



LIONS BAY PRIMARY E-BULLETIN

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December 13, 2023

Dear Families,

Congratulations and bravo to the team of volunteers who helped organize the *“Cider With Santa”* event last weekend at the Village Hall. It was such a successful event and fun was had by all. Thank you so much to all the parents who helped with the event and to our organizers Jill, Danielle, Robin, and Brooke for their tremendous dedication.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Winter Concert. Please be sure to have your child come dressed in their costume if it is not already at the school. As well, please have your child arrive at 5:15 p.m. in the classroom (no earlier).

Sincerely,
Ms. Natalie Mendes
Vice Principal



Grade 3 Fundraiser

Our Grade 3 students are still 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](#). **Adult clothes only please.**



TAKE A PEEK ONCE A WEEK:

We continue to have several cases of lice reported in our classrooms, 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! If you need support with the treatment or prevention of lice, please reach out to Vancouver Coastal Health for support.

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.

Here are a couple of great resources to help if your child has lice:

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/sites/default/files/documents/healthfiles/hfile06.pdf>

<https://vch.eduhealth.ca/en/viewer?file=%2fmedia%2fVCH%2fFG%2fFG.650.G48.pdf#phrase=false>

Learning Updates: MyEd BC Family Portal

Student Learning Updates for all students were shared with families on **December 8th** through the MyEducation BC portal. Teachers put a great deal of time and effort into preparing these Learning Updates. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher.

If you have not yet logged in, and need support, please see the instructions below:

The Family Portal is where all parents 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.

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.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, we are sharing the survey information below to help inform the Province's [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives:

This is a friendly reminder to complete the 2023 School-Aged Child Care Demand Parent Survey by December 14th to help inform the Province's planning for future expansion of school age child

care. Thank you to the parents who have already completed this survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

While we know school-aged child care is a vital service families rely on to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent's full work day, we do not yet have regional or provincial data to understand the demand.

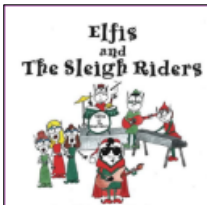
By completing this survey, you can help the Province to better understand your community's needs for school-aged child care. The survey will take 10-15 minutes and the results will help inform future [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives.

To complete the survey, please follow this link:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/SchoolAgeParents.asp?SchoolNumber=1169> Please do not share the link with anyone else, as it is specific to Lions Bay.

If you have any questions, please contact ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca. If you encounter any technical difficulties, please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) at support@awinfosys.com. If you have already completed the survey, thank you and please disregard this note.

We greatly appreciate your input and thank you in advance for your participation.
Ministry of Education and Child Care



**Lions Bay School presents Elfis and The Sleigh Riders on Thursday,
December 14th!!!**

Tickets are available via [School Cash Online!](#)

Matinee show @ 1:30 pm and Evening show @ 5:30 p.m.

Tickets \$5.00 Children under 4 are free.

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, he 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.



Lost and Found

Please be sure to check our lost and found, items will be in the courtyard for viewing.



Hot Lunch Update

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

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.



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

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



Elfis has entered the building



Forest Fun

LB PAC NEWS

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

Dates To Remember

Thursday, December 14	Winter Concert: Elfis and the Sleigh Riders Matinee performance @ 1:30 pm Evening performance @ 5:30 pm Tickets still available via School Cash Online
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
Tuesday, January 16	Canadian Planetarium Visit

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

West Vancouver Little League registration is open!

Spring baseball for ages 5-16

We have girls only programs this year!

<https://wvll.ca/registration/>

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>

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