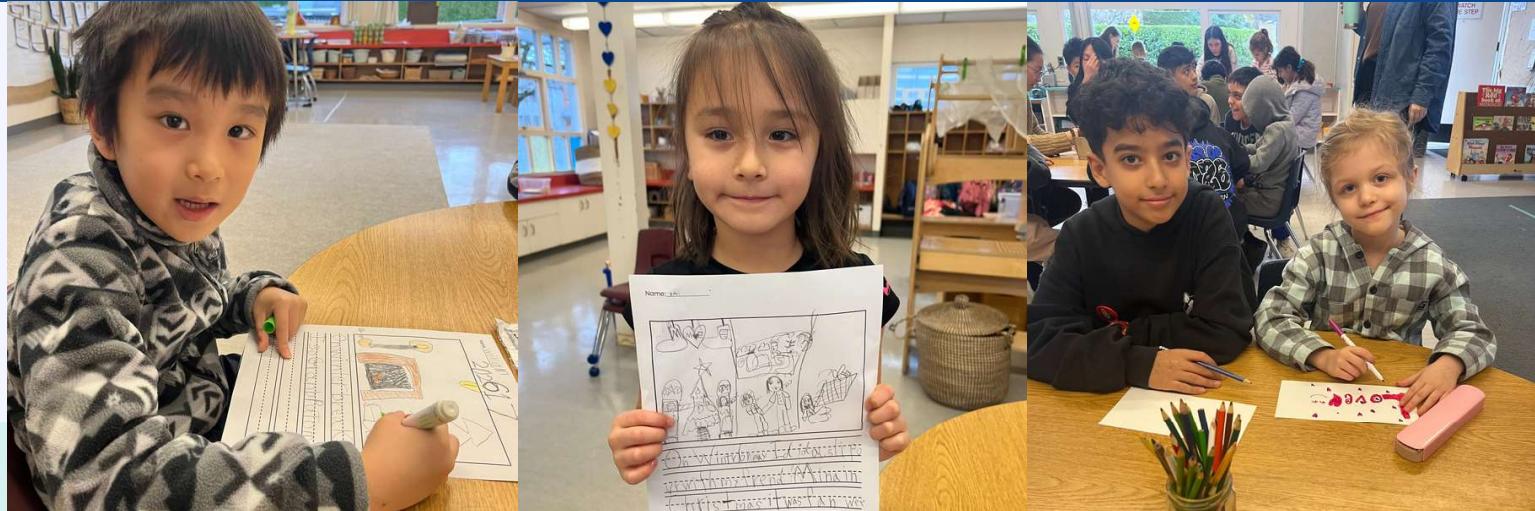


Hollyburn This Week

Highlights, Happenings, and What's Ahead



Welcome back Hollyburn families,

This week felt bright. Classrooms were full of learning, laughter, and connection. Our students were genuinely happy to be back with their classmates and teachers. Our staff were just as happy to welcome them.

I was very impressed with how smoothly our students transitioned back into school routines. They settled quickly, reconnected with each other, and showed they are ready to take on Term 2 with focus and confidence.

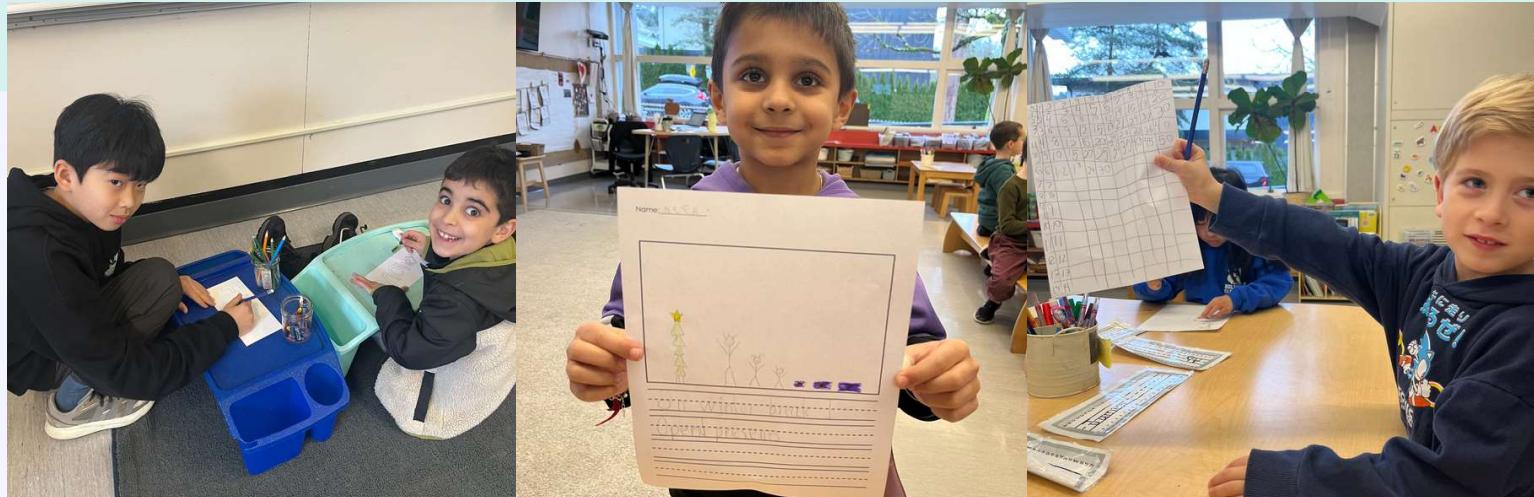
It has been a pleasure to walk through the school and see engaged learners, calm classrooms, and the strong sense of community that makes Hollyburn such a special place.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our Family Friday next Friday, January 16. More details are inside this week's Weekly.

Warmly,

Breanna Lloyd

Principal, Hollyburn Elementary



West Vancouver Schools Admissions Information

K-12 admission applications for both in-district and out-of-district students opens on January 15! If you have students in your family or network who are looking to join our district, please help spread the word about this important date.

West Vancouver Schools offer a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community that values excellence in education. Our schools take pride in creating meaningful learning experiences and providing opportunities that support the growth, well-being, and success of every student.

To learn more about registration expectations and processes, please visit our admissions page:

[West Vancouver Schools Admissions](#)

We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our vibrant and supportive school community!

HOT LUNCH

FUNDRAISER

DON'T MISS THIS LAST CHANCE TO ORDER FOR TERM 2

EXTRA ORDER WINDOW: JANUARY 7TH - JANUARY 14TH (MIDNIGHT DEADLINE)

MONDAYS:

Fresh Slice Pizza

**TUESDAYS:**

Subway Sandwiches/Wraps

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT
THERE IS A 7-10 DAY
DELAY BEFORE LUNCHES
START.**

Be on the look out for
emails from Munch A
Lunch with details on your
next meal.

Until then... Don't forget to
send lunch for your child.

**WEDNESDAYS:**

- Aburi Market Sushi
- Presto Catering

**FRIDAYS:**

- Aburi Market Bento Bowls
- Presto Catering

**NEW!!!****Persian food Day****THURSDAYS:**
HATAM Restaurant**WHAT IS HOT LUNCH?**

- The Hot Lunch Program is a fundraiser 100% run by HPAC & family volunteers.
- All proceeds are returned to the school via HPAC initiatives.
- Meals are provided by outside vendors who deliver to the school.
- Cutlery is not provided, please send your child to school with cutlery.

HOW DOES HOT LUNCH WORK?

- Pick among the offerings and order online using the Munch-a-Lunch link below.
- You are ordering for the FULL term. Your order will stay the same for each day all term: What you order on Mondays will always be the same, every Tuesday will be the same, and so on.
- PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A 7-10 DAY DELAY IN LUNCH START TIME.

TERM 2 WINTER 2026 - JANUARY TO MARCH 13TH



**ORDER ONLINE AT
WWW.MUNCHALUNCH.COM/SCHOOLS/HOLLYBURN**

January

date **what's happening...**

12

term 2 club applications are available in the office

Boys Basketball Practice 3:00 - 3:30

13

HOLLYBURN SPIRIT WEAR DAY!

14

term 2 club applications DUE to the office

Boys Basketball Practice 12:20 - 12:50

Grils Basketball Practice 3:00 - 3:30

15

Physical Literacy Games Workshop

WINTER WRITING DUE TO THE OFFICE (SEE PAGE 3 FOR MORE DETAILS)

Girls Basketball Practice 3:00 - 3:30

16

Term Two Family Friday 8:50 - 9:30

reminders:

Please send all late/absences to Ms. D

FOR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS [CLICK HERE](#)

WINTER WRITING CONTEST

Written by Armita Are you someone who likes to write? If you are, this challenge is perfect for you. The challenge is called the Hollyburn Winter Writing Contest and here are the rules and guidelines:

THE RULES

1. Participants will have to write their own SHORT story, (or poem) in any genre based on the topic of WINTER. The stories must be related to winter, (holidays, celebrations, favourite pastimes, weather, etc) or else they will not be eligible for recognition. You can use one of the writing prompts for inspiration.
2. There will be two winners, one in intermediate, and one in primary, and their stories will be published in the SECOND edition (Term 2) of the newspaper. Each winner will have the choice of getting interviewed for the newspaper!
3. Your story cannot be AI generated, it must be original and from your own creation.
4. Stories must be written neatly on paper and participants must write their names and division on their work.
5. Once you have finished writing you can submit your writing to the office. The deadline for this contest is January 15.

Here are some writing prompts for inspiration!:

Primary Students (K-3)

- What would it be like to live in a Gingerbread House?
- What is the best part about Winter?
- Imagine you are in the North Pole. (what do you do, see, explore, etc)
- It's Christmas morning!! Explain your day and what you would do?
- What is the best treat to eat in winter and why?

Intermediate Students (4-7)

- Imagine you could work in a coffee shop , (Starbucks, Bean Around The World, etc.) what would you do ? (Make a new drink, decorate the shop, etc)
- What is the Christmas Spirit all about?
- Write about the first memory you have when you hear the word, "Winter".
- Describe snow to someone who has never seen it before.
- Write about snowflakes, (how they are made, the biggest ones ever size, etc)



TERM 2 FAMILY FRIDAY!

ALL FAMILIES WELCOME!

We are excited to welcome families back into the school for our next Family Friday on Friday, January 16, from 8:50 to 9:30 a.m. This is a valued Hollyburn tradition and a meaningful way to begin Term 2 together.

What to expect:

- Start the day in your child's classroom.
- Join a short classroom activity or lesson.
- See what your child is learning and how they work with peers and staff.
- Connect with other Hollyburn families and strengthen our community.

Family Friday takes place once each term. It gives you a clear window into your child's school day and their learning. Whether your family is new to Hollyburn or has been here for years, this is time well spent.

We look forward to welcoming you. Doors open at 8:50 a.m. and the visit concludes at 9:30 a.m.



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

coffee + selections of teas



At the Hollyburn School Main Entrance

Family Friday - January 16th

8:30am - 10:00am

- Before & After the Family Friday Class Activities
- School Spiritwear will be available to try & buy

fundraiser
for gym
A/V system!

Grab a hot drink and meet other
Husky Families!

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.

Caregivers' Corner

Hollyburn School Visitor and Pickup Protocols



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.

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.



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!

IMPORTANT



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!