

HOLLYBURN THIS WEEK: May 6th - 10th

**reminder that tomorrow is NSBIT, school starts at 9:50am**



The Week Ahead	
<b>Monday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p>Spring Plant Fundraiser Delivery</p> <p>Universal Snack Program (moved from May 8th due to early dismissal days) *Snack will be yogurt and granola bars*</p> <p>Families can pick up their order between 1:00-2:15pm from the Hollyburn Gym <i>please note: due to a lack of storage space, all plants need to be picked up by 2:15</i></p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p>Student Led Conferences - early dismissal at 11:10am</p> <p>No hot lunch today (due to early dismissal)</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p>Student Led Conferences - early dismissal at 11:10am</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p>Kindergarten and Grade 6 Immunizations</p> <p>West Vancouver Youth Band Assembly</p>
<b>UPCOMING...</b>	<p>See more details on our calendar at the end of this document</p>

**Information, Request, Reminders**

**VICE PRINCIPAL TRANSITION**

It is with mixed emotions that I share the news that our Vice-Principal, Emily Miller, will be embarking on a new journey in the 2024-2025 School Year. Ms. Miller will be joining the West Bay School community as Vice-Principal, commencing August 2024. While we are sad to see her leave, we are excited for the wonderful opportunity that awaits her at West Bay.

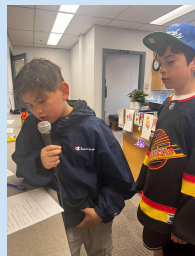
Ms. Miller has been at Hollyburn for 10 years, five of those as Vice Principal. During her time at Hollyburn, Ms. Miller has consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication and skill in her roles as both a teacher and a school leader. Ms. Miller has been passionate about building relationships, developing student leadership, Indigenous education, and district athletics. Her contributions to our community have been invaluable, and she will be dearly missed. Please join me in extending our heartfelt best wishes to Ms. Miller as she takes on this new adventure.

I am delighted to announce that Ms. Debroah Tobin will be stepping into the role of Vice-Principal at Hollyburn, also beginning in August 2024. Ms. Tobin brings with her a wealth of experience, having served as Vice-Principal of Eagle Harbour Montessori School for the past five years. Ms. Tobin is passionate about community and building relationships, leading her school's FESL entitled "All our Voices Matter". Ms. Tobin has a gift of making space where all individuals feel comfortable to be themselves and safe enough to openly share their thoughts. She is highly respected within the education community and I am confident that she will be an excellent addition to our team. Please join me in warmly welcoming Ms. Tobin to our Hollyburn family.


I encourage you to join me in expressing our gratitude to Ms. Miller for her service to Hollyburn, and in extending a warm welcome to Ms. Tobin as she prepares to join our community.

Thank you for your continued support as we look towards another exciting school year at Hollyburn!

**STANLEY CUP PLAYOFF ANNOUNCERS: PAUL & SAM**



Huge thank you to these Grade 6 leaders for taking this on! Each morning, Paul and Sam give us a playoff update on the morning announcements. They have demonstrated incredible confidence and enthusiasm over the last few weeks!

<p><b>STUDENT LED CONFERENCES</b></p>	<p><b>Mark your calendars! May 8th &amp; 9th are Student Led Conferences!</b></p> <p>Student-Led Conferences provide a wonderful opportunity for our students to share their growth, learning experiences, and goals with their families. During these conferences, students will invite their families into the classroom to showcase their achievements and set goals for the remainder of the school year.</p> <p><b>All teacherS have emailed families with a sign-up schedule.</b> Please note that if the scheduled time or date does not work for your family, you have the flexibility to organize an alternative time and day directly with your child’s teacher. Each conference will be approximately 30 minutes long.</p> <p>Please keep an eye on your email for the sign-up schedule and booking instructions. If you have any questions or need further assistance, feel free to reach out to Ms. Lloyd directly (<a href="mailto:blloyd@wvschools.ca">blloyd@wvschools.ca</a>)</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you at the Student-Led Conferences!</p>
<p><b>BAND 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR</b></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 <a href="#">HERE</a> for more information!</p> 
<p><b>CLASS PLACEMENT PARENT INPUT FORM</b></p>	<p>Over the coming months, Hollyburn teachers will configure students into classes for the 2024-2025 school year. You may complete <a href="#">this form</a> 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. 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</p>

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.

**PAC:  
“WE NEED YOU!”**



Are you passionate about supporting our school community and making a difference in the lives of our students? If so, we invite you to consider joining the Hollyburn Parent Advisory Council (PAC)!

Currently, we have two important positions available within our PAC that need to be filled: Treasurer and Hot Lunch Administrator. These roles are crucial in ensuring the smooth operation of our PAC and the success of our various initiatives and events.

If you have experience in financial management and are interested in taking on the role of Treasurer, or if you enjoy organizing and coordinating activities and would like to become our Hot Lunch Administrator, we would love to hear from you!

Even if you're unsure about the specific roles but are eager to contribute and learn more about the PAC, we encourage you to reach out. Your enthusiasm and commitment to our school community are invaluable, and there are many ways to get involved and make a difference.


To express your interest in either of these positions or to learn more about the PAC and how you can get involved, please email Sogol Zaimi at [sogol.zaimi@gmail.com](mailto:sogol.zaimi@gmail.com).

Thank you for considering this opportunity to be an integral part of our school's parent community. Together, we can continue to create a supportive and enriching environment for our children to thrive.

**2024 SUMMER LEARNING WITH WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS**

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. Online registration for both the elementary and secondary Summer Learning programs opens on **Monday, April 8 at 8:00AM**. Elementary registration closes on May 10. Secondary registration closes on June 14.



	<p>More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on the Summer Learning information flyers (<a href="#">elementary</a> or <a href="#">secondary</a>) or on the <a href="#">Summer Learning Website</a>.</p>
<p><b>FESL UPDATE (Framework for Enhancing Student Learning)</b></p> <p><b>PARENT SURVEY</b></p>	<p>Hollyburn is interested in collecting parent voices as we continue working towards achievement of our school goal. Please follow the link below to add your input and contribute to Hollyburn’s learning. The survey should take no longer than 5 minutes.</p>  <p><a href="https://forms.office.com/r/dkMUykydKn">https://forms.office.com/r/dkMUykydKn</a></p>
<p><b>IMPORTANT UPDATE!</b></p> <p><b>Re: Hollyburn StrongStart Afternoon Sessions</b></p>	<p>Families attending in the afternoons at Hollyburn StrongStart will have noticed that we reach capacity every afternoon. We notice that many families are attending 2-3 times a week and many families are not able to access our free, public education, drop-in program. At this time, we are therefore requesting families attending in the afternoon come only <b>1 -2 afternoons</b> per week. Please feel free to join us in the morning for StrongStart as we often have space.</p> <p><b>Our classroom capacity is 12 children and their accompanying parent/guardian.</b> Classroom capacity is determined by the school district based on fire safety regulations. We know it is disappointing to arrive to discover we are at capacity. We are therefore asking all families to be thoughtful about the number of afternoons you are choosing to attend so that everyone can have opportunities to enjoy StrongStart.</p> <p>We are not able to exceed classroom capacity limits and thank you for your cooperation.</p> <p>There are other afternoon early learning community programs in West Vancouver.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Thrive Maplewood operates Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 1 – 2:30. For more information please visit: <a href="https://www.familyservices.bc.ca/find-support/thrive-family-programs/">https://www.familyservices.bc.ca/find-support/thrive-family-programs/</a></li> <li>● West Vancouver Memorial Library is a beautiful space for families with young children to enjoy family time in a literacy and language rich environment. For more information please visit: <a href="https://westvanlibrary.ca/">https://westvanlibrary.ca/</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>WV DISTRICT FOOD SECURITY PLAN</b></p>	<p>As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare <a href="#">Feeding Futures Initiative</a>, 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 (<a href="mailto:blloyd@wvschools.ca">blloyd@wvschools.ca</a>) if support is needed with</p>



	food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect and confidentiality.
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In the community	
<b>CIRCLE OF SECURITY - PARENTING PROGRAM</b>	Hollyburn Family Services is pleased to present Circle of Security - 8 Week Parenting Program. Click <a href="#">HERE</a> for more information.  <b>Eligibility:</b> Must be the parent/caregiver of a child between the ages of 0-5 and living on the North Shore/Bowen Island.
<b>WVSD PARENTING WORKSHOPS</b>	SERIES #1 - <a href="#">WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER</a>  SERIES #2 - <a href="#">EXPLORING THE WORLD AROUND US</a>
<b>WV LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION</b>	West Vancouver Little League registration is open! Spring baseball for ages 5-16 We have girls only programs this year! <a href="https://wvll.ca/registration/">https://wvll.ca/registration/</a>
<b>WEST VANCOUVER BASKETBALL CLUB SUMMER CAMPS</b>	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 <a href="http://www.wvbc.ca">http://www.wvbc.ca</a>
<b>ATTENTION GRADE 7 FAMILIES - BC YOUTH WEEK</b>	BC Youth Week is a celebration of youth held annually during the first week of May. It is a week of fun, interaction, and celebration intended to build a strong connection between young people and their communities and to profile the accomplishments and diversity of youth. Please go <a href="http://www.westvancouver.ca/youthweek">www.westvancouver.ca/youthweek</a> to see all the different events that we have planned!
<b>WEST VANCOUVER GRAD SHOW</b>	You are invited to witness a mixed media exhibition by graduating students from Collingwood, Mulgrave, Rockridge, Sentinel, and West Vancouver Secondary School. See more information <a href="#">HERE</a> .  <b>Date(s):</b> May 9th-June 2nd 2024 <b>Location:</b> Ferry Building Gallery (1414 Argyle Avenue, West Vancouver)  Opening reception is on <b>Thursday May 9th from 6-8pm.</b>

## COMING UP!

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### Thursday May 16th

- Student Release Drill (more information to come)

### Friday May 17th

- Professional Development Day (school not in session for students)

### Monday May 20th

- Victoria Day Holiday (school not in session)

### Wednesday May 22nd

- Div 6-9 on all day field trip to Sea-to-Sky Gondola

### Thursday May 23rd

- Welcome to Kindergarten Event 1:30-2:30 in the Hollyburn Garden