

Hollyburn This Week

Highlights, Happenings, and What's Ahead



Principal's Message

What a week at Hollyburn!

From ducklings joining our Kindergarten classrooms to our FESL capstone presentation, field trips, a playground unveiling, and an action-packed Sports Day – the energy and excitement in our school has been absolutely incredible. It's weeks like this that remind us of how vibrant, connected, and joyful our Hollyburn community truly is.

Our Kindergarten students have been thrilled to welcome some new feathered friends, which has sparked so much wonder and curiosity. Our FESL presentation was a proud moment, highlighting the progress we've made as a school team in deepening students' understanding of number sense and building confidence in math. Thank you to the families who joined us – your presence made it even more meaningful.

Our newly upgraded playground has officially opened, and it's already become a favourite recess spot. The accessibility improvements have made this space even more inclusive and welcoming for all students – a true reflection of our values.

And finally, Sports Day was a huge success! The spirit, teamwork, and joy on display were truly inspiring. A huge thank you to our staff, volunteers, and families who helped make it a day to remember.

As we move into the final few weeks of the school year, I want to acknowledge the hard work and growth we've seen across all classrooms. There's still so much to celebrate, and I look forward to doing just that with all of you.

With gratitude,

Breanna Lloyd

Principal, Hollyburn Elementary School

THIS WEEK

June

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4pm Indigenous Grad Event @ Rockridge

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Grade 7 Promotional Assembly

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**Grade 7 Canoeing
9am School Wide Circle on Hollyburn Field**



Playground Accessibility Upgrade Complete!



We are thrilled to share that our Playground Accessibility Upgrade is complete! Thank you to our entire school community for your patience throughout the construction process.

The goal of this project was to make our playground more inclusive and accessible for ALL students. To do this, we:

- Removed fencing and created a gradual slope into the play space to allow multiple points of access.
- Installed smooth turf, making it easier for students who use wheelchairs or have mobility needs to move safely and comfortably.
- Added a fully accessible merry-go-round to promote inclusive play.
- Colour-coded the primary play structures and swing sets to help students clearly identify their designated play areas – a feature that supports students with language barriers and neurodiverse needs.

We are so proud to provide a space where every child can feel welcome, included, and free to play. We are grateful for our incredible West Vancouver School District Facilities team, who supported this large endeavor with their time and expertise. We look forward to exploring future upgrades as part of our continued commitment to accessibility at Hollyburn.



Honouring National Indigenous Peoples Day – June 21

National Indigenous Peoples Day is recognized across Canada each year on June 21, a day to celebrate and honour the rich cultures, histories, and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples.

At Hollyburn, we will be honouring this important day on Friday, June 20 with a special visit from Gabriel George, Director of Treaty, Lands & Resources with the Tsleil-Waututh Nation. Gabriel joined us last year and shared stories, songs, and a powerful drumming circle with our students. We are grateful to welcome him back to share his knowledge and culture with our community once again. Throughout the week, students will be engaged in Indigenous-centered learning experiences in their classrooms. This is part of our ongoing commitment to truth, reconciliation, and deeper understanding.

If you are interested in learning more about National Indigenous Peoples Day and ways to honour it as a family, here are a few resources:

- [Government of Canada – National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)
- [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- [Downie Wenjack Legacy Schools Program](#)

We look forward to coming together as a school to recognize and celebrate the vibrant Indigenous communities whose land we live, learn, and grow on.



YEARBOOK

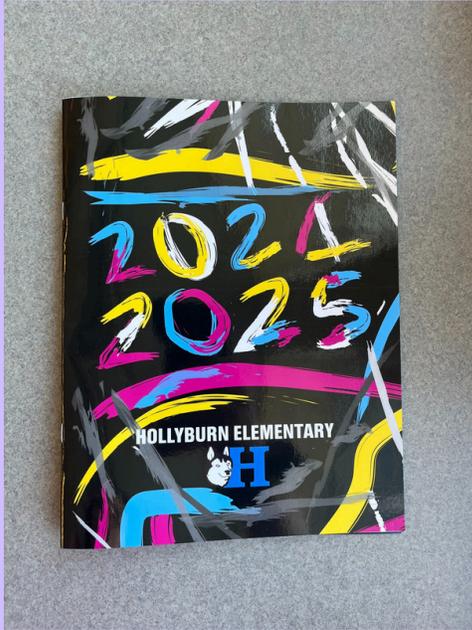
UPDATE



We are excited to share that the Hollyburn 2024–2025 yearbooks are here! You can now purchase a copy on SchoolCash Online for \$12.

A huge thank you to Ms. Tobin for her time, creativity, and dedication in designing and producing these beautiful keepsakes – they are a wonderful way to remember a fantastic year at Hollyburn.

Yearbooks will be distributed to students on Friday, June 13th. Please note: if your child has any outstanding payments to the school, those will need to be resolved before they receive their yearbook.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

2025/2026

We're making back-to-school easy! Avoid the September scramble by ordering your child's school supplies today. Our trusted supplier, EduPac, has everything ready to go based on Hollyburn's grade-specific lists.

Order now and check it off your list.

Visit <https://edupac.ca>

Use school code: 4504

Ordering early ensures your child is fully prepared for the year ahead—and saves you time and hassle come fall!



**COMING
SOON**

Thursday, June 19th

Gr 7 Promotion Ceremony

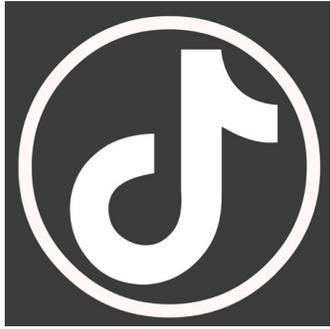
Friday, June 20th

Gr 7 Canoeing

Thursday, June 26th

Last day of school - early dismissal at noon





Parent's Guide to TikTok

Location Feature

General Information

TikTok is a social media app where users create, share and watch short videos. Users can follow, like, share and interact with content.

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TikTok's own policy states that users must be 13 or older. For a person who is younger than 13 to create a TikTok account, they have LIED about their age.

Viral challenges and pressure from "influencers" can cause students to do things they might not otherwise do.



TikTok has a location feature built in. Unless it is disabled, followers may be able to locate where your child posted videos from.

"Follows"

On TikTok, you "follow" accounts to see their material. If your account is Private, only users you approve can follow and view your content. If your account is Public, anyone can follow or view your content.

Did You Know?

Many mental health experts are concerned about the amount of time young people spend on social media. They cite worries around depression, body image, self-esteem, anxiety and sexualization. Keep the lines of communication open between you and your child - let them know they can talk to you about anything.



TikTok at School

West Vancouver Schools DOES NOT allow students to access TikTok while using school wifi.





If your child is under 13

- They SHOULD NOT be using TikTok or any other social media app
- As soon as they enter school grounds, their phone should be put away and not brought out again until they leave school grounds. Consider holding off on getting them a phone as long as possible and if you do get them a phone, make sure you establish rules and guidelines over its use.

Did you know?

- TikTok algorithms are set up to encourage users to keep viewing. This can easily become addictive.
- TikTok is famous for its “viral challenges”; some of these promote dangerous and harmful behaviour.
- TikTok collects significant amounts of data from its users. Do you know where the data goes or who it is being shared with?
- Although TikTok sets safety parameters around certain material, children learn how to access it by lying about their age when creating accounts.
- This could expose them to inappropriate language and/or sexualized content that they are not ready for.

If your child has TikTok

- Make sure they are old enough to be on it - at least 13.
- Ensure you are one of their “friends” and monitor their account.
- TikTok accounts for users under 16 are automatically set to Private - no one can follow them without requesting it
- Make sure they know how to block and report users and content.
- Familiarize yourself with all of the settings and features then talk to your child about safety and your family values and rules.
- Remember, YOU are the adult. If your child is not using their phone safely, you can take it away or shut off their data.