

**HOLLYBURN THIS WEEK: OCTOBER 21st - 25th**

Coming soon! Poinsettia and Purdys Chocolate fundraisers, just in time for holiday gift giving. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks!



**THE WEEK AHEAD**

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| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>3:00-3:30: BOYS GRADE 7 &amp; VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE</b>  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>Volleyball Game 1 - vs West Bay</b><br><i>Girls playing @ West Bay</i><br><i>Boys playing @ Hollyburn</i>  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>8:10-8:40: GIRLS GRADE 7 &amp; VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE</b><br><b>TREE PLANTING AT HOLLYBURN with Div. 6, 9 &amp; 10</b><br><b>Haida Stories Presentation K-7 (see below for details)</b> |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>3:00-3:30: BOYS GRADE 7 &amp; VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE</b>  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>PRO-D DAY - school not in session</b>  |

**UPCOMING EVENTS... see at the bottom of the document**

**Information, Request, Reminders**

**HAIDA STORIES  
AT HOLLYBURN**



Kung Jaadee (Roberta Kennedy) is a professional storyteller, educator and published author. She belongs to the Xaayda (Haida), xwm θkw ym (Musqueam), Swxwú7mesh (Squamish), Tlingit, Tsleil-Waututh Nations, and is also part Hawaiian. For 30 years, she has performed traditional legends teaching

universal messages while also sharing personal stories about the history and hardships of her people. She has performed at hundreds of schools and festivals across Canada and is the published author of the children's books, "Raven's Feast," "Gifts from Raven," and two textbooks, "Haida Nation: Indigenous Communities in Canada" and "We Are Home."

**SCHOLASTIC  
BOOK FAIR  
VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

Our Hollyburn Book Fair is fast approaching and we need more volunteers to help us make this event successful. This is our school's main literacy fundraiser of the year and students have so much fun choosing amazing books to read! We



need parents to help organize book displays, restock tables, assist students with their shopping, and manage student book purchases. Please reach out to Ms. Gratton if you are able to help us with the Book Fair the week of November 20. We are especially looking for a couple of parents to be our main Book Fair Chairs this year!

**WEST VANCOUVER  
SCHOOL  
ADMISSIONS**

2025/2026 admissions opened on Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am for all Kindergarten students and all Grade 1 –12 in-catchment students.

Admissions for Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students opens at 8:00am on Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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|  | <p>For more information about admissions dates, guidelines, and information, please visit <a href="https://westvancouver.schools.ca/admissions/">https://westvancouver.schools.ca/admissions/</a></p> <p>Please carefully read the information regarding new documentation procedures before starting the application process.</p>   |
| <p><b>WINTER WEATHER CLOTHING REMINDER</b></p> | <div data-bbox="487 483 998 819" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>As we head into winter, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for both wet and cold weather. Essential items include waterproof shoes or boots, a rain jacket, and spare socks, as well as warm layers like sweaters, toques, and mittens. It's also helpful to pack a spare set of clothes, including a t-shirt and pants.</p> <p>In the event of an emergency, such as an earthquake or power outage, students may need to remain in an unheated building or outdoors for an extended period of time, so warm clothing is crucial. Additionally, we rarely have "inside recess" during rainy days, so students should be prepared to play outside in all weather conditions.</p> <p>Please ensure that ALL items you send to school with your child are clearly labeled with their first and last name.</p> |
| <p><b>TYPING PAL SCHOOL EDITION</b></p>        | <div data-bbox="500 1228 685 1417" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><b>What is it?</b> Typing Pal School Edition is a web-based application that encourages keyboarding practice for students, from beginner to intermediate. We are making this available to all students from Kindergarten to Grade 9.</p> <p>Students should go to the unique url for their school: <a href="#">Typing Pal</a> and choose "Log in with Google." If students have more than one Google account, they will be asked to choose their account - they should choose the school one.</p> <p>When students first log in they are prompted to take a diagnostic type of test that will give the program an idea of where to start them. From there, the program will cater to each students' speed/ability.</p>  |

## HALLOWEEN COSTUME GUIDELINES AT HOLLYBURN



As families begin to source, make and purchase wonderful Halloween costumes for their children, we kindly ask students and families to follow

these guidelines for Halloween:

- **Costume Choice:** Students can wear a costume, Halloween colors, or simply come as they are – it's all welcome!
- **Cultural Sensitivity:** Please avoid costumes that promote cultural stereotypes. For information on cultural appropriation versus cultural appreciation, visit this website for more guidance if needed: [UBC's Equity & Inclusion Office](#).
- **Masks:** Refrain from wearing full-face masks, except for health-related masks. We need to ensure student visibility and recognition.
- **No Weapons:** Do not bring items that resemble weapons.
- **Comfort:** Choose a comfortable costume that can be worn all day and is suitable for outdoor weather.
- **Appropriate for All Ages:** Remember, students from ages 4 to 13 will be participating, so keep costumes appropriate for a school setting.
- **No Scented Products:** Avoid scented items, such as certain hair sprays, that could affect others.
- **Arrive Dressed:** Students should come to school in their costumes. We won't have space or time for costume changes during the day.
- **No Candy:** We discourage students from bringing Halloween candy to school as it can distract from learning. Any candy brought may be returned at the end of the day.



Thank you for helping to make this a fun and inclusive day for everyone!

## WEST VANCOUVER FOOD SECURITY PLAN

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 their school principal ([blloyd@wvschools.ca](mailto:blloyd@wvschools.ca)) or to [feedingfutures@wvschools.ca](mailto:feedingfutures@wvschools.ca) if they need support with food-related costs.



Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality

## NEWS FROM OUR HPAC

***Fundraising Goal – This year, HPAC aims to replace the school's supply of iPads and Chromebooks. Let's come together and make a positive impact!***

### HPAC Updates:

- Candy Sale – Tomorrow, October 18, outside the gym. Smart Sweet gummies will be available for \$4. Proceeds go to the Hollyburn PAC.
- Halloween Dance & Read-a-Thon – Back on October 31! Students can collect pledges (cash or online). Top 3 students with the highest pledges will win gift cards, and the class with the top pledges will earn a pizza party & pajama day!
- HPAC Meeting – November 7, 9 AM in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend!
- Volunteer Needed – Help distribute hot lunches on Tuesdays at 11:40 AM. Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/PDORCeN>.



## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

We are changing how we share community news and events. Starting now, individual "Community Connections" will no longer be included in our school bulletins. Instead, all local programs, events, and resources will be found in one convenient location, accessible through a [single link](#) that we'll update and share with you each week.

All school-specific information will continue to be featured in our regular ebulletin.



## Coming Up!

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| <b>Tuesday, October 29th</b>           | Volleyball - Game #2  |
| <b>Thursday, October 31st</b>          | Halloween   |
| <b>Friday, November 1st</b>            | NSBIT - school starts at 9:50<br>Immunization Clinic            |
| <b>Tuesday, November 5th</b>           | Volleyball - Game #3  |
| <b>Thursday, November 9th</b>          | PAC Meeting Hollyburn Library @ 9am                             |
| <b>Friday, November 8th</b>            | Remembrance Day Ceremony  |
| <b>Monday, November 11th</b>           | Remembrance Day - School Not in Session                         |
| <b>Friday, November 15th</b>           | Family Friday at Hollyburn!<br><i>more details to follow...</i> |
| <b>Tuesday, November 19th</b>          | Volleyball - Game #4  |
| <b>Wednesday, November 20th - 22nd</b> | Scholastic Book Fair  |
| <b>Wednesday,</b>                      | 1:30pm Boys Volleyball Jamboree                                 |

**Coming Up!**

**November 27th**

**Thursday,  
November 28th**

1:30pm Girls Volleyball Jamboree