

Hollyburn This Week

Highlights, Happenings, and What's Ahead



A Busy, Inclusive & Exciting Week at Hollyburn!

What a week it has been at Hollyburn! Our first cross country meet was a huge success, with so much Husky pride on display. A big thank you to all of our runners, families, and coaches who made this such a wonderful event. We are already looking forward to the next meet on Tuesday!

Ice Cream Social & Meet the Teacher – This Wednesday at 3:00 pm

- We are excited to invite all families to our Ice Cream Social! This is an important opportunity to meet your child's teacher and connect with our school community. The event will begin in the gym, where our PAC will share key fundraising information, and I will present on our school goals and all things Hollyburn. After the social, families will have a chance to Meet the Teacher in classrooms – a wonderful way to build connections and learn more about the year ahead. We hope to see everyone there!

Terry Fox Fundraising Goal

Please help us reach our Terry Fox fundraising goal of \$1,200. We are already off to a great start with \$200 collected, but we still have a ways to go. Donations can be made directly online here: [Hollyburn's Terry Fox Fundraising Page](#).



As an added incentive, if students help us reach our halfway goal of \$600, Ms. Lloyd and Ms. Tobin have promised to each donate \$100! Let's do this together, Huskies!

Terry Fox Poster Competition

Need something fun to do this weekend? Want to learn more about our Canadian hero Terry Fox? Or perhaps showcase your drawing talents? We are holding a Terry Fox Poster Competition and ALL students are encouraged to participate! See page 5 of this week's newsletter for full details.

**With gratitude,
Principal Lloyd**

THIS WEEK

SEPTEMBER

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CROSS COUNTRY

PRACTICE 8:15 - 8:45 on Hollyburn Field

VALERIE JEROME PRESENTATION (gr 4 - 7)



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CROSS COUNTRY MEET #2

if your child is participating in this MEET, please ensure that you have arranged pick up plans, and that you check out directly with one of their Coaches



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**Student Club: Basketball
- LUNCH RECESS**

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL/
MEET THE TEACHER**

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CROSS COUNTRY - PRACTICE 8:15 - 8:45 on Hollyburn Field

Student Club: Board Game Fun! - LUNCH RECESS (open to grades 4-7)

ARTMANIA STARTS! (registration information on page 7)

**TERRY FOX
RUN!
(wear red)**

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FOR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS [CLICK HERE](#)





We are excited to share that Valerie Jerome will be speaking with our Grade 4-7 students on Monday.

Valerie's story is remarkable — from becoming a Canadian National Track & Field Champion at 15 and competing at the Rome Olympics, to her 35-year teaching career, community leadership, and advocacy work. She has been recognized with national and provincial awards, and most recently published her family memoir RACES.

Her journey is sure to inspire our students and remind us all of the power of resilience, education, and community.

*valerie
jerome*



HPAC NEWS

Latest Updates from the Hollyburn Elementary Parent Advisory Committee



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

JOIN US

WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

- 3:00PM MEET AT THE SCHOOL GYM
- A CHANCE TO VISIT THE SCHOOL AND MEET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER
- ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIAN'S WELCOME!

2:50PM - FREE ICE CREAM TREAT FOR ALL STUDENTS!
(COMPLIMENTS OF HOLLYBURN PAC)

3:00PM - WELCOME FROM PRINCIPAL LLOYD AT THE SCHOOL GYM

3:15PM - MEET THE TEACHERS, CLASSROOM VISIT

TERRY FOX

poster competition

Primary (K-3)

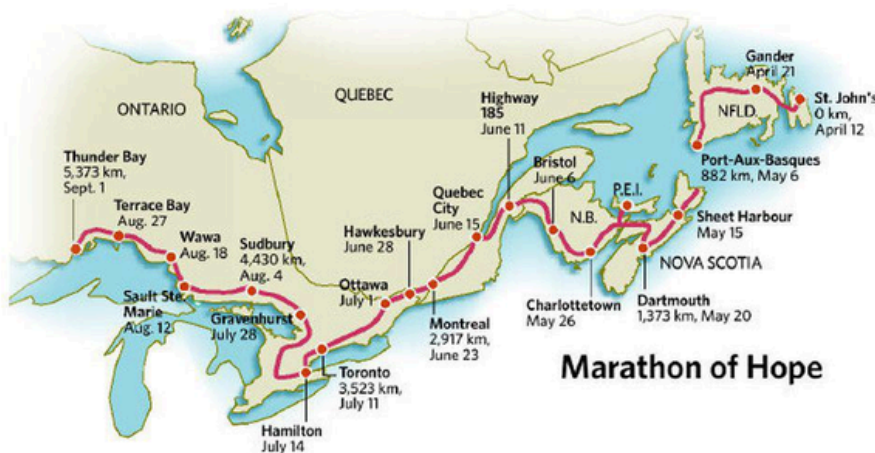
Theme: "Terry Fox and Our Run"

- Draw or include a picture of Terry Fox
- Add the date of our run: **September 25th**
- Write your name and division

Be creative, colourful, and show us what Terry Fox means to you!

Posters are due to Ms. Lloyd by Tuesday, September 23rd.

Prizes to be won - including an official Terry Fox t-shirt!!!



Intermediate (Grades 4-7)

Theme: "Terry Fox's Legacy and Our Run"

- Include a picture or creative representation of Terry Fox
- Add the date of our run: **September 25th**
- Write your name and division
- Add an inspiring quote or slogan (e.g., "Anything is possible if you try" or create your own)

Make your poster neat, bold, and eye-catching to inspire your classmates!

Posters are due to Ms. Lloyd by Tuesday, September 23rd.

Prizes to be won - including an official Terry Fox t-shirt!!!

All students are encouraged to wear red on September 23rd.

A reminder to please bring a toonie for Terry!

**We have a fundraising goal of \$1200.
Any money is appreciated!**



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HOLLYBURN PAC HOT LUNCH FUNDRAISER

Dont forget! The deadline for signing up for our Hot Lunch Program is approaching fast!

The last day to order is this Sunday 21st September!

The Hot Lunch fall term runs from September 29th - December 17th

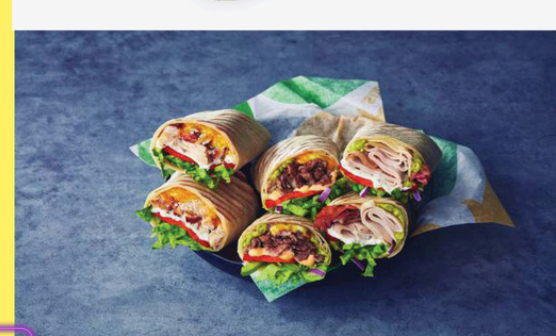
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This program is a great way to make lunchtime fun for your little ones while supporting our school.

ORDER HERE

ORDER DEADLINE  
SUNDAY SEPT 21 !!!

ORDER ONLINE AT

[WWW.MUNCHALUNCH.COM/SCHOOLS/HOLLYBURN](http://WWW.MUNCHALUNCH.COM/SCHOOLS/HOLLYBURN)





# DPAC *parent evening with* Dr. Graeme Mitchell

## **Harnessing Hope: Reframing How Our Children See the World**

Join us for an evening with Dr. Graeme Mitchell—award-winning educator and global speaker—who is transforming how we raise and teach the next generation.

In his keynote, *Harnessing Hope*, Dr. Mitchell explores how fear-based messages—especially on social media—shape our children's outlook, and how fact-based optimism, storytelling and connection can shift it. Drawing on two decades of classroom experience, he offers parents practical tools to foster confidence, curiosity and hope at home.

**Tuesday, September 23**

**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

**Location**

**KAY MEEK THEATRE  
1700 MATHERS AVE  
WEST VANCOUVER**

### **What You will Gain From This Evening**



#### **Understand**

Learn how media inputs are shaping your child's mindset and motivation from industry leaders and practical knowledge to the workshop.



#### **Learn**

strategies to replace fear with fact and pessimism with possibility.



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**[REGISTER HERE](#)**



## ***Optional Accident Insurance for Families***

**West Vancouver Schools reminds families each year that personal injury or accident costs are not covered by the district or its insurance provider. To help protect against expenses from accidental injury, unexpected medical costs, or critical illness, families have the option to purchase voluntary accident insurance plans. A variety of providers offer different levels of coverage, so families are encouraged to review their options carefully and choose a plan that best meets their needs.**



## **Feeding Futures**

**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 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.**





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# Parent's Guide to Discord

## General Information

Discord is a communication platform that allows users to interact via text, voice and video. It was initially used by gamers but now has spread to many other groups.

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

Unfortunately, students as young as 10 and 11 years have gotten caught up in cyber-bullying and inappropriate activities on Discord.

## Public & Private Spaces

Discord has PUBLIC spaces (servers) that are available to all. Anything your child posts there can be seen by anyone. PRIVATE spaces are by invitation only.

## Livestream

Users can stream live video of themselves on Discord, for others to watch. Whether they are on a PRIVATE or PUBLIC server, this could expose them to people they don't know. By watching other people's livestreams, they could be exposed to information that is inappropriate, violent or sexual in nature.

## Did You Know?



In Canada, cyberbullying and child pornography can be criminal offenses. If your child participates in either of these, while using Discord (or other social media), you, as the parent, can be held liable for what they have done, and be prosecuted by law.

## Discord at School

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



## If your child is under 13

- They SHOULD NOT be using Discord.
- 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?

- DM refers to a private discussion with a certain person on Discord.
- GDM refers to a group messaging situation of up to 10 invited people. Be aware that because of the limit, users can end up feeling left out if they are outside of the 10.
- Through Discord, students can end up being exposed to inappropriate content, cyberbullying and unknown contacts.
- Gamers still make up the lions share of Discord participants. Online gaming is one of the main ways predators groom their victims.

## If your child has Discord

- Make sure they are old enough to be on it - remember, at least 13!!
- Users are able to BLOCK and REPORT other users who are not following community guidelines. Make sure your child knows how to do this.
- Talk to them about their Discord use on a regular basis - find out what they're doing and who they are communicating with.
- Familiarize yourself with all of the safety settings and features then talk to your child about online safety and your family values and rules.
- Remember, YOU are the adult! If your child is not using Discord safely, you can shut off their data or wifi.



# artmania



## Lunchtime Art Club at Hollyburn

If your child loves to imagine, invent, and explore the world of art—this class is for them! Each week, young artists ages 6 - 12 will dive into a new creative adventure, learning painting, drawing, sculpture, and mixed media while turning their big ideas into works of art. Our mobile art studio comes right to Hollyburn—supplies and inspiration included!

### What makes this class special?

Variety every week: From watercolor painting to clay sculpture, collage, and more.  
Hands-on creativity: Kids use professional-quality art supplies, brought fresh each class.  
Imagination at the center: Projects are inspired by their lives, dreams, and wildest ideas.

All levels welcome: Whether a beginner or a budding artist, each child creates at their own pace.

**Thursdays, September 25 - December 4, 12:10- 12:50pm, Cost \$230**