



LIONS BAY PRIMARY E-BULLETIN

Sept 2, 2022

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Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Lions Bay staff, we hope that you all had a wonderful summer. Welcome back to students, parents, staff and a special welcome to our students and families who are new to Lions Bay School this year. We look forward to seeing our Grades 1 to 3 students on Tuesday, September 6 from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. and our Kindergarten students on Wednesday, September 7 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. We have sent an invitation in the mail to students to welcome them back to school and hope that you receive it soon!

Sincerely,

Natalie Mendes

Vice Principal- Lions Bay School

First Day of School

Students in Grades 1 – 3 are welcome back to school on **Tuesday, September 6th**. School will be in session from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.

Kindergarten students will begin school on Wednesday, September 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and will follow the gradual entry schedule that has been emailed to parents directly. This district wide approach to the beginning of Kindergarten allows for extended opportunities for your child to connect with their teacher and classmates in a small, individualized setting. A specific email was sent to all new Kindergarten families at the beginning of July outlining assigned attendance dates and specific times for your child's gradual entry.

Bell Schedule and Arrival/departure Times

TIMETABLE & BELL SCHEDULE

Welcome Bell	8:40 a.m.
Class Begins	8:45 a.m.
Recess	10:15 – 10:35 a.m.
Outside Play	12:05 p.m. – 12:25 p.m.
Lunch	12:25 – 12:45 p.m.
Dismissal	2:45 p.m.

If your child will be late, please call the office to let us know and have your child report to the office upon arrival.

Optional Accident Insurance for Families

Each year the school district reminds families that they have the option to purchase insurance coverage against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. One option is *The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) provided by Industrial Alliance*. This voluntary plan provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. As always, families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider. Learn more here:

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

or contact

Phone: 1.800.266.5667

Email: solutions@ia.ca

Health & Safety Reminders

- Please note that **wearing a mask is a personal choice** as we are a mask friendly school. Either choice will be respected.
- Students will be encouraged to practice strong hand hygiene and will have opportunities to wash their hands or utilize hand sanitizer stations between transitions.
- Under the BCCDC Guidance students **should not come to school if they are sick and unable to participate fully in routine activities**. Please conduct a health check with your child each morning.
- A health check means a person regularly checking to ensure they (or their child) are not experiencing symptoms of illness (including but not limited to [COVID-19 symptoms](#)) that would limit their ability to participate fully in regular activities before coming to school to prevent spread of communicable diseases, such as COVID-19, within school settings.

What To Do When Sick

Staff, students, or other persons who are exhibiting new symptoms of illness (including symptoms of [COVID-19](#) or gastrointestinal illness) should stay home and follow the BCCDC guidance outlined below:

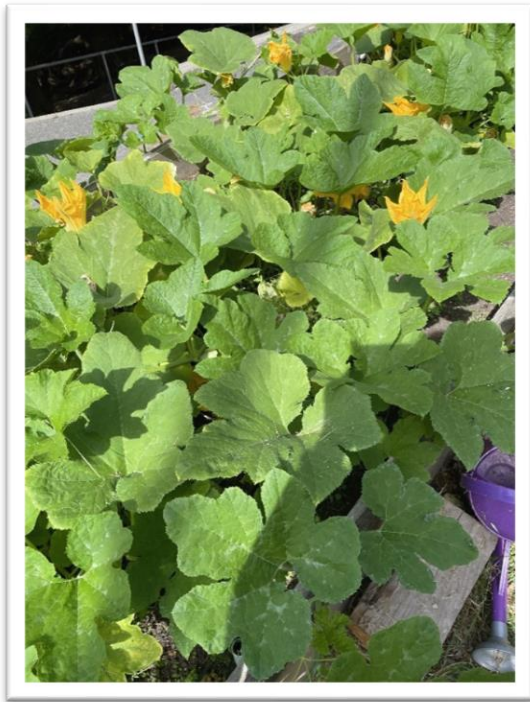
If the person is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms

BCCDC Guidance

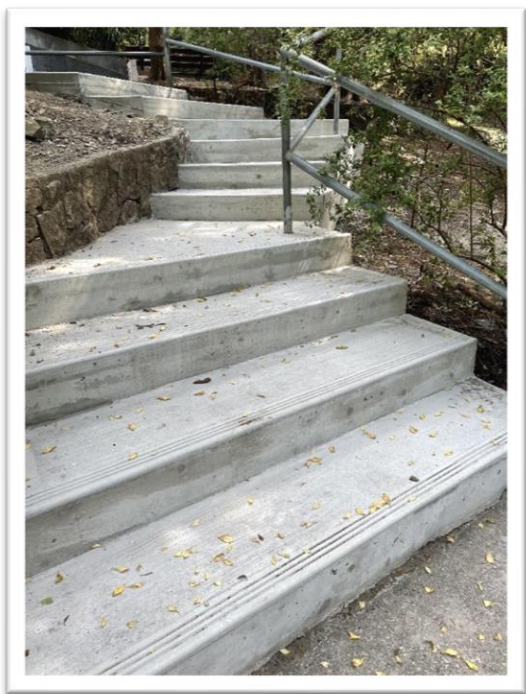
- The [When to Get Tested for COVID-19 resource](#) or the [B.C. Self-Assessment Tool](#) provides more information on whether you should get a test for COVID-19. Those unsure or concerned about their symptoms should connect with a health care provider or call 8-1-1.
- Staff, children, or other persons in the school setting who test positive for COVID-19 should follow the guidance on the [BCCDC website](#) as to how long they should self-isolate. They can return to school when they no longer need to self-isolate as long as symptoms have improved, and they are well enough to participate in regular activities. Schools should not require a health care provider note (e.g., a doctor's note) to confirm the health status of any individual, beyond those required to support medical accommodation as per usual practice.
- Students who develop symptoms and/or become sick at school will be isolated and sent home.

PAC Welcome Back Tea

All Lions Bay Parents are invited to join the LB PAC and staff for a welcome back morning tea. We have tentatively booked this for **Thursday, September 8th**.



Our garden is in full bloom thanks to our parent volunteers.



Thank you to WVSD facilities for our brand-new concrete stairs by the staff parking lot. As well, facilities have replaced the school's electric panel and repaired the field irrigation over the summer.

Staffing List

Please see below for a list of this years staff for the coming school year:

Administration Ms. R. Evans, Principal Ms. N. Mendes, Vice Principal Ms. A. Atkinson, Administrative Assistant
Primary Teachers Ms. N. Mendes Mrs. S. Southam Mrs. C. Sullivan
Teacher-Librarian Mrs. S. Southam
Music Ms. N. Mendes
Physical Education Mrs. C. Sullivan
ELL Ms. S. Fidai
Counsellor Ms. D McLeod
Teaching Assistant/Supervision Mrs. S. Cox

LST
Mrs. M. Purich
Custodian
Mr. F. Grape

School Supplies

Supplies have been delivered and will be distributed to students once they have settled into their classrooms. If you have not yet purchased supplies, please contact Creative Packs directly:

<https://creativepacks.ca/collections/packs/lions-bay-community-school+>

Extra change of clothes

Please have your child bring a full extra change of clothes and shoes to be kept at school in case of an accident or wet weather. Please be sure to have your child's items properly labelled and in a large Ziplock bag.

Kindergarten In-take Conferences

Our Kindergarten In-take conferences (only parents attend) will be held on **Thursday, September 15th**. Parents will choose one 10-minute session for an in-take conference. Please click on

[In-take interview Sign Up](#)

Kindergarten to Grade 3 Parent Teacher Intake Conferences

Our Kindergarten to Grade 3 Parent Teacher Intake Conferences will be held on **Wednesday, October 5th and Thursday, October 6th**. Signup sheets will be posted in the coming weeks.

Meet the Teacher/Open House

This year we will be holding our **Meet the Teacher/Open House event on Wednesday, September 28^h at 8:15 a.m.** Please join us to find out about our areas of Inquiry, curriculum, and our classroom expectations. More information to come.

The Terry Fox Event - Wednesday, September 21st at 9:00 a.m.

Our annual Terry Fox event will be led by our Grade Three students. Parents are welcome to attend both the assembly and the hike. ALL EMERGENCY FORMS BOTH PAPER AND ONLINE MUST BE COMPLETED AND HANDED INTO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th IN ORDER TO HAVE THE EVENT OFF SCHOOL GROUNDS. We will require a few volunteers to assist with the hike. Please email nmendes@wvschools.ca if you can help. Students are encouraged to wear something red on this day to honour our local hero, Terry. We will be collecting ttoonies or bills. You may also make an online donation using the link below. This will be Lions Bay's 22nd Annual Terry Fox Run.

<http://www.terryfox.ca/LionsBayCommunitySchool>

Orange Shirt Day Event at Lions Bay will be on Thursday, September 29th – Students are invited to wear an orange shirt or something with orange to promote awareness around residential schools and their impact on Indigenous communities in Canada.

School Forms

Next week all students will receive an envelope containing emergency forms which must be completed for each school year. Please return these completed forms to the school office by

Friday, September 16th.

Online Forms

In addition to the paper forms, parents must complete the **Online Policy & Procedures Consent forms** for each student, every school year. Please go to <https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/PandP> by **September 16th**. *Failure to complete this form may result in your child being unable to participate fully in classroom and school activities.*

School Cash Online

Our school district **uses School Cash Online** for all items requiring payment at school. Accounts need only be activated once and will be attached to the student for the duration of their time in the West Vancouver School District.

Detailed information regarding School cash Online will be sent home to all families who have NOT yet created an and a secure PIN number for your account set up will be emailed to you. Click below to go to School Cash Online.

<https://westvancouver.schoolcashonline.com/>

Cross Country

Our first district cross Country Running Meet will be held on **Tuesday, September 20th at 3:45 – 5:00 p.m.** at Ambleside Field (across from the concession stand). This is open to Grade 3 Lions Bay Students. We ask that participating students arrive at Ambleside no later than 3:30 p.m.

The next race dates are Tuesday, September 27th, and Tuesday October 4th. All meets will be held at Ambleside Field.

LB PAC NEWS

Important Dates:

Monday, September 5	Labour Day Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday, September 6	First Day Back to School Grades 1 – 3 8:45 – 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, September 7	First Day of Kindergarten 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 8	PAC Welcome Back Tea (to be confirmed)
Thursday, September 15	Kindergarten In-take Conferences
Tuesday, September 20	First Cross-Country Meet at Ambleside 3:30 p.m. (Grade 3 Students)
Wednesday, September 21	Terry Fox Hike at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, September 23	Professional Development Day – Students Not in Session
Wednesday, September 28	Meet the Teacher at 8:15 a.m.
Thursday, October 29	Orange Shirt Day Assembly
Friday, October 30	Truth And Reconciliation Day – School Closed
Wednesday, October 5	Parent Teacher Intake Conferences (Early Dismissal at 12:15 pm)
Thursday, October 6	Parent Teacher Intake Conferences (Regular Dismissal at 2:45 pm)
Monday, October 10	Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed
Friday, October 21	Provincial Professional Development Day – Students Not In Session

Next Year! Lions Bay School Calendar 2022 – 2023. Follow this link for important dates - [Here](#)

Community News

If you have any questions regarding the content of this e-bulletin, please contact Ms. Mendes at nmendes@wvschools.ca