



## LIONS BAY PRIMARY ☰ E-BULLETIN

September 28, 2023

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**A reminder to parents that all schools in West Vancouver will be closed on Monday, October 2nd for Truth and Reconciliation Day. Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> is early dismissal at 12:15 pm. We will also recognize the Thanksgiving Holiday on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, when schools will be closed as well. Please make note of these dates on your calendar.**

Dear Families,

### **Open House/Meet the Staff**

The staff enjoyed seeing so many of you at the “**Meet the Teacher**” morning event. Thank you very much to our staff for participating in the event to make it a success. Thank you also to our PAC for the coffee and healthy apples for the students.

### **Science Made Fun**

Each class was visited by a Scientist from “Science Made Fun” to explore the topic of matter. Students observed and participated in hands on science experiments to learn about solids, liquids, and gases. Thank you very much to the PAC for funding these two engaging workshops.

### **Orange Shirt Day**

All students are invited to wear an orange shirt or something with orange on Friday for Orange Shirt Day to honour residential school survivors. Each student will be sewing an orange heart to give to a loved one. Through picture books, students will explore the concept that “Every Child Matters.”

### **West Vancouver Museum Workshops**

Next week we look forward to a visit from Isaac Vanderhorst from the West Vancouver Art Museum. Students will participate in an art activity on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Students will learn about traditional Indigenous artifacts.

### **Thank you Mr. Strahl**

Many thanks go to Mr. Tim Strahl who completed a Teaching Internship at Lions Bay School this week. He engaged the students in some fun music lessons and freely shared his musical talents with the school. His hard work and enthusiasm have been greatly appreciated.

### **Intake Conferences**

Please be sure to sign up on-line for an **intake conference** next week. The sign-up link is below.

Do not forget that Photo Day is on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

### **Market Garden Today!**

A gentle reminder that we will be having a small market garden **today at @ 2:45 p.m.** Bring your loonies and toonies for some organic kale and herbs.

### **Kindergarten to Grade 3 Parent Teacher Intake Conferences**

Our Kindergarten to Grade 3 Parent Teacher Intake Conferences will be held on **Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. If you have not signed up yet, the sign-up sheets are available on the below links. Please only sign up for **ONE** time slot and be sure you are signing up for the correct grade/teacher for your child. Please note this conference is for parents only.

#### **Gr. 2/3 Southam - Wednesday, October 4**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aoZp4zGDNinW2X-L6OdyAOQJHpcFDJxc/edit>

#### **Gr. 2/3 Southam - Thursday, October 5**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uynQsd8dm0jALIYDdhksR5dtH5PZB1F3/edit>

#### **Gr. K/1 Mendes/Barabulea - Wednesday, October 4**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1--v798esnMM0PvSTn3Doa1tGNAsRg1Le/edit>

**Gr. k/1 Mendes/Barabulea - Thursday, October 5**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CmK3ifpV8s9DfHR64iQRZ2YuizyomHxHg-pTIGw61nU/edit>

### **Ministry of Education and Child Care Learning Update Policy**

As communicated last Spring, the Ministry of Education and Child Care has implemented a new Learning Update Policy which defines and provides direction for the ways our school will be communicating your child's learning. The goal of the Learning Updates is to provide personalized, descriptive feedback to effectively communicate with students, parents, and caregivers about where students are in their learning, next steps, and how families and teachers can work together to support student growth.

The provincial Reporting Policy mandates that students in Kindergarten through Grade 9 will be assessed using the four-point proficiency scale and students in Grade 10 through Grade 12 courses will be assessed using letter grades and percentages. Each term, students at all levels will be sharing self-reflections and making goals around British Columbia's Core Competencies – Communication Skills, Thinking Skills, and Personal and Social Skills.

Teachers will be communicating and reporting throughout the year in the following formats:

- 3 Formal Written Learning Updates (2 Mid-year Learning Updates, and 1 Summary of Learning)
- 2 Informal Learning Updates (ex. Parent-Teacher Conferences, Student-Family-Teacher Conference, Interim Report)

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, responsible for creating reporting requirements, has provided [reporting information for parents and caregivers](#) in the following languages: [English](#), [French](#), [Chinese \(Simplified and Traditional\)](#), [Tagalog](#), [Farsi](#), [Urdu](#), [Punjabi Gurmukhi](#)

Should you have any further questions, please reach out to me directly at [nmendes@wvschools.ca](mailto:nmendes@wvschools.ca)

Sincerely,

Natalie Mendes  
Vice Principal

### **Hot Lunch**

There is still time to order hot lunch for the fall term (September - December)! The PAC is offering hot lunch 3 days a week including Pizza Day on Tuesdays, Subway on Wednesdays, and Sushi on Thursdays. As well, a homemade hot lunch is on offer on the last Friday of every month.

**Order deadline for the term is this Saturday September 30th (end of day).**

To order and pay for lunch, please go to the following link. If you are a returning parent, then you should be able to log in with your existing account.

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/LionsBay>

We depend on parent volunteers to pick up the lunches from Horseshoe Bay on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Gleneagles School on Thursdays and deliver them to Lions Bay School. Please consider volunteering for a lunch pick up if you are available, you can sign up using this link:

[volunteersignup.org/XKWRQ](http://volunteersignup.org/XKWRQ)

Please contact Hilary at [hilary.monfared@gmail.com](mailto:hilary.monfared@gmail.com) or 647-209-7722 if you have any questions about the hot lunch program.



**Student Photo Day – Tuesday, October 3rd. (A message from our photographer)**

School photos by Diana Klonek Photography are on October 3rd at 10:30 a.m. Price is \$45 per child for 3 photos (colour and black & white) given to you in an online gallery where you can download the images as well as share them with friends and family. If you are wondering how to dress your child, my suggestion is to go with your own instinct and dress them in whatever you think looks nice. Pinterest is a great source of inspiration if you are feeling stuck.

I look forward to seeing all the kiddos on October 3rd!

If you have any questions, please email: [dmklonek@gmail.com](mailto:dmklonek@gmail.com) or text: 778-834-8298

[www.dianaklonek.com](http://www.dianaklonek.com)



**Library**

A reminder that our **Library Day this year is Tuesday**. Your child is able to take out one book per week. Please remember to return your book in order to take out a new one!



Experimenting with Cohesion



Science Made Fun Workshops

## **LB PAC NEWS**

The next PAC meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. via Teams.**

# Microsoft Teams meeting

**Join on your computer, mobile app or room device**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 233 531 754 47

Passcode: y9o7BA

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

**Or call in (audio only)**

[+1 437-703-4456,,389055480#](#) Canada, Toronto

Phone Conference ID: 389 055 480#

[Find a local number](#) | [Reset PIN](#)

[Learn More](#) | [Meeting options](#)

### **Spirit Wear**

Spirit Wear order deadline has been extended by 1 week. Please get your orders in by October 6.

### **WhatsApp**

Please join the Lions Bay School WhatsApp group. Join by scanning the QR code outside the K/1 class or with the following link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/l3aMlXzVxGqHU5rQJip3LK>

**PAC Positions**

PAC positions still open (please let Jill or Danielle know if you can fill a position):

- Secretary
- DPAC Representative
- Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

**Dates To Remember**

Friday, September 29	Orange Shirt Day Event
Monday, October 2	<b>Truth And Reconciliation Day – School Closed</b>
Tuesday, October 3	Photo Day for All Students
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)
Friday, October 6	Visit From Isaac Vanderhorst of The West Vancouver Art Museum.
<b>Monday, October 9</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed</b>
<b>Friday, October 20</b>	<b>Provincial Professional Development Day – Students Not In Session</b>

**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](#)

**Community News**

**GIRLS WITH SUPERPOWERS!**

**A Coding Club for Girls in Grades 6, 7 and 8**

You are invited to Grades 6, 7 & 8 students from West Vancouver School and your school to coding. This club might be for you!

**CONCEPT 1:** This club will explore various coding languages.

**CONCEPT 2:** For each assignment, we will be learning basic coding (using an online and offline code editor) and then we will be learning how to create our own code. We will be learning how to create our own code. We will be learning how to create our own code.

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**Kindergarten Information Session**

K registration for the 24/25 year opens on Monday, October 16th

**WELCOME TO YOUR FUTURE**

**Opportunity awaits!**  
Parents & Guardians of children entering Kindergarten in September 2024 (children born in 2019) are invited to join us for our K info session.

Please join us for an evening with community partners and school district staff to learn about the Kindergarten registration process and early Learning offerings in our community.

This event is for parents and guardians only, please note that child care will not be available.

**PLEASE REGISTER HERE**

**Date:** Thursday, October 5th, 2023 6:30-7:30 pm  
**Location:** Kay Meek Studio Theatre, 1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver

[www.wvschools.ca](http://www.wvschools.ca)

**FamilySmart**

**Help for the Hard Times**

WORKSHOP

**OPEN HOUSE FOR PROFESSIONALS**

**Open House Information Session for Professionals**

The Help for the Hard Times Workshop series provides a framework for parents/caregivers to consider as they support their child after a crisis. The workshop includes practical strategies, tips and tools that support caring, connected relationships.

Join this information session to learn more about Help for the Hard Times, and how you, as a Healthcare Provider, Service Provider, Educator, Police and RCMP can help connect families to this free workshop.

**TOPICS INCLUDE:**  
How to support a safety plan at home  
How to take care of yourself and family after a crisis  
How to find the resources you need

**DATES:**  
September 13th, October 4th, November 8th, December 13th

**TIME:**  
12pm - 1pm (PST)

To register: [familysmart.ca/events](http://familysmart.ca/events)

[familysmart.ca/workshops](http://familysmart.ca/workshops)

**'intheknow'**

**Connect and Learn**

**MONTHLY ONLINE EVENTS FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS FALL 2023**

Every month, we host events for parents & caregivers who are parenting a child or youth with a mental health and/ or substance use challenge called "in the know."


**NOVEMBER**  
**Emotion Regulation**  
Speaker: Nicole Allen, RCC

**DECEMBER**  
**ADHD - The Real Deal**  
Speaker: Dr. Don Duncan

Join us to watch a video and talk with other families about what helps. Online events are facilitated by FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Workers.  
[familysmart.ca/events](http://familysmart.ca/events)

**SEPTEMBER**  
**Mental Health and Preparing for the Transition to Post Secondary**  
Speaker: Dawn Schell, University of Victoria and Melissa Feddersen, University of British Columbia Okanagan

**OCTOBER**  
**Working Together: Families and Schools**  
Speakers: Ashley Ragoonaden, Principal at Ecole KLO Middle School



**moving to adulthood**  
supports for youth with diverse abilities

**Please join us for an evening of discussion & transition related resources for youth & families**

**Inclusive resources and community connections**

**Continuing the supports for diverse learners**


**Special visit**  
From [Snoozelen Van](#)

**The Journey to Adulthood**  
**12-26 year olds**

**October 4th, 2023**  
Doors open at 6 pm  
Event from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**North Vancouver Education Services Centre**  
5th floor - 2121 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver  
Street parking is available

**RSVP [here](#)**  
drop ins are also welcome!



**Fall Program Registrations are open: West Vancouver Community Centre & Gleneagles Community Centre**

[Click here to view the programs and activities available](#)



WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CENTRE

**LIVE! MUSIC SERIES**  
PRESENTED BY ENHANCE WEST VAN

**FREE | EVERYONE WELCOME**  
Join us for some live musical entertainment at the West Vancouver Community Centre!

OUR NEXT PERFORMANCE IS:  
**The Ben Kyle Trio**  
Guitar: Ben Kyle | Bass: David Caballero | Drums: Arvind Ramdas  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 | 4:30 - 5:30 P.M. | FREE**  
West Vancouver Community Centre  
Lalji Family Atrium

[westvancouver.ca/eventsandtrips](https://westvancouver.ca/eventsandtrips)  

**Want to learn indigenous arts & culture, languages, science, Lego, Chess..., visit <https://westvancouver.ca/learning>**

**Music Program:**  
<https://westvancouver.ca/music>  
Weekly Group & Private Music Lessons –  
Join the Band, guitar, ukulele, piano, violin, vocal, santoor, clarinet, flute, sax and more...

**Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us:**  
<https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers>

Live! Music Series returns this September in the Atrium.

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