



LIONS BAY PRIMARY ☰ E-BULLETIN

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December 21, 2023



A reminder for families that tomorrow, **Friday, December 22nd** is the last day of school prior to the Winter Break and **students will be dismissed at at 12:15 p.m.**

We wish you all a wonderful and restful holiday!

Dear Families,

We are so proud of our young performers who showcased their talents at our Winter Musical, **"Elfis and the Sleigh Riders."** We were grateful to be joined by special guest Nicole Brown (Vice Chair and West Vancouver School Board Trustee).

Our K to 3 students worked very hard to learn the words and dance moves for five songs which is no small feat for a primary child. We were also impressed that the children memorized their

individual and group lines. We appreciated all the support at home to help your child learn their lines.

Thanks to our Lions Bay staff for all their hard work in helping with the concert. Thank you so much to Sonia Southam (Grade 2/3 Teacher) for directing the play. She has incredible insights into directing and we are so grateful. Thank you so much to Anke Barabulea (K/1 Teacher) who has made such a difference in helping direct our students. Thank you to Audrem Galura who has generously shared her incredible talents with the preshow holiday song performance.

Many thanks to Allayne Atkinson for the tickets and programmes, and to Shannon Cox and Robyn Evans for their all-around help in getting the students ready. Thank you also to our wonderful custodian Ed Seno and our facilities team who set up our stage and sound system to make it such a special night.

Many thanks to all of the parents who helped decorate the gym and assisted with costumes and props including Nicole, Danielle, Jill, and Kelly, Kim, and Steph.

Lastly, we were so grateful to former students Ben and Kien who did the lighting on the spot and did a tremendous job!

We are so grateful to Jill for organizing a pizza dinner before the concert. It was a great way to build community. Thank you Jill!

Thank you for the lunch

Thank you so much to the PAC (all parents) for providing a delicious Christmas lunch for the staff. We are so appreciative to work with such a thoughtful group of parents.

Polar Express Dramatization and PJ day

We are ending the week with a dramatization of the “Polar Express” for our last day of school. This has been a tradition in our school in which the children aboard our Polar Express train in their pyjamas with a real ticket, drink hot chocolate, decorate and eat cookies and take home a bell from Santa’s sleigh. We hope this experience is a special memory for the Lions Bay students.

On behalf of the Lions Bay staff, we wish all of you a very happy and healthy holiday and we look forward to seeing you back on January 8 in 2024!

Sincerely,
Ms. Natalie Mendes
Vice Principal



January is a fresh start. All families are encouraged to set a new routine if required, and arrive on time. Doors open at 8:40 a.m. and instruction begins at 8:45 a.m.



Hot Lunch

Hot lunch ordering for the winter session is now open (January - March break).

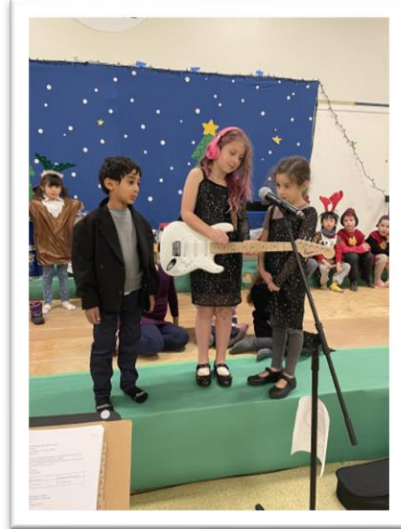
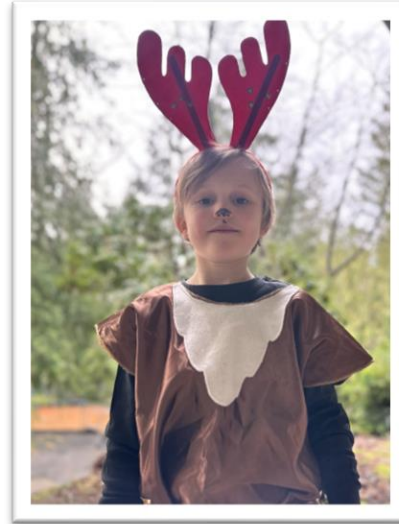
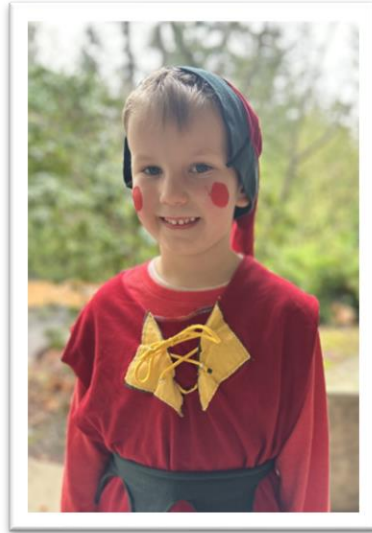
Orders for the first week back must be in by January 6th. For this session we will be offering one parent made hot lunch each week, on a Wednesday as well as pizza on Tuesdays and sushi on Thursdays. The parent made hot lunch is a rotating menu of mac & cheese, quesadillas, hot dogs, chili, and butter chicken. We are looking for volunteers who would be able to either pick up lunches on Tuesdays or Thursdays or help with the parent made hot lunches. Those interested in volunteering can get in touch with me at hilary.monfared@gmail.com or 647-209-7722.



Lost and Found

Please be sure to check our lost and found, items will be in the courtyard for viewing until Friday, December 22nd. After this time any remaining items will be donated.





Elfis and The Sleigh Riders!



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>

MyEd BC Family Portal

Student Learning Updates (Reports) for Term 1 have been published to the MyEd BC portal.

Families are reminded to download and save a pdf copy of your child's report to keep for your records. Reports will be available until July 31st, 2024.

The MyEd BC Family Portal can be accessed here: <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>

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

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

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

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| 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 – Welcome Back! |
| Tuesday, January 16 | Canadian Planetarium Visit (at Lions Bay School) |

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

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>



Cybersafe from Exploitation

Parent Presentation

What does exploitation have to do with cyber safety?

Most often times referred to as "sexual exploitation", it involves a minor being taken advantage of sexually. The majority of sexual exploitation is now facilitated digitally through gaming platforms, social media, love stream, and more. Forms of online sexual exploitation include grooming by predatory people, digital blackmail, intimate image sharing, or sugar daddy scams.

What you'll learn:

Our approach to cyber safety is to address the root causes that would lead to exploitation, as well as provide tangible strategies to break down vulnerabilities that would lead children and youth into online sexual exploitation. Some topics covered include:

- Defining sexual exploitation and why online poses more risk
- Current online exploitation trends
- Effective language to use when talking to kids/ teens
- The red flags and warning signs of grooming
- Sexting, digital consent, and the law
- Digital blackmail into sextortion, trends, and what to do
- Information sharing- What is and is not okay
- High risk behaviours on social media platforms
- Addressing risks associated with online gaming platforms
- Age of consent laws and how they can help you as a parent
- How to have effective conversations with your child/ teen

Jan 23, 2024 7:00PM
Kay Meek Arts Centre

Hosted By:

FOUNDRY WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS EXPLOITATION EDUCATION INSTITUTE

DEMOCRACY & ME Art Contest

Calling young artists! The Democracy & Me Art Contest is now open to all children and youth in British Columbia.

Co-sponsored by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia and the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, the contest encourages K-12 students to create visual artwork that explores the importance of community and democracy.

Contest winners will receive a trip to Victoria and their work will be displayed in the Parliament Buildings.

Artwork must be submitted by January 31, 2024. Scan the QR code for contest details. Remember to get creative!

Deadline to apply January 31, 2024

Parliamentary Education Office
250-356-0823
artcontest@leg.bc.ca

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
leg.bc.ca
artcontest@leg.bc.ca

We acknowledge and respect the Lekwungen-speaking peoples, known today as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, on whose traditional territories the Legislative Assembly stands.

West Vancouver Little League registration is open!
 Spring baseball for ages 5-16
 We have girls only programs this year!
<https://wvll.ca/registration/>

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