Hollyburn This Week

Celebrating Our Huskies and School Community







Dear Families & Loved Ones,
As we transition into the wetter, colder months of winter, we kindly ask that you ensure your child is equipped with a waterproof jacket, warm layers, and appropriate footwear to keep them comfortable and dry throughout the school day.
We greatly appreciate your ongoing partnership and support. Looking ahead, please be reminded that next week we will be observing Remembrance Day. This important occasion provides an opportunity for our students to learn about and honor those who have served in the armed forces and the importance of peace.
With gratitude, Principal Lloyd

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8am: Girls VB Practice	Bring a Toonie for a Poppy	**REMEMBERANCE DAY SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION**	2:50 Boys VB Practice	**HOLLYBURN BLUE DAY WVPD CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST DUE!**
	Rememberance Day Ceremony			
Boys VB practice afterschool cancelled	VB lunch practice cancelled/no game today			

hollyburn's monthly student assembly

Hollyburn's student-run assemblies will take place on the first Monday of each month. They give students a chance to lead, learn, celebrate, and bring our whole school community together.







Student MCs Maddie, Leandro, and Archie

Monthly assembly format:

- Student leadership and voice
- Shared community values and virtues
- Indigenous learning and reflection
- School-wide announcements and upcoming events
- Celebrations and recognition
- Building the Husky Pack

Our debut student led assembly!

On November 2, 2026, we shared:

- Indigenous Land Acknowledgement
- O Canada
- Signals for Quiet and Calm during assemblies
- November's Virtues – Gratitude and Peace
- November's Indigenous Animal – Frog
- Principal Remarks – what makes a husky pack special?
- Upcoming Events
- Closing Remarks







One school. One community. One Husky Pack.

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POPPY DONATIONS



Please consider making a donation to support Remembrance Day.

SCAN TO DONATE

A donation jar is also available in the office for anyone who would prefer to donate in person.

All students will receive a poppy on Tuesday.

Thank you for helping us remember together and for supporting our veterans.



HOLLYBURN PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Let's Connect!

JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY HPAC MEETINGS

Learn what's happening at Hollyburn, share ideas, and connect with our school community.

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 17TH EXCEPTIONALLY HELD ON THE 3RD TUESDAY THIS MONTH.

9:00 a.m.

In person in the Future Lab (back corner room by Esquimalt and 13th), or online via Microsoft Teams

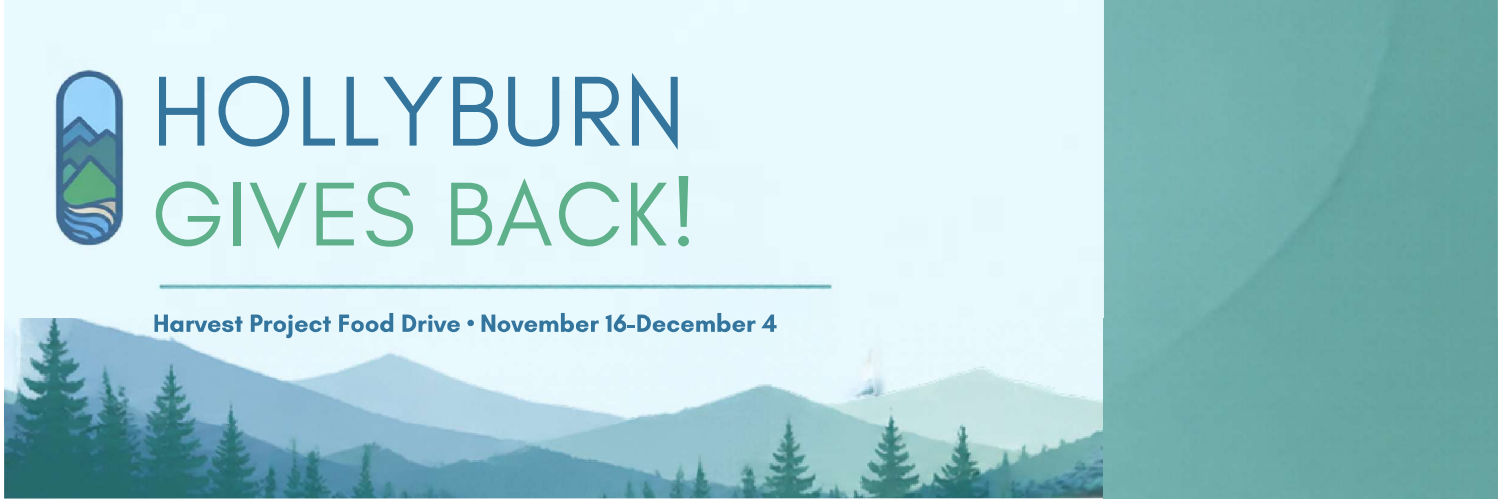
JOIN VIRTUALLY

Click Here

If prompted, enter:
Meeting ID: 295 373 922 460 2
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All Hollyburn parents and guardians are HPAC members. Everyone is welcome. See you there!

Need to reach us? hopac@wvschools.ca



Supporting North Shore neighbours through the season of giving

As winter approaches, Hollyburn families have a special opportunity to support neighbours across the North Shore. From November 16 to December 4, we will collect non-perishable food and essential supplies for Harvest Project to share with individuals and families in our community during the colder months.

Every donation, large or small, helps bring care, nourishment, and dignity to a neighbour who may need extra support this season.

Donations will be collected from November 16 to December 4 and can be brought to the office.

Please ensure that all donated items are non-perishable.

Please check expiry dates before donating and make sure all items are new, unopened, and unused so they can be shared safely and respectfully.

Why this drive matters

This winter, the season of giving is a meaningful opportunity for Hollyburn families to help **Harvest Project** provide nutritious food and essential supplies to individuals and families on the North Shore. Together, we can offer practical support and a warm reminder that neighbours are cared for through the colder months.

What Harvest Project needs most

If you are looking for ways to help, the list below highlights the food and personal-care essentials Harvest Project needs most right now.

Food essentials	Personal-care & household essentials
• Canned fruit and fruit cups • Jams • Spreads such as Nutella and nut butters — no peanut butter • Coffee in 1 lb ground packs • Flour, sugar, salt, and pepper in 1–2 lb packs maximum • Oil and vinegar in 500 ml sizes • Tomato- and cream-based pasta sauces	• Shampoo • Conditioner • Toothbrushes • Toothpaste • Deodorant • Toilet paper • Feminine hygiene products • Dish soap • Laundry soap • Dishwasher soap

Thank you, Hollyburn families, for sharing the spirit of the season!

Together, your generosity helps support Harvest Project and makes a meaningful difference for North Shore neighbours during the colder months.

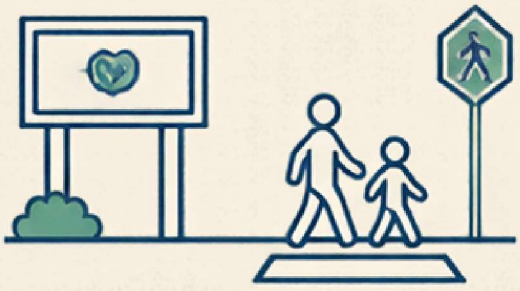
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SAVE THE DATE

Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser

Our Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser is happening next week! Order forms will go home Monday, and a separate message with full information will also be sent home Monday.



All funds raised will support improvements to school signage and newly branded items to support school spirit and comunity..(eg. branded tent for sporting events, etc)

Thank you for supporting our school community!

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

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