





LIONS BAY PRIMARY E-BULLETIN

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March 1, 2024

Dear Lions Bay Families,

We would like to share some important community news with you today.

Ms. Allayne Atkinson will be moving to take on the role of Administrative Assistant at Eagle Harbour Montessori this coming Tuesday. During her time at Lions Bay Ms. Atkinson has not only helped welcome our new families but has been nicknamed “the best doctor” by our students. She will be missed and we all wish her the very best in her new role at Eagle Harbour!

Looking ahead, we would also like to keep you up to date on some streamlining we have done in terms of communications.

- Beginning next week Ms. Cox (scox@wvschools.ca) will be your main point of contact for daily attendance and any school-based questions.
- The Lions Bay weekly ebulletin will now be combined with the Gleneagles Ch’axáy Elementary bulletin, please expect to see an email coming from Ms. Pistilli each week (mapistilli@wvschools.ca). The streamlining of the two ebulletins will reduce the number of emails some of our families receive when they have children in both schools. Additionally, our students who are currently at LB will have the opportunity to learn about events and information they can look forward to when they attend the “big school”.
- Regular email updates regarding your child’s learning and classroom activities will continue to be sent through their classroom teachers.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact either of us.
We thank you for your ongoing support,

Ms. Natalie Mendes (Vice Principal) & Mrs. Evans (Principal)

Pink Shirt Day

We are proud of our Grade 3 students for leading our Pink Shirt Day Assembly on February 28. The Grade 3 students led the children in the West Vancouver Pink Shirt Day dance, and they also designed an activity in which all students wrote a message of kindness on a handprint. Way to go Grade 3 leaders! Thank you to all of the families who were able to join us.

Movement Matters!

Amber and Erin led our students in a workshop on the importance of physical activity on learning and health. They gave the students some wonderful strategies for movement breaks.



Text Messaging – For parents/guardians who would like to be notified of a school emergency such as power outages, severe weather or safety alerts via SMS

Please text a "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 to ensure you are on the list.

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.

Summer Learning 2024 with West Vancouver Schools

Save the date! Summer Learning registration opens on Monday, April 8th at 8:00am. For more information, please refer to the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or the [Summer Learning Website](#).

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.

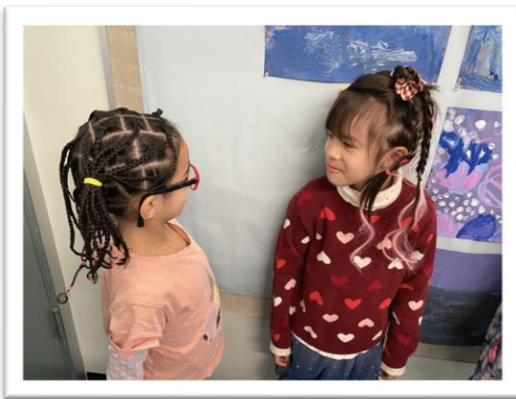
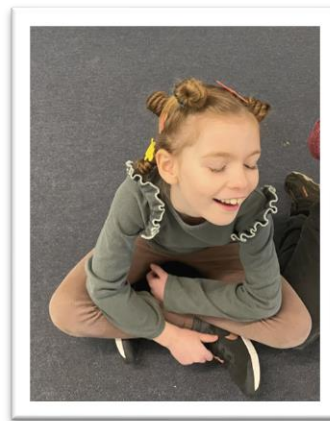
Daily Health Checks

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 scox@wvschools.ca or calling (604) 981 – 8311.

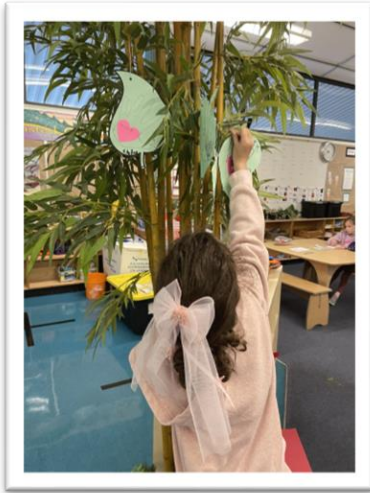
Hot Lunch

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

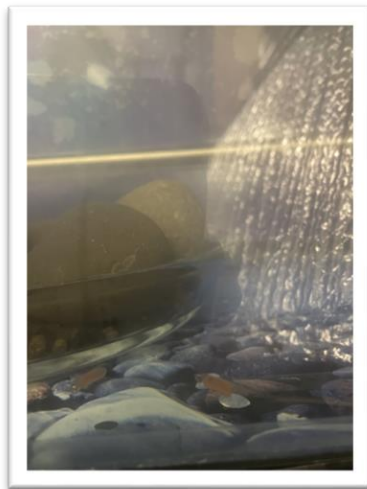




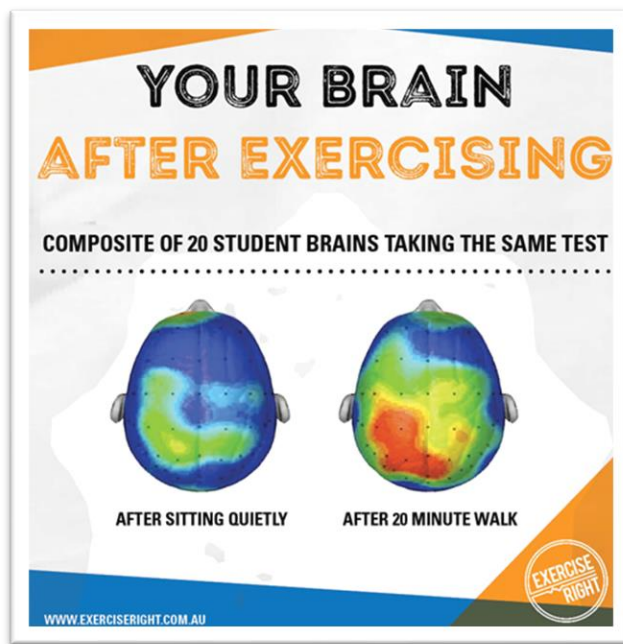
Fabulous hair dos on Wacky Hair Day!



Messages of kindness for Pink Shirt Day



Our salmon have hatched



Amber and Erin visit LB to teach us how movement matters

LB PAC NEWS

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

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 287 205 958 441

Passcode: 33TEYa

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 437-703-4456,,745491203#](#) Canada, Toronto

Phone Conference ID: 745 491 203#

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Dates To Remember

Tuesday, March 5	HR MacMillan Space Centre Field Trip (Departure at 8:30 a.m.)
Thursday, March 14	Second Term Learning Updates Issued (MyED)
Friday, March 15	Last Day of School Before Spring Break
March 18 - 28	<i>SPRING BREAK – School Closed</i>
Monday, March 29	<i>Good Friday Holiday – School Closed</i>
Monday, April 1	<i>Easter Monday Holiday – School Closed</i>

Tuesday, April 2	School Re-opens
Wednesday, April 17	<i>Student Learning Conferences (Early Dismissal at 12:15 pm) More information to come</i>
Friday, May 17	<i>Professional Development Day – School Not In Session</i>
Monday, May 20	<i>Victoria Day Holiday – School Closed</i>

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

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
- 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

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

REGISTER



@openp.co/Feb20

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 parents for the past 20 years.

ROCKRIDGE MUSIC PRESENTS

JAZZ CAFÉ

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

6:30 pm

Doors open at 6:00 pm

\$15
Tickets



featuring

ROCKRIDGE
JAZZ ENSEMBLES

TERESA MARIE
&
THE THREE



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>

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING WITH DIANA DIVECHA, PH.D

WE ARE ALL CONNECTED: HOW FAMILIES CAN SUPPORT CHILDREN'S K - 12 PEER RELATIONSHIPS

Children's relationships with their peers are crucial anchors of their wellbeing in every phase of development. What does the science show about how families and schools can foster supportive relationships at different ages? What's normal, and when should we help? How can we prevent or help kids recover from harmful relationship experiences?

We will hear from an expert who can offer practical advice and explain the science behind how families and schools can foster supportive relationships at different ages.



Dr. Diana Divecha, Developmental psychologist, Yale Child Study Centre

This event is free

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR LINK TO THE EVENT PLEASE REGISTER AT DPAC@WVSCHOOLS.CA

MARCH 7TH
7PM-8:30PM
VIRTUAL

We are collecting questions from attendees in advance instead of a live audience Q&A. Do you have questions for our speaker? Please fill email them to: DPAC@wvschools.ca



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

 <p>Do you need help with sports registration fees? ATHLETICS FOR KIDS CAN HELP!</p> <p>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!</p> <p>Here's how to apply: See if you're eligible for funding by going to our website at a4k.ca and clicking "Apply Now"</p>  <p>604-221-7529 info@a4k.ca</p> <p>/athletics4kids</p>	 <p>Hollyburn Family Services is pleased to present the following in March 2024:</p> <p>CIRCLE OF SECURITY® 8-WEEK PARENTING™ PROGRAM</p> <p>DATE: Wednesday's from March 27- May 15 TIME: 6:00 to 8:00 pm COST: Free LOCATION: Hollyburn Family Services - 104-267 West Esplanade, North Vancouver</p> <p>ELIGIBILITY: Must be the parent/caregiver of a child between the ages of 0-5 and living on the North Shore/Bowen Island.</p> <p>FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP: Please contact Tomi Hamner by email at: thamner@hollyburn.ca or text/call: (604) 908-3673</p>	 <p>To attend Circle of Security™ you must fill out a referral form. Link provided by facilitator(s)</p> <p>Limited to 6 families (12 spaces)</p> <p>Facilitator: Tomi Hamner</p> <p>Circle of Security® Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent/caregiver-child relationships can be supported and strengthened. This program will focus on the parent/caregiver role, reflective practice, creating secure attachment and increasing connection.</p>
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If you have any questions regarding the content of this e-bulletin, please contact Ms. Mendes at nmendes@wvschools.ca.