

# Hollyburn This Week

Highlights, Happenings, and What's Ahead



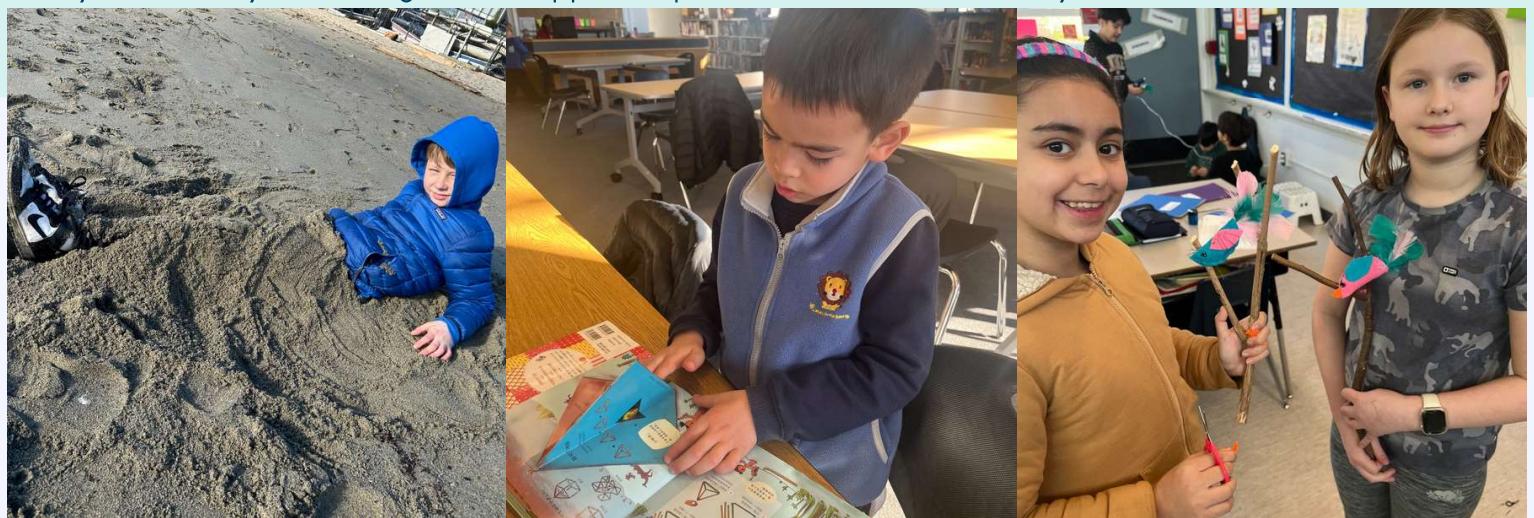
## A Week Full of Energy and Pride at Hollyburn

We ended this week in the very best way. With music, movement, and a whole lot of joy. Today's assembly wrapped up with dance, and our students absolutely shone. Every division took part, and the energy, confidence, and enthusiasm in the room were incredible. The surprise staff dance was a huge hit and brought smiles, laughter, and loud cheers from students. It was a wonderful way to celebrate our community and end the week together.

It has also been a full and exciting week across the school. Clubs have officially started, and it has been great to see students diving into new interests, building friendships, and trying new things. You will find the full clubs schedule inside this newsletter.

Earlier this week, our student leaders also represented Hollyburn at the Board of Education meeting. We are very proud of how they shared the story of student leadership at our school. You can read more about that experience inside as well.

Thank you, as always, for being such a supportive part of our school community.





## BE AN ANNABELLE

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AT HOLLYBURN



### Hollyburn Students Shine at Board Highlights

This week, we were incredibly proud to see Hollyburn students present at the Board of Education meeting.

Archie, Armita, Bennett, Malala, and Ryo represented our school with confidence and pride as they shared the story of student leadership at Hollyburn. They spoke about our clubs, leadership opportunities, and school wide events, including the Terry Fox run, Cops for Cancer, and the staff versus student volleyball game. They presented to Trustees and senior district staff, and did so with poise and clarity. Speaking in this setting takes courage, and our students rose to the occasion.

Moments like this matter. They show students that their voices count and that their leadership has real impact beyond our school. We are very proud of them and grateful for the way they represented our community.



# Thank you Ms. M!



A special moment today in Division 4. The class took time to thank Ms. Manninen for her dedication and care as their Thursday and Friday teacher. She has done incredible work with this group, and the impact she has had on students is very clear.

Next week, we are excited to welcome back Ms. Killy to Div 4, as she returns from maternity leave.

And don't worry, Ms. Manninen is not going far. She will continue to be part of our Hollyburn community in her role as Teacher Librarian on Tuesdays.

## Full Swings Are in Clubs at Hollyburn

It has been wonderful to see so many students involved in clubs across the school. Our clubs are buzzing with energy and creativity, and they continue to be a big part of what makes Hollyburn such a vibrant community.

Students are taking part in a wide range of clubs, including art and crafts, Lego, math, cosy colouring, Greek language, soccer, Harry Potter, and yo yo, with something for both primary and intermediate students. These clubs give students a chance to explore interests, build friendships, and develop leadership skills in a fun and relaxed setting.

A special thank you to our staff who make these opportunities possible and to our students for showing such enthusiasm, commitment, and pride in their clubs. It is wonderful to see students choosing to spend their free time learning, creating, and connecting with one another.

# January

FOR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS  
[CLICK HERE](#)

**date**      **what's happening...**

**26**

Boys Basketball Practice 3:00 – 3:30

**27**

Grade 7 Basketball Game vs. Westcot

**28**

Boys Basketball Practice 12:20 – 12:50

Girls Basketball Practice 3:00 – 3:30

**29**

Girls Basketball Practice 3:00 – 3:30

**30**

PRO D DAY – school not in session

## Hollyburn Clubs Schedule



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
 <b>Cat Kid Comic Club</b> (Grades 2-4)	 <b>Yo-Yo Club</b> (Grades 4-7)	 <b>Cosy Colouring Club</b> (Grades K-3)	 <b>Intermediate Arts &amp; Crafts Club</b> (Grades 4-7)
 <b>Board Game Club</b> (Grades 3-5)	 <b>Harry Potter Club</b>	 <b>Greek Language Club</b> (Grades 2-5)	 <b>Math Club</b>
 <b>Nature Club</b> (Grades K-2)		 <b>Soccer Club</b> (Grades 3-7)	 <b>Lego Club</b> (Grades 1-3)

# Reminder

## From The Hollyburn Office Team



Ms. Denman remains out of the office until the end of February.

Ms. DeLucrezia is currently in the office and supporting the front office role. She can be reached directly at:  
[JDeLucrezia@wvschools.ca](mailto:JDeLucrezia@wvschools.ca)

Please continue to send all general questions, updates, and student late or absence notices to: [hollyburn@wvschools.ca](mailto:hollyburn@wvschools.ca)

Our office team will respond and support you. Thank you for helping us keep communication clear and timely.



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.

# DPAC

# Sarah Ward on Executive Functioning

**Sarah Ward is an internationally recognized expert in executive function. Her practical, research-informed strategies are widely regarded as groundbreaking in supporting student learning and independence.**

Drawing from executive function coaching approaches used with elementary, secondary, post-secondary students and adults, this session will help build academic success by exploring time management, task prioritization, long-term project planning and the development of independent learning habits.

**Wednesday, January 28th  
\$20 per ticket**



## REGISTER HERE

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

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

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



#### **Understand**

Parents will gain a clear, reassuring understanding of how executive function skills develop over time, why children may struggle with organization and time management, and what is developmentally typical at different ages.



#### **Learn**

Parents will learn practical, easy-to-use strategies they can apply at home to strengthen their child's time awareness, organization, study routines and follow-through for academic success.



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## **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!**