton, for her unwavering support and guidance in preparing our team for this competition.

Let's continue to celebrate the love for reading and learning within our school community! 🌞📖



SPRING PLANT SALE FEATURE:

Anja's Family's Green
Thumb and Max's
Adventures

This week, we extend a heartfelt thank you to Anja's family for their wonderful contribution to our community fundraiser. Not only did they generously participate, but they also shared a delightful glimpse into their green oasis with us.

Anja's family graciously shared their experience, stating, "Max's everyday routine is to sniff the flowers around the neighborhood. I am happy that now he can do it first thing in the morning on our terrace."



We're excited to hear about more floral beauty and greenery enriching our surroundings. If you have any snapshots of your own garden adventures or budding plants, we encourage you to share them with us! Simply email your photos to blloyd@wvschools.ca for a chance to be featured in upcoming newsletters. Let's continue to cultivate a vibrant, green community together!

TRACK AND FIELD INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES



Our District Track and Field Meets are quickly approaching! Here are some things that you will need to know for next week:

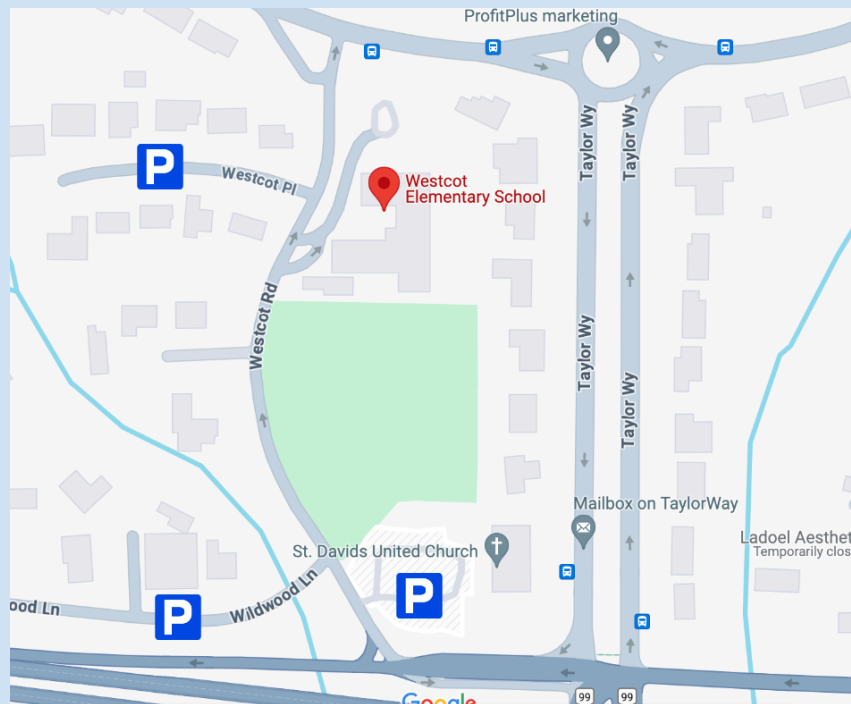
FIELD MEETS

Wednesday May 29th 3:30-5:00pm at Westcot Elementary School
(Gr. 6/7 Field Competitors)

Thursday May 30th 3:30-5:00pm at Westcot Elementary School
(Gr. 4/5 Field Competitors)

Transportation - Families are expected to arrange transportation for their child to arrive at Westcot Elementary School by 3:15pm

Parking - Due to the nature of the school location, there is VERY limited parking available. Please see the map below for parking options. In the lot attached to St. David's United Church, space will be determined by a parking attendant on site. Once all spaces are filled, the lot will be closed and cars will be redirected elsewhere.



There has been ongoing construction on a variety of routes in this area, while we are hoping this will be finished before our meet, in the event it is not - please allow yourself ample time to get to the location as there may be traffic.

Volunteers - Each school is required to provide volunteers to help make the events run smoothly. If you have signed up or are interested in signing up, please contact your school Principal or Vice Principal. Volunteers will be asked to check in at the volunteer tent on the event days.




General Reminders

- Students must check in and out with their coaches/teacher on duty when they arrive and when they leave
- Please ensure that your child is suitably dressed for the weather of the day and has a good nutritious snack and plenty of water. Sunscreen and a hat are also recommended.
- Students who place 1st to 10th in each event will receive a placement ribbon. All other students will receive a participation ribbon at the end of the day.
- Parents are welcome to take photos of their own children participating in events, however, we ask that you do not share any photos of other students on social media

PAC SPONSORED CARNIVAL



What it is: For the next few weeks during class library time, Ms. Gratton will be advertising 'seeds' in the library, for kids to take home and plant, and then send/post to us (on Instagram) over the summer, so we can foster and support a school community of gardeners. We are encouraging families to take photos over the summer and bring them into school in September, to display on a bulletin board! Kids are encouraged to collect and dry seeds when harvesting their raw vegetables, for

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| <p>SEED LENDING LIBRARY</p> | <p>future use and perhaps even contributing to the program. The Seed Lending Library will hopefully inspire ideas for the creation of our school garden over the coming months and years.</p> <p><u>How it works:</u> While visiting the library with their class, kids can choose to take an envelope of pre-portioned seeds (containing 3-6 seeds or so) home and plant them in containers or garden beds. Instructions are given when kids collect seeds. We will also be reading books about gardening, and planting some seeds in the library or classroom, to monitor growth of the seedlings. Kids will make connections between these activities and gardening at home. Kids can take the seedlings from the library/classroom home eventually too!</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Thinking in terms of cost and efficiency, we will start this program with the K-5 students, unless grade 6/7s express interest. This will also help with the 'ownership' and longevity of our future gardening program.</p>   |
| <p>BAND 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR</p> | <p>In Grade 6, students have the opportunity to join the Hollyburn Elementary Band Program and learn to play a symphonic band instrument. Learning to play a symphonic instrument is both challenging and rewarding. No music experience is necessary to join band. Mr. Feige will be teaching the Hollyburn Grade 6 band for 2024-2025. Elementary Band is an optional enrichment music program and there is a cost associated. Information went home to all Grade 5 students on Wednesday May 1st. Please see HERE for more information!</p>  |
| <p>CLASS PLACEMENT PARENT INPUT FORM</p> | <p>Over the coming months, Hollyburn teachers will configure students into classes for the 2024-2025 school year. You may complete this form to share information you feel should be considered when placing your child for the next school year. This form is optional.</p> <p>The class placement process is very complex as teachers consider the individual needs of students as well as group dynamics. When placing students, school personnel consider teachers' observations of individual needs and social dynamics, input from support staff, class size and composition (learning and behavior needs, gender), and learning styles.</p> |

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| | <p>Parent feedback is valued and will be considered, but it is important for families to know that there are many other factors that affect the placement of students and teachers' observations drive placement decisions. If you hope that your child is placed with close peers, please note that we aim to place children with peers who they learn well with (feel connected to; support each other's learning; don't distract each other; and make good decisions together). If you have input, please ensure it is shared before this form closes on Friday, May 17, so that it can be taken into consideration.</p> |
| <p>WV DISTRICT FOOD SECURITY PLAN</p> | <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 (blloyd@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> |
| <p>2024 SUMMER LEARNING WITH WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS</p> | <p>Are you interested in learning during the summer? West Vancouver Schools will be offering a robust Summer Learning Program for both elementary and secondary students during July 2024.</p> <p>Elementary registration is now closed.</p> <p>More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on the Summer Learning information flyers (elementary or secondary) or on the Summer Learning Website.</p> |

| In the community | |
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| WVSD PARENTING WORKSHOPS | SERIES #2 - EXPLORING THE WORLD AROUND US |
| WV 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/ |
| WEST VANCOUVER BASKETBALL CLUB SUMMER CAMPS | The WVBC is proud to be offering its 16th year of summer camps this July and August. This year, the WVBC will be offering 4 weeks of camps beginning July 8 for players in Grades 2-10. All camps will be held at West Van Secondary School and will be led by former Canadian Men's National Team player and WVS Teacher/ Basketball Academy Head Coach Greg Meldrum. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to http://www.wvbc.ca |
| EVENT WITH VALERIE JEROME | Please join us for a discussion with author, educator, Olympian and advocate Valerie Jerome. Wednesday, May 22nd at 730pm Kay Meek Theatre. Your complimentary tickets can be reserved here https://kaymeek.com/events/valerie-0522 |

COMING UP!

Tuesday, May 28th

- Grade 7 visit to WVSS

Wednesday, May 29th

- Grade 6/7 Field Meet at Wescot Elementary School 3:30-5:00pm

Thursday, May 30th

- Volunteer Tea in Hollyburn Garden 9:00-10:00am
- Grade 4/5 Field Meet at Westcot Elementary School 3:30-5:00pm

Friday, May 31st

- West Vancouver Community Culture Festival Day 1

