

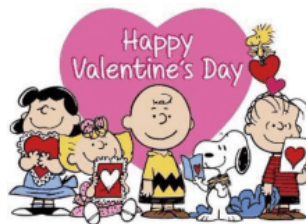


LIONS BAY PRIMARY E-BULLETIN

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 <p>WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED</p> <p>RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS Prière de les faire traduire.</p> <p>重要資料 請找人為你翻譯</p>	<p>これほたいせつなお知らせです。 お念のため日本語に訳してもらってください。</p> <p>상세드립니다 여왕을 번역해 주십시오</p> <p>CHI DẪN QUAN TRỌNG Xin nhđ người dịch họ</p> <p>बहुते महत्वाची बहुते महत्वाची आहे तीसु वर तुम्हाला अनुवाद करा</p> <p>INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE Busque alguien que le traduzca.</p>	<p>اطلاعات مهم و سودمند لطفاً از یک نفر بخواهید که برای شما ترجمه کند</p> <p>TO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON Isulat sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maiiintindihan</p> <p>يرجى ترجمة هذا معلومات هامة</p> <p>ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ Переведите это, пожалуйста.</p>
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Follow our learning and activities through our Twitter and Instagram accounts.



February 15, 2024



A reminder that Friday, February 16th is District Reading Break and Monday, February 19th is Family Day for all West Vancouver Schools. School will be CLOSED both these days. Enjoy the extra long weekend!

Dear Lions Bay Families,

Happy Lunar New Year – The Year of the Dragon

Last Friday, students at Lions Bay school begun to celebrate the Year of the Dragon. All students and staff were treated to the most delicious Chinese New Year lunch by Kim (Justin’s Mom). She did a special presentation and a game to help our students learn about the traditions for Chinese New Year. Thank you to Jill and Divya for helping to prepare and serve the special homemade

hot lunch. It was such a memorable and fun day, and we wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

West Vancouver School District's WVMEA Appreciation Day

On February 13th we honoured our support staff as has become tradition in our West Vancouver School District. Lions Bay students presented cards with heart felt sentiments to our support workers on this day to express our sincere appreciation for all the things they do to make our school so special.



**Emergency Preparedness Drill is today: Thursday, February 15.
Don't forget your photo ID**

We will start the school portion of our Emergency Release drill today at **1:30 p.m.** Our Grade 3 students will be enlisted as runners to facilitate with the release process. **Please ensure that you have photo ID when you pick up your child starting at 1:45 p.m.** Parents may also pick up children who have been listed as alternates on their alternate Emergency list.

We look forward to seeing everyone after the District Reading Break and Family Day back on Tuesday!

Sincerely,
Ms. Natalie Mendes
Vice Principal

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare [Feeding Futures initiative](#), the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their school principal Mrs. Robyn Evans revans@wvschools.ca if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect and confidentiality.

Visiting Our School

Parents and caregivers need to make prior arrangements before entering learning spaces during the school day (i.e. do NOT enter your child's classroom, even if it's just to drop off a lunch or project, these items should always be left at the office, so as not to disrupt the learning

environment). This includes outdoor learning spaces such as the playground (recess), the garden, the outdoor classroom, etc.

Please do not “drop-in” on your child’s teacher or other school staff. Email in advance or call the school to set up an appointment time. Staff are always happy to meet, but advance notice allows for us to give you our full attention at an appropriate time.



Pink Shirt Day

Bullying hurts everyone and can happen in many different forms – verbal, physical, social, and even cyberbullying. Did you know that bullying happens to someone in Canada every 7 minutes? Take a stand against bullying and **wear PINK on Wednesday, February 28th** to show your support of Pink Shirt Day and to show that bullying will not be tolerated. Read [this Pink Story](#) to see how Pink Shirt Day originated. Our Grade 3 students will be leading the assembly on this day.

Wacky Hair Day is on Friday, February 23rd – Students are invited to participate in Wacky Hair Day and sport their creative hairdos!!!! This is organized by our Grade 3 leaders.



Check out these wacky styles!!!

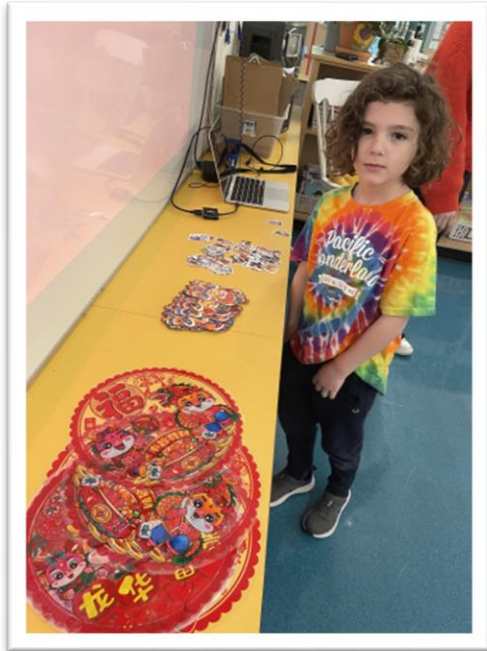
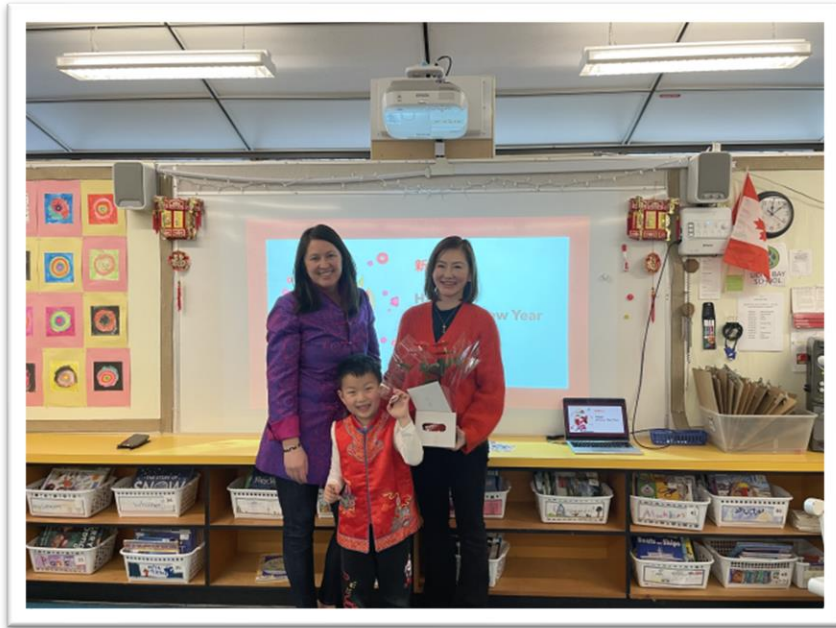
Daily Health Checks

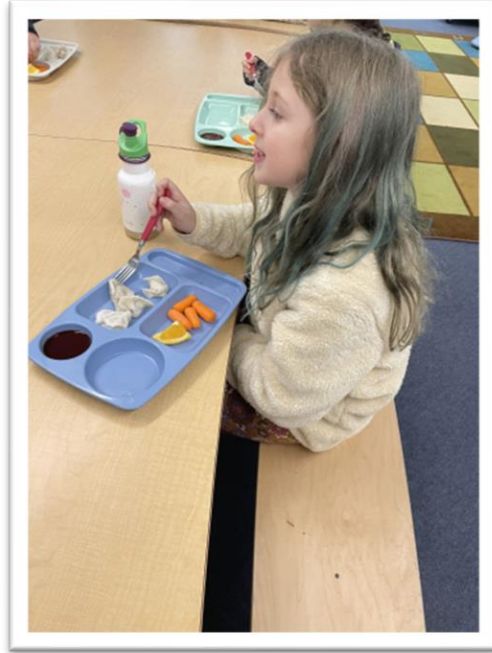
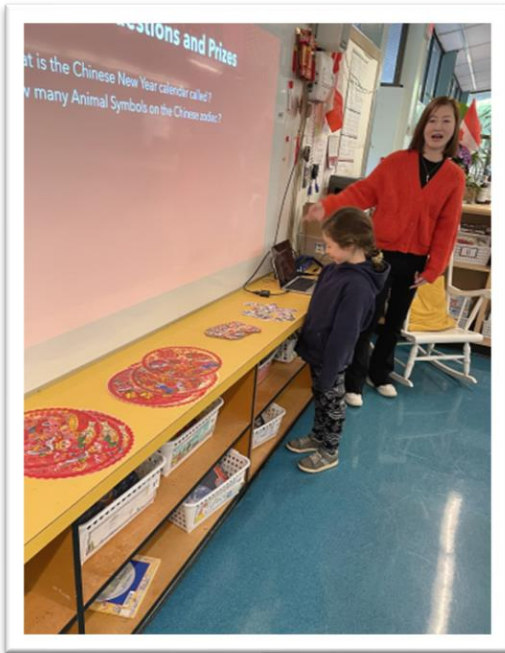
Parents are asked to do daily health checks of children before sending them to school. As flu and cold season is upon us, we ask for your assistance to ensure that your child is healthy and well enough to participate in normal school activities. If your child is unwell, please report their absence to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

Hot Lunch

Hot lunch ordering is still open for this term (until March Break). Orders need to be in by Saturday night each week for the following week, or order now for the whole term!

We also need volunteers for pick up of lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To sign up follow this link: volunteersignup.org/EWBJB





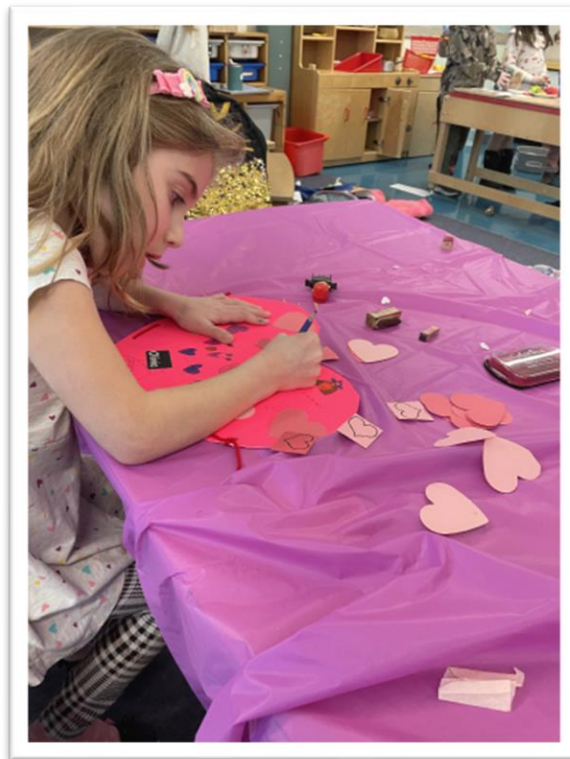
Celebrating Lunar New Year, thanks Kim!



Happy WVMEA Day Ms. Atkinson, Mrs. Cox, Ms. Galura, and Mr. Seno! Thanks for all you do!



Grade Two/Three class making Valentine "Friendship Muffins" for the school and developing Mathematics skills



LB PAC NEWS

The next PAC meeting will be held **Thursday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. via Teams. Link below:**



Dates To Remember

Thursday, February 15	Student Emergency Release Drill – 1:45pm (Bring photo ID)
Friday, February 16	District Reading Break – School not in session
Monday, February 19	Family Day Holiday – School not in session
Friday, February 23	Spirit Day – Wacky Hair Day
Wednesday, February 28	Pink Shirt Day (Assembly @ 9:00 a.m. led by Grade 3 students)
Tuesday, March 5	HR MacMillan Space Centre Field Trip
Thursday, March 14	Second Term Learning Updates Issued (MyED)

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

Livestream! - "The Power of Attachment"

February 16th, 9-10:30am

Presenters: Dr. Rachel Boulding - Child Psychiatrist and Lynne Anderson - Mental Health Clinician

Details:

- Explore the transformative potential of the Circle of Security and how it empowers educators to create a nurturing and supportive learning environment that fosters a sense of safety and belonging for every student.
- Discover how the integration of attachment theory and trauma-informed practices can pave the way for a school-wide approach that benefits all students.
- *Free and open to all (educators, caregivers, community supports, etc.).*

*Recording of the presentation will be sent to everyone who registers.

Registration: <https://www.fasdoutreach.ca/>

Safe Schools Presentations for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with adolescent Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Hayley Watson, will be hosting free virtual sessions on youth substance use for parents/guardians, caregivers and caring adults. Dr. Watson will provide valuable insights, practical tips, and resources to equip participants with the tools needed to guide their children and youth toward making positive choices when it comes to substance use.

Key Takeaways for Participants:

- Learn why children/teenagers are drawn to substances.
- Understand what causes and maintains substance use disorder and needs.
- Increase your child's ability to make positive choices about substances.
- Acquire practical conversation tools for discussing substances in the home.

Participants must register in advance due to limited capacity. Session dates are:

- February 20th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST - [Click here to Register](#)
- February 22nd, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST – [Click here to Register](#)
- February 28th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST – [Click here to Register](#)

The 2024-2025 Premier Academies are open for registration! Please visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/> for further information.

Premier Academies: Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Fencing, Field Hockey, Rugby, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball

SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION
An Online Presentation for Parents

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Learn why children/teenagers are drawn to substances
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- Acquire practical conversation tools for discussing substances in the home

Presentation Overview:
This presentation will focus on **tools and strategies** that you can use to speak to your children about substances in a way that encourages **positive decision-making** through a psychological lens. You will learn the causes of youth substance use and be introduced to a framework for **creating open communication** on this topic in your home.

There will be a focus on prevention and harm/risk mitigation in order to **empower** you to help your children think critically about their own behaviours, motivations, and choices.

In this session, you will be provided with the **specific language to use** when conversations arise about substances. There will also be opportunities to ask questions about the specific challenges you are facing with your children.

Online Session Information:
February 20th, 22nd or 28th
6pm-7:30 pm PST
Note: The same presentation will be delivered on each date


Presenter:
Dr Hayley Watson
Clinical Psychologist & Founder of Open Parachute
(PhD Clin Psych, MA Clin Psych, MA Transpersonal Psych, PG Dip Psych, BA Criminology)

Dr Hayley Watson is a Clinical Psychologist from BC, specializing in children and adolescents with a PhD in school bullying interventions, along with four further academic degrees in the field of mental health. She has been working with young people and their families for the past 20 years.

[REGISTER](#)



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Family Series 

Family Day Special

Frog Belly Rat Bone
Sat, Apr 6 | 3:00 PM
Grosvenor Theatre

Incorporating beautifully handcrafted puppets and an original pop/rock musical score. An Axis Theatre Production, featuring a musical adaptation from the book by Timothy Basil Ering.

All Tickets Only \$15

Offer Valid Fri, Feb 16 to Tue, Feb 20, 2024

Use Code **FAM15**

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ACTIVITIES AT YOUR WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CENTRE / GLENEAGLES COMMUNITY CENTRE

Spring Break Break camps – Music, Spanish or Korean Immersion, LEGO, Arts, Science/STEAM, Sports, Gymnastics, etc:

<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities/camps>

Spring Break Intensive Group Classes Also Available for All Ages: Beginner French Intensive & Music Theory Intensive

https://anc.ca/apm.activecommunities.com/westvanrec/activity/search?activity_select_param=2&activity_keyword=intensive%20spring%20break&viewMode=list

Important Dates: Spring Program Registrations (April – June)

General registration for Spring opens on Wednesday, March 6

Skating, Gymnastics, and Swimming registrations open on Wednesday, March 13

Spring Learning Programs

Interested in indigenous beading or cedar weaving, learning Languages, STEAM, Chess, Lego? Adult Beginner French classes available: After-School Kids' Farsi, Korean, Mandarin classes are also available.

Explore the Learning Program: www.westvancouver.ca/learning

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>

Pop Up PLAY

Take a (Story) Walk with Us!

Families with children ages 0-6 are invited to join us on Saturday March 2, 2024

Free, no registration required

What's a Story Walk? A multi-sensory experience where children enjoy interactive books, music, art and the outdoors.

Come dressed for the weather! These walks are stroller and child friendly.



When: Saturday, March 2, 2024 (10:00-11:00 am)
Event: POP Up PLAY- Story and Play with Katie Brock

Location: Meet at the covered picnic area at John Lawson Park. We will walk together through the park, immerse ourselves in story, and use our senses to participate in a fun scavenger hunt



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Do you need help with sports registration fees?
ATHLETICS FOR KIDS CAN HELP!

Athletics for Kids funds BC children, who are currently enrolled in school, up to \$450 per year for sports registration fees so they can play the sports that they love!

Here's how to apply:
See if you're eligible for funding by going to our website at a4k.ca and clicking "Apply Now"



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