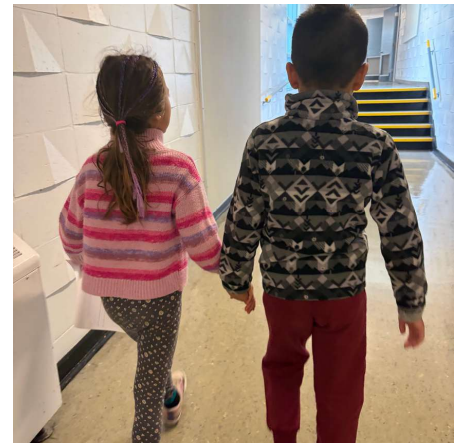




Hollywood This Week

Highlights, Happenings, and What's Ahead





A Message from the Principal

What's happening at Hollyburn this week

Welcome to a new school year! It has been wonderful to see our students return, reconnect with friends, meet their teachers, and begin settling into the routines of the 2026–27 school year.

As we move through these first few days, we are excited for the learning, connection, and community-building ahead.



Hot Lunch Reminder

Hot Lunch registration opens early this week. Meals begin Monday, September 21, with Freshlee Pizza kicking off the Hot Lunch year. Families will receive information about this year's restaurant options and the new ordering platform.



Digital Device Reminder

Please review the Personal Digital Device Use expectations, including the elementary school expectation that cell phones and personal digital devices are not used during school hours, including before school, after school, and during breaks.



Today, Hollyburn was proud to support Cops for Cancer as the cyclist rode by our school. We loved cheering them on and celebrating the huge success of this important initiative. Thank you to everyone who helped make the moment so positive and encouraging!!

We are looking forward to a wonderful year together. Thank you for your continued partnership and support of our students and school community.

Coming Up



September 14th - 18th



Monday

First Full Week in 26/27 Classes



Tuesday

3:45pm Cross Country Meet #1



Wednesday

Playground Assembly



Thursday

Hollyburn Blue Day



Friday

12:30 - 1:30 Kindergarten Picnic



**Note: Kindergarten Gradual Entry continues to run all week.
Kindergarten placements finalized on Friday**



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IMPORTANT HPAC UPDATE

Things are heating up in the kitchen!

Hot Lunch is back!

Our beloved Hot Lunch program is back and will open for registration early next week. Please look out for posters and an upcoming email with this year's restaurant options and instructions for registering on our brand-new ordering platform.



Meals start
**Monday,
September 21**

Freshslice Pizza will officially kick off the Hot Lunch year.



Please stay tuned!

HPAC



Personal Digital Device Use at Hollyburn

Personal digital device (like cell phones, smart watches, etc) expectations help every student stay focused, connected, and ready to learn. By setting clear boundaries for when devices may be used, we protect instructional time and support a calm, engaging school environment.

These guidelines minimize distractions and maximize learning opportunities while still recognizing that digital devices can support collaboration, creativity, and communication when used appropriately.



Personal Digital Device Use at Hollyburn

Our School Wide Expectations

8:00 AM – 8:49 AM Student Arrival	Students may use a mobile phone to call or text a parent, guardian, or family member for arrival, transportation, or safety-related communication. During this time, students are not permitted to use personal devices for entertainment or recreational purposes. This includes social media, gaming, taking or viewing photos or videos, and similar activities. Personal laptops and tablets should remain stored away.
8:50 AM – 2:50 PM & School Events	Personal digital devices must remain stored away and turned off or set to silent mode throughout the instructional day and during school events. Students may only use a personal device when a staff member has provided permission for a specific educational, health, accessibility, or safety-related purpose. If a student uses a personal device without permission, a staff member will direct the student to put the device away. If the inappropriate use continues, the device may be brought to the office for safekeeping. Administration will follow up with the student and, when appropriate, the student's parent or guardian before the device is returned.
2:51 PM – 4:00 PM Student Departure	Students may use a mobile phone to call or text a parent, guardian, or family member for transportation, pick-up, or safety-related communication. Students are not permitted to use personal devices for social media, gaming, taking or viewing photos or videos, or other recreational purposes while remaining on school grounds. Personal laptops and tablets should remain stored away.



Elementary Schools: Personal digital device expectations apply throughout the entire school day, including before school, after school, and during break times.
Cell phones will not be used at all during school hours.



What Families Can Continue to Do



Encourage Balanced Screen Time: Promote activities like reading, outdoor play, and family time.



Model Consistency: Show your support by modeling mindful and appropriate device use.



Support School Communication: Avoid contacting your child during instructional time. Non-urgent messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.



Stay Engaged: Revisit the Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices to refresh your understanding of the expectations and discuss them with your child.



HOLLYBURN

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Confidential Food Security Support for Families

Every family deserves access to the food they need. West Vancouver School District has confidential support available for students and families experiencing food insecurity.

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.



How the Food Security Plan Can Help

The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity.



Need support with food-related costs?

Please email Principal Lloyd at blloyd@wvschools.ca or feedingfutures@wvschools.ca if you need support with food-related costs.



Confidential and Respectful Support

Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.





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DESIGNING THE FUTURE

After School Program

For 25 years, Artmania has been inspiring young creators through innovative, hands-on arts and design programs.

This fall, Chartwell students in **Grades 1 –7** can step into the world of contemporary architecture—designing, building and experimenting like real architects.

Students will explore **architecture, engineering, art and sustainable design** as they create exciting 3D projects using a wide variety of materials. From bamboo structures and futuristic tunnels to imaginative public spaces, every project encourages children to think creatively, solve problems and bring their own ideas to life.

No previous experience is needed. Projects are adapted for different ages and abilities, allowing younger students to build confidence while older students are challenged to develop more sophisticated designs.



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Why Kids Love Artmania

- ✓ Hands-on making
- ✓ Open to Grades 1–7
- ✓ Architecture + art + design + creative problem-solving
- ✓ Exciting 3D projects students can take pride in

AFTER SCHOOL FUN

- 📅 Weekly Classes
- 🕒 After School Hours
- 🎨 All Materials Included



**Hollyburn
Architecture
Thursday**

October 1 –December 10

12:10 pm – 12:50 pm

(10 Classes = \$230)

No class : Oct 8 (early dismissal)



SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER!



SCAN ME

REGISTER ONLINE!

<http://www.artmaniabc.ca/programs/>



Conduct For Parents & Guardians

Expectations

1

Respectful Communication

Parents & guardians are expected to communicate respectfully and constructively with all members of the school community. This includes in person conversations, email, phone calls, etc.



2

Conduct on School Property

To help maintain a safe and welcoming school environment, parents & guardians must model appropriate behaviour for our students by using responsible language and actions. Adults will not approach or engage with another family's child to resolve conflicts, obtain information, or address concerns. Such matters should be directed to school staff or administration.

We ask that parents & guardians:

- Sign in upon arrival in the school
- Follow staff guidance and direction
- Refrain from entering classrooms without permission

3

Online Conduct

Parents & guardians must use digital communications—including email, social media, and school platforms—in a respectful and responsible way. This means not posting or sharing content that could harm others, such as comments that are unkind, misleading, or that share private information about students, families, or staff. Any online communication about members of the school community is expected to follow these same guidelines, no matter what platform is used

4

Privacy and Confidentiality

Parents & guardians must respect the privacy of all students, families, and staff and must not share personal or identifying information about others without their knowledge and consent. This includes photos and recordings on any school property.



5

Supporting the Resolution of Concerns

When concerns arise, parents & guardians must follow the established resolution process:

1. Always start by discussing the concern with the adult directly involved (start with the source)
2. Engage with respect and in good faith
3. Respect the privacy of all individuals involved
4. Work collaboratively to seek a resolution
5. Follow the above process before formal escalation



E-TRANSPORT:

Know Before You Buy or Ride

Not all small or electric transportation is treated the same.
Know the Micromobility rules for Personal Electric Vehicles in West Vancouver.

Vehicle Type	Where Can I Ride?	How Old Do I Need To Be?	Max Speed	License & Insurance?	Other Important Rules
 e-bike	Anywhere bicycles can ride	14+ for light e-bikes 16+ for standard e-bikes	Light bikes: 25 km/h Standard: 32 km/h	No license or insurance required	Must have fully operable pedals
 e-scooter	Anywhere bicycles can ride in West Van	16+	25 km/h	No license or insurance required	Solo riders only
 moped/LSM	Public Roads Only	16+	70 km/h	License & insurance required	BC licence plate required
 e-dirt bike	Not on roads, sidewalks, or bike lanes	Not legal at any age on public roads	Not permitted on public roads	Cannot be registered or insured	Not legal on public roads
 mini-motorcycle	Not on roads, sidewalks, or bike lanes	Not legal at any age on public roads	Not permitted on public roads	Cannot be registered or insured	Not legal on public roads



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What is Early Literacy Screening?

Early literacy screening is a quick check that helps teachers understand how your child is developing early reading skills, an important part of literacy development. It's not a diagnosis or academic assessment.

It looks at skills such as letter knowledge, sound awareness, and word reading.

Early literacy screening tools are:

- Brief and easy to use
- Developed using research and student data
- Used by classroom teachers
- Designed to help keep children on track with reading

Early literacy screening provides a snapshot of where your child is in their reading journey.



How Does Early Literacy Screening Help My Child?

Early literacy screening helps teachers understand each child's reading skills and learning needs.

Screening helps teachers:

- Identify students who may need extra reading support
- Plan reading instruction for the whole class, small groups, or individual students
- Track student progress in reading over time
- Adjust teaching to better support student learning

Early literacy screening helps identify reading challenges early so support can begin right away.

This gives your child the best opportunity to build strong literacy skills and a solid foundation for future learning.

For more information and resources visit:
<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/literacy-screening>



Early Literacy Screening

Information for
Parents and
Caregivers



Ministry of
Education and
Child Care

What is Literacy?

Literacy is your child's ability to understand language and to communicate in a variety of ways.

Literacy includes:

- Speaking and listening
- Building vocabulary
- Reading and understanding text
- Expressing ideas in writing
- Understanding stories and information

Literacy skills are tools that open doors to learning throughout life.



Why is Literacy Important?

Strong literacy skills support lifelong learning and wellness.

Success in Learning

Children with strong literacy skills are better able to:

- Understand classroom lessons
- Learn new subjects
- Share their thinking through speaking and writing
- Complete assignments independently
- Stay engaged and motivated in school

Health & Well-Being

Children with strong literacy skills are also more likely to:

- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Understand health and safety information
- Build independence and problem-solving skills
- Strengthen skills such as memory, attention, and focus

Later in life, literacy helps people:

- Apply for jobs
- Continue learning new skills
- Build social connections with others
- Participate fully in their communities

How Do Children Learn Literacy Skills?

Literacy development takes time, teaching, and practice.

Children will:

- Learn at different speeds
- Find some parts of literacy easier than others
- Build skills over time
- Show progress in different ways

Some children need more time and practice.

This does not mean they won't develop strong literacy skills over time.

Early support makes a big difference, and schools are there to help!

Literacy development can also happen at home. Reading together is a great way to build these skills.