

# Hollyburn This Week

*Highlights, Happenings, and What's Ahead*



## **February has been full at Hollyburn.**

You will see highlights in this newsletter outlining our current learning themes and special events across the school. I encourage you to take a few moments to read those updates and celebrate the depth of learning happening in every classroom.

This week, we proudly recognized our WVMEA members. The West Vancouver Municipal Employees Association represents many of the essential staff who keep our school running each day. At Hollyburn, this includes our office staff, custodial team, and educational assistants who work closely with students and teachers. We pause to celebrate them because schools run on teamwork. Their consistency, care, and professionalism create the calm, organized environment our students rely on. We are grateful for the work they do behind the scenes and in direct support of children.

Student engagement continues to be strong. Hollyburn FC is running every day and has quickly become a highlight for many of our intermediate students. Organized by Ms. Tobin, this daily soccer opportunity builds skill, sportsmanship, and school spirit. Students are learning to compete with integrity, support one another, and demonstrate leadership on and off the field.

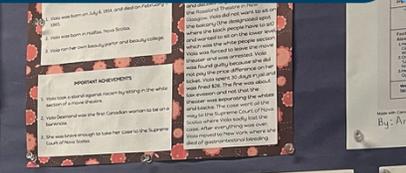
Our staff remain deeply engaged in refining our Framework for Enhancing Student Learning. At our recent meeting, teachers worked together to sharpen our school wide writing goal. We reviewed student work, discussed instructional strategies, and clarified next steps to strengthen writing across grade levels. This collaborative work ensures alignment from Kindergarten to Grade 7. It keeps us focused on clear, measurable growth in student achievement.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Hollyburn is strong because of the collective effort of staff, students, and families. I am proud of the momentum we are building together.

Enjoy a long & restful weekend,  
Principal Lloyd



# HOLLYBURN HIGHLIGHT FEBRUARY THEMES



February might be a short month, but it is full at Hollyburn. This month, our learning focus across the school is Black Canadian Excellence. In classrooms from Kindergarten to Grade 7, students are exploring the stories, leadership, and contributions of Black Canadians who have shaped our country in powerful ways.

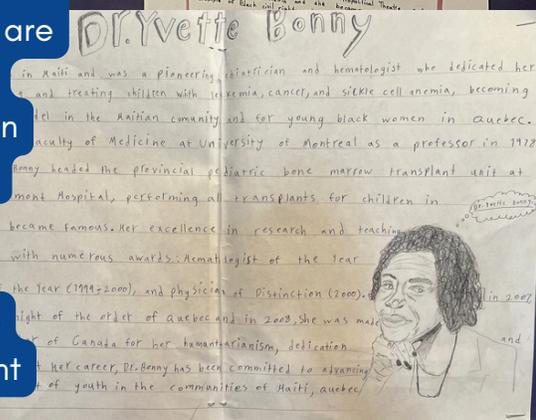
Students are learning about individuals such as The Honourable Jean Augustine, the first Black woman elected to Canada's Parliament and the driving force behind establishing Black History Month in Canada. They are also exploring the legacy of Viola Desmond, whose courageous stand against racial segregation in Nova Scotia helped advance civil rights in our country. Through read alouds, research projects, class discussions, and reflective writing, students are building understanding of equity, justice, and the importance of representation.

Our goal is clear. We want students to see themselves reflected in the curriculum. We want them to understand Canada's full history. We want them to recognize excellence in all its forms. This learning connects directly to our core values of respect, inclusion, and belonging.

The Olympics have also captured our attention. Each day, we share updates during morning announcements and celebrate the achievements of athletes from Canada and around the world. We highlight stories of perseverance, teamwork, and discipline. These real world examples help our students connect character traits such as resilience and commitment to their own growth as learners and teammates.

February is also Kindness Month at Hollyburn. Classrooms are engaged in intentional acts of kindness, gratitude reflections, and conversations about how our words and actions impact others. We will mark Pink Shirt Day on February 25 with a strong message that kindness matters every day. We expect students to demonstrate care in classrooms, hallways, on the playground, online, and in our wider community.

February may be brief. Our learning and our impact are not.



### Olympic Medal Count

Team	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Team Canada	1	1	1



# FEBRUARY

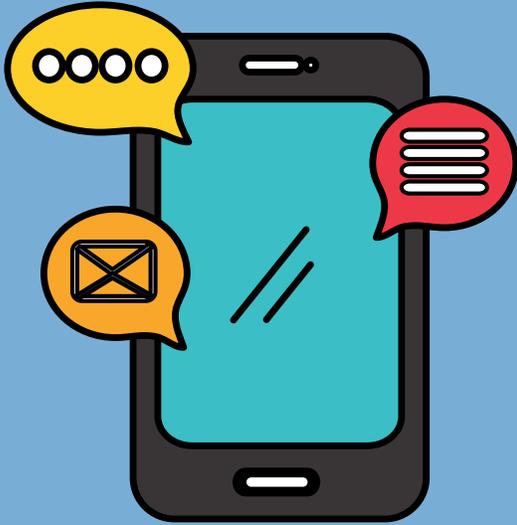
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date	what's happening...
16	<p>Family Day - School Not in Session                      We hope today is a chance to slow down.                      Spend time together and do something that brings you joy.</p>
17	<p><b>HOLLYBURN BLUE DAY</b>                      come dressed in your Hollyburn swag</p>
18	<p>Student Online Safety Grade 4 – 7: Police Liaison Officer Visit                      Div. 7, 8, 9 visit to West Van Memorial Library</p> <p>Boys Basketball Practice 12:20 – 12:50                      Girls Basketball Practice 3:00 – 3:30</p>
19	<p>Girls Basketball Practice 3:00 – 3:30</p>
20	<p> <b>OLYMPIC PRIDE</b>                      Join the fun and dress in the colours of the country or countries you're cheering for </p>



# 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.

## CAPILANO UNIVERSITY ACCESS PROGRAMS INFORMATION SESSION

Capilano University Access programs information session – March 5

Capilano University is hosting a virtual information session on Thursday, March 5 at 4 p.m. for students and their families to learn more two Access programs designed to support students with learning differences: Discover Employability and Education and Employment Access. Both programs are full-time at the Capilano University North Vancouver main campus and start in September 2026.

While this information session is primarily designed for secondary age students and their families, Grade 6-7 families who are interested are also welcome to attend to learn more about future pathways, growth opportunities, and transition-to-adult life planning.

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# SAFETY BLITZ

## Week

**SAFETY MATTERS EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR.  
THIS WEEK SERVES AS AN IMPORTANT REMINDER.**

*During Safety Blitz Week, drivers, commuters, and pedestrians are expected to follow all safety expectations when arriving at Hollyburn. Arrival and dismissal routines protect children and families. They rely on patience and attention. School staff and community partners will be out in full force. Their role is to support safe habits and clear expectations.*

**FEBURARY 23-27**  
**HOLLYBURN ELEMENTARY**

- Slow down.
- Follow posted signage.
- Use crosswalks.
- Respect drop off and pick up procedures.



**Safety starts with adult choices.  
Thank you for helping keep Hollyburn safe every day.**