

Hollyburn This Week

Highlights, Happenings, and What's Ahead



Good afternoon Husky Families,

This week's edition is packed with important updates and exciting initiatives. I encourage all families to take a moment to read through everything included.

Here's what you'll find:

- Family Friday is back! Join us for our first Family Friday of the year on Friday, November 21 from 8:50–9:30 a.m. This is a wonderful chance to step into your child's classroom, connect with other families, and experience learning in action. We look forward to welcoming you.
- PAC Updates including ongoing fundraisers, volunteer opportunities, and upcoming events.
- Caregiver's Corner – a new section offering tips, resources, and articles to support families at home and school.
- Purdy's Holiday Fundraiser – Every dollar raised supports our school signage project and student safety. Thank you for your support!
- 2025–2026 School Year Calendar Resend – We know many families are planning winter holidays. A fresh copy of the calendar is included to help you stay organized.

Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to our students and staff for a beautiful Remembrance Day ceremony. This day holds deep meaning, and our students rose to the occasion with reverence, poise, and empathy. From singing to spoken reflections, it was a powerful reminder of how young people can honour the past through respectful learning and thoughtful participation.

We are proud of the work happening at Hollyburn every day—and so grateful for your continued partnership in making our school such a special place.

Warmly,
Principal Lloyd

Caregivers' Corner

Hollyburn School Visitor and Pickup Protocols



All parents, caregivers, and visitors are to enter the school through the main entrance and report directly to the office upon arrival to sign in.

This is a safety measure and helps us track visitors in the building.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU ARE DROPPING OFF A FORGOTTEN ITEM FOR YOUR CHILD, **PLEASE LEAVE THE ITEM WITH THE OFFICE STAFF.**

OFFICE PERSONNEL WILL HANDLE THE DELIVERY OF LUNCHES, COMPUTERS, OR IMPORTANT MESSAGES TO STUDENTS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:50 AM AND 2:50 PM. THIS ENSURES THAT INSTRUCTIONAL TIME IS NOT DISRUPTED.



A reminder to everyone that the most important learning happens at the beginning and end of each school day. These times are crucial for your child's success and growth. Please make every effort to arrive on time in the morning and ensure that your child is picked up at dismissal.

By following this, you'll help set your child up for the best possible learning experience.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Dressing for all Weather Conditions

Please ensure your child is dressed for all weather.

Our students go outside every day. They also take part in walking field trips and this sometimes means longer periods outdoors. Rain, wind, snow and cold are part of our season and students need to be prepared.

Fresh air supports learning, wellness and behaviour. Proper clothing helps students stay focused and comfortable.

Now is the time to check that your child has warm layers, a waterproof jacket, boots and a hat. Please also pack a full change of clothes in your child's backpack in case they get wet or slip outside. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled so we can return belongings quickly.

**If your family needs support with winter wear, please reach out to me directly and confidentially at blloyd@wvschools.ca.
I am here to help.**



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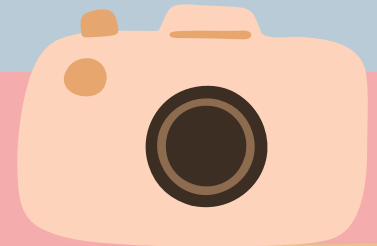
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**BOARD GAME CLUB &
NEWSPAPER CLUB**

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Volleyball Game #4 @ BICS

Photo Retake's



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8:15 am: parent scholastic shopping

BASKETBALL CLUB



3-3:30 pm & 5 - 6pm: parent scholastic shopping

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NEWSPAPER CLUB



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8:15 am: parent scholastic shopping

8:30 PAC Cafe & Spirit wear Sale

Family Friday #1

see next page for more info

FOR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CLICK [HERE](#)



FAMILY FRIDAY IS BACK!



ALL FAMILIES WELCOME!



We are excited to invite you to our first Family Friday of the school year on Friday, November 21st, from 8:50 to 9:30 a.m. This event is a cherished Hollyburn tradition and an opportunity for you to step into the classroom alongside your child.

What to expect:

- Join your child for the start of the school day.
- Participate in a classroom activity or lesson.
- See firsthand what your child is learning and how they engage with peers and staff.
- Connect informally with other Hollyburn families and build community.

Family Friday happens once each term, and it is a powerful way for you to see your child's learning in action. Whether you are new to Hollyburn or returning, this is a special moment to connect, observe, and celebrate the amazing growth taking place in our classrooms.

We look forward to welcoming you — doors open at 8:50 a.m. sharp. See you then!



Dear Families,

Capture your memories before the holidays with the perfect gift!

Place your school photo order **by December 8** to receive it before the holiday break.

LIMITED TIME til November 20: get 50% off digital holiday cards with coupon code **HOLLY** just add the product to your cart then enter coupon before checkout.

Visit edgeimaging.ca/order and enter your portrait codes to get started. Lost codes? Check out our online look-up form edgeimaging.ca/lookup or call the Edge Customer Care team at 1-888-416-3343.

Warm regards,

The EdgeTeam

Join us at the HPAC Café a Deville Coffee and Hollyburn Hoodie Sale

coffee - teas - hot chocolate



At the Hollyburn School Main Entrance

Friday November 21st

8:30am - 10:00am

- Before & After the **Family Friday** Class Activities
- Pick up a new Husky Hoodie
- Visit the **Scholastic Book Fair** in the School Library

*fundraiser
for gym
A/V system!*

*Grab a hot drink and meet other
Husky Families!*

Hollyburn Gym A/V System Upgrade

Fundraising Progress

PRIMARY FUNDRAISING SOURCES (AS OF NOV 2025)

\$5,842 - HALLOWEEN HOWL

\$8,477 - HOT LUNCH TERM 1

\$15,000 - PAC FUNDS (AS PER 25/26 APPROVED BUDGET)



\$30,000

AV PHASE 2

NEW PROJECTOR SYSTEM

\$25,000



\$20,000

\$15,000

\$10,000



\$5,000

AV PHASE 1

NEW SCREEN + MICS

25/26 PAC GENERAL BUDGET

PAC GENERAL BUDGET INCLUDES...

- MUSICIAN IN RESIDENCE
- CLASSROOM FUNDS
- FIRST AID TRAINING
- INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES
- LEARNING SUPPORT
- GRAD CEREMONY
- GARDEN CLUB
- STAFF LUNCH EVENT
- CLASSROOM WORKSHOPS
- PE/SPORTS EQUIPMENT



NEW GYM AV SYSTEM FUNDRAISING GOAL

25/26 GENERAL BUDGET

Be a *HOLLYBURN HERO* and Help Us Upgrade to a New Gym A/V System.

All donations make a big difference, Thank you!



All donations of \$25 and over will receive tax receipts.

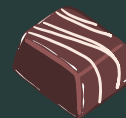


Donations must be made through West Van School Cash Online:

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HOLIDAY 2025 PURDYS CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER!



Looking for the sweetest way to support our school this holiday season?

From now until November 30, you can order delicious Purdys Chocolates through our online campaign — just in time for the holidays! This is a great opportunity to pick up gifts for family, friends, neighbours, teachers — or even yourself!

All proceeds will go directly toward supporting our school community. Thank you for helping make this fundraiser a success! If you have any questions, please reach out to: jdelucrazia@wvschools.ca

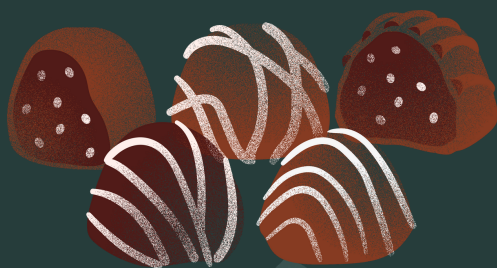
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How to Order:

1. Visit our campaign page:
2. <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1926383-130664>
3. Click "Join Campaign"
4. Use our campaign number: 58622
5. Start shopping!

Key Dates

Order Deadline:
November 30, 2025
Pick-Up at School:
December 11, 2025





Hollyburn Elementary Calendar 2025 – 2026

FALL TERM

Monday, September 1st – Labour Day
Tuesday, September 2nd – School Opening – Grades 1-7 only (8:50am to 10:20am)
Wednesday, September 3rd – Grades 1-7 regular day (8:50 to 2:50pm)
Wednesday, September 3rd – Kindergarten Gradual Entry begins
Wednesday, September 24th – Hollyburn Ice Cream Social (3:15 to 4pm)
Friday, September 26th – Professional Development Day
Tuesday, September 30th – National Day of Reconciliation Stat Holiday
Friday, October 3rd – Non-School Based Instructional Time (school starts at 9:50am)
Wednesday Oct 8th & Thursday Oct 9th – Fall Intake Conferences (dismissal at 11:10am)
Monday, October 13th – Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday, October 24th – Professional Development Day
Friday, November 7th – Non-School Based Instructional Time (school starts at 9:50am)
Tuesday, November 11th – Remembrance Day Holiday
Monday, November 24th – Professional Development Day
Friday, December 5th – Non-School Based Instructional Time (school starts at 9:50am)

WINTER TERM

Friday, December 19th – Last day before winter break (dismissal at 12:00pm)
December 22nd to January 2nd – Winter Break
Monday, January 5th – School Resumes (8:50am to 2:50pm)
Friday, January 9th – Non-School Based Instructional Time (school starts at 9:50am)
Friday, January 30th – Professional Development Day
Friday, February 6th – Non-School Based Instructional Time (school starts at 9:50am)
Friday, February 13th – Reading Break
Monday, February 16th – Family Day Holiday
Friday, March 6th – Non-School Based Instructional Time (school starts at 9:50am)
March 16th to March 27th – Two Week Spring Break Vacation

SPRING TERM

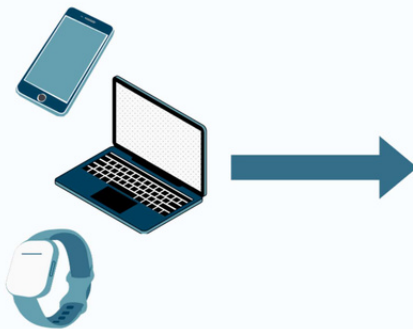
Monday, March 30th – School Resumes (8:50am to 2:50pm)
Friday, April 3rd – Good Friday Holiday
Monday, April 6th – Easter Monday Holiday
Friday, April 10th – Non-School Based Instructional Time (school starts at 9:50am)
Tuesday April 21st & Wednesday April 22nd – Triad Conferences (dismissal at 11:10am)
Friday, May 1st – Non-School Based Instructional Time (school starts at 9:50am)
Friday, May 15th – Professional Development Day
Monday, May 18th – Victoria Day Holiday
Friday, June 5th – Non-School Based Instructional Time (school starts at 9:50am)
Friday, June 12th – Sports Day (dismissal at 12:00pm)
Thursday, June 25th – Last Day of School (dismissal at 12:00pm)

IMPORTANT!

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Parent & Guardian's Guide to Personal Digital Devices

Personal Digital Devices include any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or to access the internet, such as cell phones, phones, laptops, tablets, smartwatches and any other portable technology device.



Laptops are the preferred device for school use.

While digital devices can enhance learning in many ways, allowing students to collaborate, create and communicate, it is important that they are used in a mindful and meaningful way.

Personal digital devices should only be used with the permission of a teacher or administrator. Additional considerations will be made to provide for student's health and accessibility needs, and accommodation requirements.

Elementary

Cell phones should NOT be used in elementary school.



Secondary

Cell phones should only be used in class if specifically required for a learning task

What can parents and guardians do to help?

- Understand the digital device expectations at your child's school
- Support and encourage your child's appropriate use of digital devices
- Refrain from contacting your child during the school day. If it's an emergency, contact the school office
- Personally model and encourage digital device boundaries