



LIONS BAY PRIMARY ☰ E-BULLETIN

November 30, 2023

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A reminder Monday, December 4th is a Professional Development Day for all West Vancouver Schools. While school will be CLOSED for students, staff will be engaging in learning sessions focused on Indigenous ways of knowing and being.

Dear Families,

Thank you PAC!

Thank you to the PAC for the beautiful poinsettia plants given to the Lions Bay staff. We are so grateful and appreciate of the kind gesture. We are thankful for everything the PAC does for the school!

Grade 3 Fundraiser

Our Grade 3 students will be collecting donations of new or gently used warm winter wear (think: jackets, scarves, touques, mittens, blankets, and more!) as a leadership activity until December 14, 2023, in support of [Helping Hands](#). If there is a Grade 3 parent who is able to assist with the delivery, please contact the school.

Learning Updates (Report Cards)

Please read through the information on Learning Updates below. Teachers will also be sending out an email which will contain a sample of your child’s work related to the Core Competencies on December 1, 2023.

Next Friday, December 8th, our first student Learning Updates of the school year will be shared with families through the MyEducation BC portal. 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, the next steps, and how families and teachers can work together to support student growth. You can learn more in this [parent-friendly Ministry publication](#). Or by visiting: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/reporting/resources-for-parents-and-caregivers>

In addition to receiving a ‘Teacher Overall comment’, students will receive a “proficiency descriptor” in each curricular area. It is important to understand what each of these descriptors mean.

The Provincial Proficiency Scale

If your child is in **Grades K-9**, you won't see letter grades on their report card. Instead, you will see information on where your child is on the Provincial Proficiency Scale. The scale uses the terms “Emerging,” “Developing,” “Proficient,” and “Extending” to describe student learning. The scale maintains high standards for student learning.

Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
Emerging means your child is beginning to understand something in an area of learning. They are still learning but may need more support to move ahead. Emerging doesn't mean your child is unsuccessful in this area.	Developing means your child understands some things in an area of learning but still has other areas to work on. Like Emerging, it doesn't mean your child is unsuccessful in this area.	Proficient is the goal for your child. It's also the goal for all students. When your child is Proficient, it means they fully understand the required learning. But it doesn't mean their learning stops.	Extending is when students show a deeper understanding. It's when your child is able to apply their learning in new and different ways. Extending is not the goal for all students in every area of learning.

If you have questions about your child’s Learning Update, please reach out to the classroom teacher for further understanding about where your child is at with their learning.

MyEd BC Family Portal

Student Learning Updates (report cards) for all students will be published on **December 8th**. In preparation for this, **parents are asked to log into their MyEd BC Family Portal account.** The Family Portal is where all parents will go to access their child’s Learning Update as well as Individual Student Plans (IEP’s), ELL grades (AIP’s) and other student data, which is part of our

school database, MyEd BC. This is an important component of how our school delivers student information to parents and families and will be used all the way through high school. **It is important that parents set up this account and save a pdf copy of your child's reports as hard copies will not be sent home and will not be provided from the school office.**

New this year: all reports will remain in your Family Portal account until July 31st, 2024. This allows parents plenty of time to download and save a copy of their child(ren)'s report.

If you are a **new** family to our school District, you will have received an email from the MyEd BC server on November 15th inviting you to initialize your Family Portal account - you may need to check your junk folder if you do not see an email in your inbox. Please follow the instructions in that email carefully to initialize the account by replacing the temporary password. **This must be done on a COMPUTER and will not work on a phone or tablet.**

Parents are asked to familiarize themselves with the Family Portal site: [MyEd BC Login](#)

Many helpful resources which can assist you with this process are located here: [WVS MyEd BC Family Portal Guides](#)

Please contact Ms. Atkinson in the school office if you need assistance aatkinson@wvschools.ca.

Sincerely,
Ms. Natalie Mendes
Vice Principal

Winter Concert

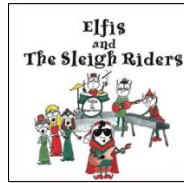
Preparations for our Winter Concert are underway and we need your help! We have a regular school day on the day of the concert (December 14), with students being dismissed at 2:45pm, following our matinee performance. Please have your **child arrive for the evening concert, back at school, at 5:15 p.m. for the evening concert.** We will need parents to help apply 1 inch red circles to the Kindergarten students' cheeks and a brown circle on the noses of the Grade 1 students. If you are able to apply the make up to your own child before the concert this would be very helpful. We will need parents to also come at 5:15 to help. Please let Ms. Mendes know if you are able to help.

Costumes for K/1 students

Please send in your child's long sleeved shirt next week with your child's name labelled on it. **Kindergarten** students will need to wear a **long-sleeved** white or red or black top and dark bottoms.

Grade 1 students will need to wear a black or dark brown **long-sleeved shirt** and dark bottoms and have dark socks.

The PAC will be serving pizza at 5:00pm on Thursday, December 14 - Concert Night! To place an order please etransfer \$2.50/slice to lionsbaypac45@gmail.com



Lions Bay School presents Elfis and The Sleigh Riders Thursday, December 14, 2023.
Matinee show @ 1:30 p.m. and Evening show @ 5:30 p.m. Tickets \$5.00 Children under 4 are free.

Tickets will be available for purchase via School Cash Online starting December 1, 2023. Proceeds of the tickets will go to offset the cost of materials for the concert and any extra will go towards a charity.

A Rockin' Holiday Musical For Young Voices It's the holiday season at the North Pole, and Elfis the Elf is singin' and swingin' in style! All of the gang there loves to hear her play her guitar and perform. Santa Claus is particularly fond of Elfis and her music, and as a surprise, she decides to find a band for Elfis. The newly formed group is called, "Elfis and The Sleigh Riders." Alas, as it sometimes happens, not all goes well.

The members of The Sleigh Riders get into an argument over who is going to sing a solo. They are unable to resolve their differences, and the band splits up. Despite the best efforts of the elves, the reindeer, and even Santa and Mrs. Claus, the band members are too angry to even talk to each other. Elfis intervenes with a poignant reminder of the value and importance of friendship and communication. The band members realize how foolish they have been to harbor anger against each other, and they make up. Once again, Elfis and The Sleigh Riders are back together and rockin' better than ever at the North Pole!

In this classic rock'n'roll rendition of elf meets band, elf loses band, elf gets band, the message is the nurturing of friendships.

Hot Lunch Update

Mac & Cheese hot lunch has been changed from December 22nd to Dec 15th.

Student Admissions

Lions Bay is now accepting registration for September 2024 – registration is currently open for ALL Kindergarten students as well as in-catchment students entering grades 1 through 3. Registration for out of catchment students will open in mid-January.

Please visit the [West Vancouver Schools Admission Page](#) to submit your application and for details regarding documentation.



Winter Weather

A reminder as we are heading into fall/winter that students will be outside for recess and lunch every day, rain or shine. Please ensure your child/ren come to school in appropriate waterproof clothing and footwear. It helps make our learning a lot more fun when we are dry, warm, and regulated!

Winter Weather School Closures

Our school District endeavours to keep schools open on regular instructional days, including those with accumulating snowfall ([Weather Closures and Procedures](#)). Any decision to close schools will be made by the Superintendent and will be based on the safety of students and staff. **Please check the [school district website](#) for the most current information on school closures and if it is a snowy day, remember to check for advisories/closures before heading to school!**

School closures may also appear on several local news sources including:

News 1130	http://www.news1130.com/
KCNW 98	http://www.cknw.com/news/
Global TV	http://globalnews.ca/live/bc/
CBC	http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia



Scholastic Book Ordering

Scholastic books are a great way to build up home libraries, and they make great gifts. In addition, any purchases you make will help earn bonus books for our classroom! If you are interested in ordering some books, payments may be made on-line and please use **code: RC241553**. Please do not send in cash or cheques.

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.

Parents are also reminded that communicable diseases should be reported to your classroom teacher or to the school office. This would include lice, chicken pox, measles, impetigo, etc.



Wow! Charcuterie plate for lunch, made by our parents!



Thank you PAC for the beautiful and festive poinsettas!

LB PAC NEWS

The next PAC meeting will be held **Thursday, February 8th at 6:00 p.m. via Teams.**



Dates To Remember

Friday, December 1	Spirit Day – Stuffy Day
Monday, December 4	Professional Development Day – School Closed
Friday, December 8	Learning Updates Published on the family portal in MyED

Friday, December 22	Polar Express and PJ Day (please do not bring stuffies) Last Day of Classes Before Winter Vacation (Early Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.)
Monday, December 25 to Friday, January 5	Winter Vacation – School Closed
Monday, January 8	School re-opens

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 Information

Activewestvanrec

Let's Play Wheelchair Basketball
At WV rec centre
Drop ins welcome!
Ages 5-12
All equipment and wheelchairs are provided
Registration is [here](#)

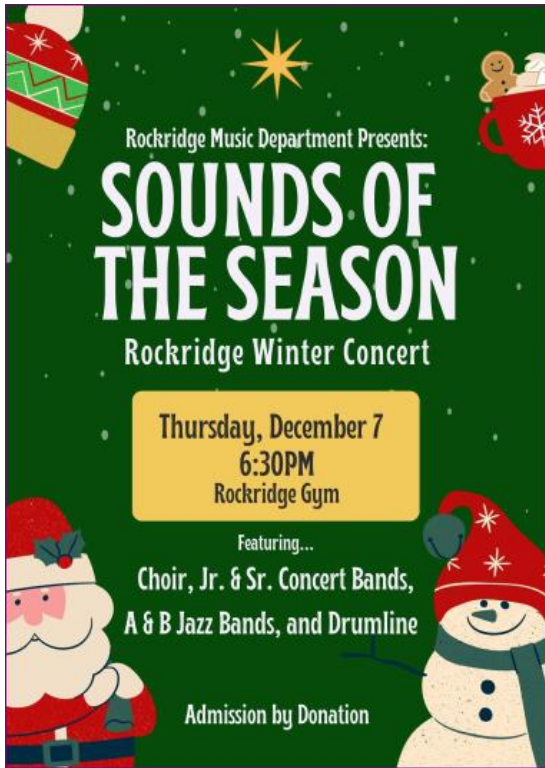
West Vancouver

Winter Break camp registrations are now open:
<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities/camps>
Browse your recreation activities and programs here:
<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities>
Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us:
<https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers>

Ministry of Education and Erase

"Social Media Awareness" Family Session on December 5th at 630 pm
This free 60 minute session is being hosted by the Ministry of education and ERASE
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/family-session-establishing-safe-caring-respectful-digital-communities-tickets-765337273387?aff=oddtcreator>

Rockridge Winter Concert



Rockridge Music Department Presents:

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Rockridge Winter Concert

Thursday, December 7
6:30PM
Rockridge Gym


Featuring...

Choir, Jr. & Sr. Concert Bands,
A & B Jazz Bands, and Drumline

Admission by Donation

The poster features a green background with white snowflakes. At the top left is a Christmas stocking, and at the top right is a gingerbread man. At the bottom left is Santa Claus, and at the bottom right is a snowman. A yellow starburst is at the top center.

Hollyburn Family Services



The Incredible Years®

HOLLYBURN Family Services

Incredible Years™ Parenting Program (IY) for Children Aged 2-7 Years

IY is an evidence-based early intervention program focused on strengthening parenting competencies and fostering parent involvement with their children.

This 15-week program includes weekly online group educational sessions, and individual phone support sessions in which caregivers have the opportunity to discuss specific challenges they experience at home, and practice what they learn in sessions. We ask that caregivers plan to attend all 15 sessions.

Goals of the Program:

- Strengthen parenting skills
- Improve children's social skills
- Improve children's school readiness and cooperation with teachers
- Prevent and treat behaviour problems

Upcoming Session: Winter 2024

When: Wednesday evenings, January 10 to April 17, 2024 (Note: the program will run during Spring Break, March 18, 2024 to April 1, 2024)

Time: 6:15-8:15pm

Where: Online through Zoom

Cost: Free

Eligibility: Residents of the North Shore with children aged 2-7 years old.

Registration: for more info or to be added to the waitlist, please contact Marlae Vermeer (Family Counsellor, Hollyburn Family Services): mvermeer@hollyburn.ca

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