Hollyburn This Week

Celebrating Our Huskies and School Community











Looking Ahead to Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8am: Girls VB Practice	Gr. 7 Volleyball Lunch Time Practice			**NSBIT School Begins @ 9:50**
2:50 Boys VB Practice		2:50 Girls VB Practice	2:50 Boys VB Practice	


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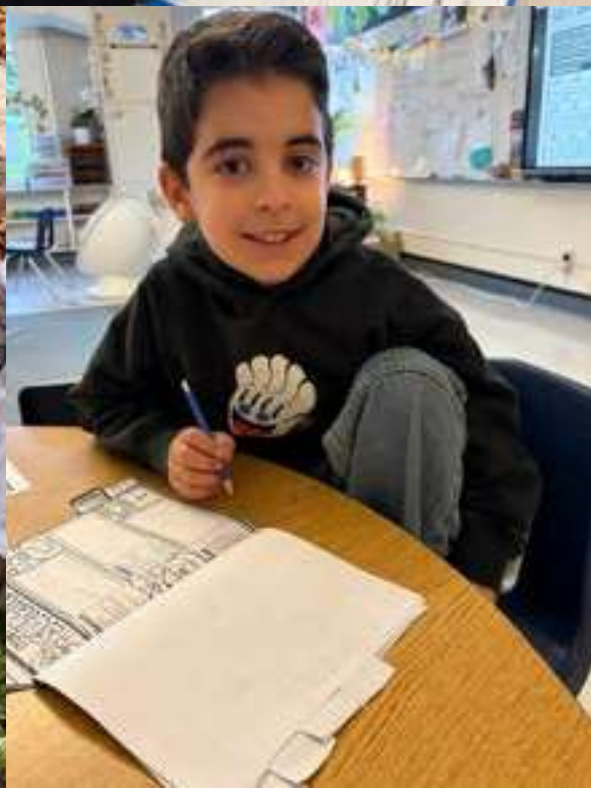























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ART SHOW
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Elementary



THANK YOU, HUSKIES!

Thank you to our students, families, staff and volunteers for making the Halloween Howl such a special day! Your generous donations and enthusiasm will help enhance our central garden, creating more space for our students to grow, learn and connect with nature.
We are so grateful for the support of our Hollyburn community!

With gratitude,
Hollyburn PAC

Hollyburn Elementary

Fun and Safe Halloween Reminders

Halloween is just a week away! As students get ready for school celebrations and trick-or-treating, West Vancouver Schools reminds families to keep safety and respect for others part of the fun.

At school

- Student costumes must allow safe movement, participation in learning activities, and independence during the school day.
- Please leave masks, costume weapons, and excessive makeup at home.
- Costume choices should be respectful and align with our school and District Codes of Conduct, helping ensure Halloween is safe, welcoming, and enjoyable for everyone.

In the community

- The WVPD asks families to reinforce respect for neighbours, private property, and community spaces.
- Encourage children and youth to celebrate responsibly and demonstrate the kindness, courtesy, and respect that help make our community safe and enjoyable for everyone.



Halloween Treats: Howmuch is OK for Kids?

Halloween is a fun tradition for many children. After trick-or-treating, it can be hard to know how to manage leftover treats. Involving your children in managing their candy can help them learn how to regulate their eating and build a healthy relationship with food. When sweets are made completely off-limits, children may become more focused on them and overeat when they are available. Instead, offer sweets occasionally as part of a regular eating routine, while parents continue to decide which foods are offered and when.

Trythese three steps:

1. Let your child get excited, sort, and choose how much to eat on Halloween night.
2. Following Halloween, ask your child to put the treats away and keep it to only sit-down meal and snack times. Choose a set amount or consider allowing your child to choose the amount they wish to eat at these set meal and snack times.
3. If your child can follow these steps, they can be left in charge of the treats. Otherwise, follow step 2 until they can stick to the structure.



By following these steps, yourchildwillstillfeel in control of their stash of candy and you will still be in control of what is offered at mealsandsnacks. This approach provides structure and builds skills about how to manage sweets with otherfoodsthey eat.

Some more Halloweentips:

- Offer regular mealsandsnacks,including dinner, before children go trick-or-treating.
- At Halloween parties,includechoicesfrom Canada's Food Guide such as popcorn, roasted pumpkin seeds, fruitkabobs,andhotchocolate made with milk or fortified soy beverage.
- With younger children,trickortreatatonly a few houses or for a short time.
- Create a system whereyourchildcanchoose to trade their treats for non-food items like fancy pencils, money, or swimpasses.
- Sugary foods increaseriskofcavities.Remind your child to brush with fluoride toothpaste twiceaday,andsee a dental professional for routine dental checkups.



Read more about how to approach sugar with kidshere: Is Sugar Unhealthy for Children?

If you have any specific questions about your child'snutrition, you may contact Dietitian Services at HealthLinkBC (phone 8-1-1)tospeak to a licensed dietitian

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What Is NSBIT?

Non-School Based Instructional Time

NSBIT is time set aside for Hollyburn teachers to learn, plan, and collaborate across the school. Teachers work together to share strategies, look at student learning, and coordinate support so students experience consistent, thoughtful instruction from Kindergarten to Grade 7.

Why is this important?

When teachers collaborate school-wide, they build a stronger, more connected learning environment. This shared planning helps staff respond to student needs, support learning across classrooms, and ensure that every child is known, supported, and encouraged to grow.

What this means for families

On the first Friday of every month, school starts at 9:50 a.m.
Assignments are sent home on Wednesday from classroom teachers.

Thank you for supporting this shared learning time.


Store link and ordering dates coming soon.
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SPIRITWEAR
IS ON THE WAY!

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR

IT'S COMING!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS HUSKIES!

Scholastic Book Fair @ Hollyburn Elementary Library

November 16-20

Interested in being a Parent/Guardian Volunteer?

Contact Ms. M • mmanninen@wvschools.ca

Head Lice Information and School Procedures

For parents and guardians

What families need to know

• Head lice are common and can spread through close head-to-head contact. They do not transmit disease, and an occurrence at school is not considered a health hazard.

• Head lice are not a reflection of a family's cleanliness or parenting.

• Managing head lice is a shared effort between families, the school community, and Vancouver Coastal Health, with primary responsibility resting with parents.

• Check your child's head regularly at home—the most effective way to manage head lice. ***If you discover head lice, pleae notify the school asap. Confidentiality is maintained.***

• If head lice are confirmed, the school will communicate promptly and sensitively, with general treatment information.

• Follow treatment guidance from Vancouver Coastal Health, the BC Health Guide, or HealthLink BC at 811. Parents may pick up their child for immediate treatment, but children cannot be excluded from school; they remain with their class until picked up or the end of the school day.

Our shared approach

Thank you for helping us approach this in a calm, consistent, and supportive way. Our priority is to protect students' dignity, maintain confidentiality, and ensure families feel informed rather than alarmed.

For reference:

- HealthLink BC:

  https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/head-lice



Remembrance Day: Special Request for Photos

Families are invited to share digital photos of loved ones who have served, or are currently serving, in the armed forces. These photos will be included in our school Rememberance Day Ceremony on November 10th.

Please send photos to Miss Tobin (dtobin@wvschools.ca) by Wednesday, November 4, with the loved one's name and their connection to your family.

Sharing these photos helps us honour the service and sacrifices of people connected to our school community and makes Remembrance Day meaningful for our students.



Thank you for helping us remember together.

at home opportunity!

West Vancouver Police Department

Christmas Card Contest

Due: November 13, 2026 before end of school day

Guidelines

1. The artwork must be on 8 ½ x 11 size white paper. Oversized artwork cannot be accepted due to printing requirements.
2. Artists are encouraged to be creative interpreting the Christmas theme.
3. Cards may be horizontal or vertical.
4. A "short" positive message may be written on the artwork, but it is not required. The less words the better. If used, the words must be spelled correctly.
5. The use of pencils, pencil crayons, watercolours, paints, markers, ink, pastel, chalk and charcoal may be used. Bold and bright art is preferred.
6. Artwork must be original. No traced, trademarked, or copyrighted characters such as Disney, Superheros, Cartoons etc. can be accepted. Artwork should be truly authentic, and it should represent the age, grade and skill of the student.
7. Do not sign or mark the front of the artwork. The students name should be submitted separately and taped on the back of the centre of the poster.

Example





PLEASE BRING INTO SCHOOL BY NOVEMBER 13TH

West Vancouver Schools Admissions



Admissions for the 2027-2028 academic year commenced on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. The application period remains open for all Kindergarten students, as well as for in-catchment students in Grades 1 through 12.

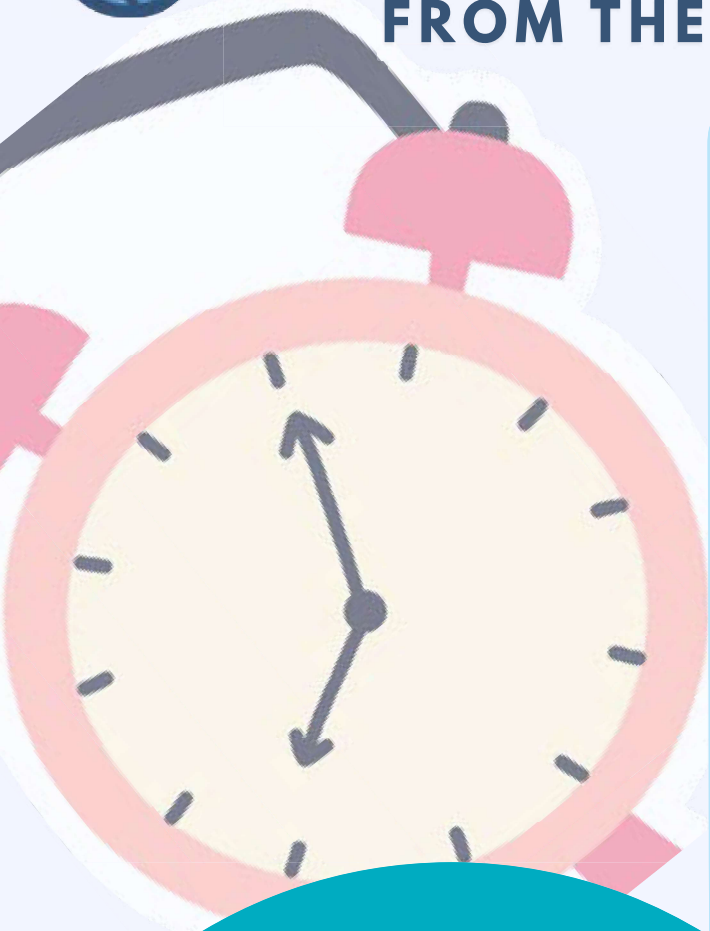
Admissions for Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students open at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 15, 2027.

For more information about admissions processes, dates, guidelines, and requirements, families should visit the West Vancouver Schools admissions webpage.

Families are encouraged to carefully review the documentation requirements before beginning the application process.

important reminders

FROM THE HOLLYBURN OFFICE



Running late? Sick child?

Please remember to contact the office by phone or email at hollyburn@wvschools.ca by 9am

HAVE YOU PACKED CUTLERY FOR YOUR CHILD's HOT LUNCH?

Please remember to pack a fork/spoon/chopstick so your child can enjoy their hot lunch meal



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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@wyschools.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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Expectations

Conduct For Parents & Guardians

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