



LIONS BAY PRIMARY E-BULLETIN

October 12, 2023

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School will be closed on Friday, October 20th for the Professional Development Day. Please mark your calendars.

Dear Families,

We are looking forward to the Bear Smart Presentation this Friday with Christine Miller from the North Shore Black Bear Society. Both classes will have the opportunity to learn more about Bear safety and these wonderful creatures that live in beautiful Lions Bay Village.

The students had an engaging session with Isaac Vanderhorst from the West Vancouver Museum. As you will see below, the students created a print of a Spindle Whorl. The Spindle Whorl was traditionally used by some Coast Salish Nations to spin yarn and were designed with images.

If any parents are interested in helping with planting or Halloween game stations on the day of Halloween, please email the school.

Sincerely,
Ms. Natalie Mendes
Vice Principal

Grade 4 transition to Gleneagles Ch'axáy

I know it is early in the year, but some of you might be wondering, "How does the transition to Gleneagles in grade 4 work?" Students at Lions Bay will be automatically enrolled at Gleneagles Ch'axáy unless families apply and are accepted elsewhere.

Current grade 3 students will be asked, in the coming months, to complete a form declaring your intentions.

IMPORTANT:

Families who wish to have their child attend a school other than their designated receiving school or change their decision during the school year, are able to do so provided space and resources are available. These requests must be made via our on-line admissions platform according to the timelines noted below and posted on our [website](#). All applications shall be considered as per [AP 300 Student Registration, Enrolment and Placement](#).

The online admissions application form is available at <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/admissions/apply-now/> according to the following timelines:

In-Catchment: 2024-2025 applications accepted **October 16th** at 8am

Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District: 2024-2025 applications accepted
January 15th at 8:00 a.m

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Robyn Evans, Principal
Gleneagles Ch'axáy Elementary and Lions Bay Primary School



This year's International ShakeOut Day is October 19, when millions of people worldwide will participate in earthquake drills at work, school, or home! At 9:45 a.m. on 10/19, Lions Bay will join millions of people across the world practicing [earthquake safety](#).



Winter Weather This is a reminder as we head into fall/winter that at Lions Bay we go outside for recess and lunch everyday RAIN, or SHINE and we want to make sure students are warm and dry. Please ensure your child/ren come to school in appropriate waterproofed clothing and footwear and always have an extra full set of clothing at school.

Daily Health Checks

Parents are asked to do daily health checks of children before sending them to school. As flu and cold season is upon us, we ask for your assistance to ensure that your child is healthy and well enough to participate in normal school activities. If your child is unwell, please report their absence to the school office by emailing aatkinson@wvschools.ca or calling (604) 981 – 8311.

TAKE A PEEK ONCE A WEEK:

We have had several cases of lice reported in our classrooms recently, and parents are reminded to continue doing daily health checks of your child's hair and scalp before sending your child to school. Your assistance goes a long way in helping us to keep everyone healthy at school! Thank you for your assistance.

Hot Lunch

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

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

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



Students learned about the Spindle Whorl with Isaac Vanderhorst from the West Vancouver Museum.



Matei – Grade 2



Anja – Grade 3



Maverik – Grade K



Graeme – Grade 1



Halloween costumes

In celebration of the Halloween season, students are welcome to come to school in Halloween costumes on **Tuesday, October 31st**. While there is no expectation or requirement to wear a costume, we are permitting students to show their Halloween spirit on the Tuesday, October 31st.

Please review the following expectations around costumes with school:

- Students should come to school already dressed in their costumes and be ready to be in the parade at 8:45 a.m. Please ensure that students are comfortable and not restricted by their costume choice.
- Costume choices should not impede a student's ability to learn as per usual in a classroom environment.
- NO accessories (e.g., wands, swords, or anything handheld) should be brought to school.
- NO masks are permitted – children's eyes must be visible (**PPE or COVID masks permitted**)
- Costumes must be primary-school appropriate.

We will have our Halloween costume parade shortly after drop-off on **Tuesday, October 31st at 8:45 a.m.** Parents are welcome to stay and watch. We will walk along the road that leads into the staff parking lot. Should it rain heavily, we will head up to the gymnasium for the parade. You are welcome to take a video, but please do not post publicly or on the Internet.

We will have Halloween craft and games stations between recess and lunch. If you are interested in volunteering to lead a station along with a Grade 3 student, please email Ms. Mendes.

We respectfully request that there be a post-Halloween **maximum 2 treats for 2 days only rule**. Please remember to send your child to school with a healthy snack.

LB PAC NEWS

The next PAC meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 26th 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#

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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, October 13	Bear Smart Presentation
Tuesday, October 17	Photo Re-take Day
Thursday, October 19	BC Shakeout @ 9:45 a.m.
Friday, October 20	Provincial Professional Development Day – Students Not in Session
Wednesday, October 25	PAC Movie Night
Tuesday, October 31	Halloween at Lions Bay!

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

Kay Meek Theatre

is offering discounted tickets to the following concerts:

- Trio Fibonacci – **Apply code TRIOF5**
- Serenades and Divertimenti – **apply code VETTA**

Link to the website: <https://kaymeek.com/events/triofibonacci-1022>

Trio Fibonacci: The Giants of Minimalism

October 22, 2023 | 3PM

Grosvenor Theatre

Apply promo code TRIOF5 to get tickets for only \$5 to see The Giants of Minimalism

Concert Program

Ludovico Einaudi: I Giorni et Petricor

Michael Nyman: The Heart Asks Pleasure First

Philip Glass: The Hours

Radiohead: No surprises

Brian Eno: By this river

Leonard Cohen: Hallelujah

Intermission

Recomposed by Max Richter: Vivaldi – The Four Seasons

For more information, please visit Kay Meek's [website](#)

Box Office: 604-981-6335 | Tues-Fri: 12pm-4pm | 24/7 Online at KAYMEEK.COM

SERENADES AND DIVERTIMENTI

A Kay Meek and Vetta Chamber Music Co-Presentation

December 2, 2023 | 7:30PM

Grosvenor Theatre

Thanks to the generous support of the **Music Matters Fund**, we're able to offer **up to 50 FREE tickets** (with **promo code: VETTA**, available for online, over the phone and in person purchases) to music students and school age children free of charge for this special presentation with Vetta Chamber Music.

The vivaciousness of Vetta's all-woman string ensemble has delighted audiences for several years. The knowledge and artistry of some of the best chamber musicians in BC, combined with the dynamism and youthful vigor of young professional emerging artists has created a scintillating crucible in which music making comes alive like never before. Prepare to be wowed with this group as they perform three stunning masterpieces for uncondacted string orchestra by Mozart, Bartók and Dvořák!

W.A. Mozart Divertimento in D major, K 136

Béla Bartók Divertimento for String Orchestra

Antonin Dvořák Serenade for Strings in E major

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GIRLS WITH SUPERPOWERS!

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

If you are a girl in Grade 6, 7 or 8 who attends a West Vancouver School and you are interested in coding, this club might be for you!

This year, there will be three cohorts, as follows:

COHORT 1: for real beginners. We will be learning block based coding to create simple games and interactive stories. Group meets online Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 7:40. Mid October to December. Laptop, desktop or iPad needed.

COHORT 2: need some experience. We will be using language based coding to look at blending art and tech. Group meets online Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 7:40. February to April. Laptop, desktop.

COHORT 3: need some experience AND an Apple device (Macbook, Mac or newer iPad). This group will be using Apple's Swift Language and working towards designing and creating app prototypes. This groups meets online Tuesday nights from 7:45 to 8:45. Mid October to April/May.

If you are interested, please email Ms Wilson (District Vice Principal of Innovation and Technology) at cwilson@wvschools.ca. Please include your name, school and grade. Registration will remain open until October 6th. Space is limited in all three cohorts, so register soon!

There is no cost for this club but students need to have access to a device (as noted above) and need to be able to attend regularly.

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

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

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

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

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