



LIONS BAY PRIMARY E-BULLETIN

August 31, 2023

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Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed the long, sunny days of summer and had some wonderful adventures and family time. Welcome back to a new school year. We are looking forward to welcoming back staff and students as well as welcoming new families and staff.

We will welcome our **Grades 1 to 3** students on Tuesday, September 5 from 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Kindergarten students will begin school on Wednesday, September 6th 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.

If your child will not be in attendance, as outlined above, please send an email to (aatkinson@wvschools.ca) to let us know.

The e-bulletin comes out once a week and will be the main source of communication for information on school throughout the year. Please read to the bottom where we have a calendar of events.

The team at facilities have worked hard on our site to do pruning, inspecting, and refreshing our playground base, as well as doing a deep clean of our school. You may have noticed our new fence mural has been installed. Many thanks go to Allayne Atkinson, Shannon Cox, Anke Barabulea, Peter Marklund, Peter Balac, Anne and James Mole for their hard work in the production and installation of the mural. Thank you to the wonderful custodial staff for their hard work in ensuring our school looks beautiful.

Sincerely,
Ms. Natalie Mendes
Vice Principal
(Lions Bay School)

First Week Back

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| Tuesday, September 5th | First day for students in Grades 1 – 3 , 8:45 – 9:45am | Students are invited to bring a favourite riddle to share, if they choose. Staff or students can share the riddle. NO SCHOOL SUPPLIES, LUNCH, OR SNACK NEEDED |
| Wednesday, September 6th | First FULL day for students in Grades 1 – 3. Students attend 8:45 – 2:45pm. **Kindergarten gradual entry begins. Kindergarten students attend 9:00 – 11:00am. | SNACK WATERBOTTLE LUNCH EXTRA SET CLOTHING (shirt, pants, underwear, socks) in a LABELLED Ziploc bag WATERBOTTLE SNACK |
| Thursday, September 7th Friday, September 8th | Students in Grades 1 – 3 8:45am – 2:45pm Kindergarten Gradual entry continues 9:00 – 11:00am | SNACK WATERBOTTLE LUNCH WATERBOTTLE SNACK |

Staff

We are excited to welcome some new members to our team. Please join us in welcoming:

- *Anke Barabulea (K/1 Teacher and PE Specialist)
- *Heather Hood (Learning Support Teacher)
- *Daniela Gielnik (Counsellor)
- * Audrem Anne Galura (Education Assistant)
- * Ed Seno (Custodian)

We are also so pleased to welcome back our returning staff :
Allayne Atkinson (Administrative Assistant)
Andrea Yu (ELL Teacher)
Sonia Southam (Grade 2/3 Teacher and Teacher Librarian)
Shannon Cox (Support Staff)

School Schedule

School hours are from 8:45 am – 2:45 pm. The Bell Schedule is as follows:

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| 8:40 am | Welcoming Bell |
| 8:45 am – 10:15 am | Instructional Time |
| 10:15 am – 10:35 am | Recess |
| 12:05 pm – 12:25 pm | Outside Play |
| 12:25 pm – 12:48 pm | Lunch |
| 12:48 pm – 2:45 pm | Instructional Time |
| 2:45 pm | Dismissal |

PAC Welcome Tea

Both our Principal, Mrs. Robyn Evans and myself look forward to meeting you at our PAC Welcome Tea on Thursday, September 7th at 8:45 a.m. by the garden. Please see the PAC invitation below.

Garden/Food Allergies

Our garden needs some love! We hope the children will get to sample some of the tomatoes and kale from our garden in September. Please let us know if your child has any allergies. If you are interested in tying up the tomato plants and doing some minor weeding, please email Ms. Mendes at nmendes@wvschools.ca.

Lions Bay School is committed to:

- creating and maintaining a safe, caring, orderly and productive learning environment where students accept personal responsibility for themselves and the school community
- creating an environment where students feel safe, respected, free to learn without unnecessary distraction and have a strong sense of belonging within the school setting
- establishing clear expectations for student behaviour
- promoting the values expressed in the BC Human Rights Code respecting the rights of all individuals in accordance with the law – prohibiting discrimination based on appearance, indigenous identity, race, colour, disability, sex, real or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and age – in respect of discriminatory publication and discrimination in accommodation, service, and facility in the school environment.



Online 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 13th**. ***Failure to complete this form may result in your child being unable to participate fully in classroom and school activities such as our Terry Fox run on September 20th.***

School Emergency 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 **Wednesday, September 13th**.

If your child will be late or absent, please email Ms. Atkinson aatkinson@wvschools.ca or call the office to let us know and have your child report to the office upon arrival.



2023 – 2024 School Calendars

Lions Bay School Calendar 2023 – 2024 is available on the Lions Bay School website under [our school tab/school news](#) [Here](#). Parents are asked to review the calendar and note dates for your personal reference.

The West Vancouver School District Calendar for 2023 – 2024 can be viewed [Here](#)

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

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| Mrs. A. Barabulea |
| Teacher-Librarian Mrs. S. Southam |
| Music Ms. N. Mendes |
| Physical Education Mrs. A. Barabulea |
| ELL Ms. A. Yu |
| Counsellor Ms. D. Gielnik |
| Teaching Assistant/Supervision Mrs. S. Cox |
| LST Mrs. H. Hood |
| Custodian Mr. E. Seno |

Kindergarten In-take Conferences

Our Kindergarten In-take conferences (only parents attend) will be held on **September 14th**

Parents will choose one 10-minute session for an in-take conference. Please click on

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FFy1irNmhogdlzJBFUV2NswTWIU36b6O0F7fB7xHbws/edit>

Cross Country

Our first district cross Country Running Meet will be held on **Tuesday, September 19th 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 26th, and Tuesday October 3rd. All meets will be held at Ambleside Field.

The Terry Fox Event - Wednesday, September 20th 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.

Meet the Teacher/Open House

This year we will be holding our **Meet the Teacher/Open House event on Wednesday, September 27th 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.

Orange Shirt Day Event at Lions Bay will be on Friday, 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.

Kindergarten to Grade 3 Parent Teacher Intake Conferences

Our Kindergarten to Grade 3 Parent Teacher Intake Conferences will be held on **Wednesday, October 4th** and **Thursday, October 5th**. Signup sheets will be available in the coming weeks.

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/>

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:

<http://www.creativepacks.ca/>

LB PAC NEWS

The first PAC meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 21 @ 6:00 p.m.** at the school.



What To Do When Your Child Is Sick

December 2022

WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Things to consider if your child feels unwell:

1. The wellbeing of your child. Without proper rest, a child may have a hard time fighting an illness or be at risk for other illnesses.
2. The ability of your child to actively take part and learn at school.
3. The school staff cannot care for a sick child and give them the support that they may need.
4. The protection of other children.

Please keep your child home if they:

- Have a fever.
- Are too sick to take part in all normal school activities.
- Have a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox, measles).
- Is vomiting or has diarrhea. It is recommended that students be symptom free at least 24 hours before returning to school.


Keep your child home until they are able to participate fully in normal school activities or as told by a health care provider.

Please let the school know your child's symptoms, as per the school's call back procedures.

If the school finds it necessary to send your child home because of illness, please make sure you have arranged an emergency contact if you are not available. [Inform your school of these arrangements.](#)

Where can I find more Information?

- Health Link BC – By calling 8-1-1, you can speak to a health service navigator, who can help you find information and services, or connect you with a health professional. You can also find information online at <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca>
- Sneezes and Diseases – online at <https://sneezesdiseases.com/>
- BCCDC – online at [Schools \(bccdc.ca\)](https://schools.bccdc.ca)
- VCH – online at [Children, youth & schools - Vancouver Coastal Health \(vch.ca\)](#)



Dates To Remember

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| Monday, September 4 | Labour Day Holiday – School Closed |
| Tuesday, September 5 | First Day Back to School Grades 1 – 3 only 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. (No Kindergarten) |
| Wednesday, September 6 | First Day of Kindergarten 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. |
| Thursday, September 7 | PAC Welcome Back Tea 8:45 a.m. |

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| Thursday, September 14 | Kindergarten In-take Conferences |
| Tuesday, September 19 | First Cross-Country Meet at Ambleside 3:30 p.m. (Grade 3 Students) |
| Wednesday, September 20 | Terry Fox Hike at 9:00 a.m. |
| Friday, September 22 | Professional Development Day – Students Not in Session |
| Tuesday, September 26 | Cross-Country Meet at Ambleside 3:30 p.m. (Grade 3 Students) |
| Wednesday, September 27 | Meet the Teacher at 8:15 a.m. |
| Friday, September 29 | Orange Shirt Day Event |
| Monday, October 2 | Truth And Reconciliation Day – School Closed |
| Tuesday, October 3 | Cross-Country Meet at Ambleside 3:30 p.m. (Grade 3 Students) |
| Wednesday, October 4 | Parent Teacher Intake Conferences (Early Dismissal at 12:15 pm) |
| Thursday, October 5 | Parent Teacher Intake Conferences (Regular Dismissal at 2:45 pm) |
| Monday, October 9 | Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed |
| Friday, October 20 | Provincial Professional Development Day – Students Not In Session |

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