

THE WOLF

Week Beginning Monday 25th September, 2023

West Bay Website



STUDENT ABSENCES

IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE <u>sbarrie@wvschools.ca</u> or call 604-981-1260

LEAVING EARLIER THAN 3:00 PM

Please email the office on the email above the morning of so that teaching staff are aware. Students are responsible for getting themselves to the office for early departures. Please reinforce this change of process with your child/ren.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

22	Professional Development Day
25	First Hot Lunch Day, M, W and F
26	1st Steamoji Class in Library, Gr 1-4 @ 3:15 PM
25-27	Gr 6 Outdoor School Camp Jubilee
26	Cross Country Meet #2, 3:30 PM
29	Orange Shirt Day
29	1st Chess in the Mornings 08:15 in Library - STUDENT LED

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

West Bay classes will recognize Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 29th, and all children, staff and families are encouraged to wear an orange shirt. This day, and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, is to honour the legacy of indigenous, inuit and Metis children in Canada who were taken from their homes and sent to residential schools between the 1830s and 1980s. West Bay students will learn, in an age-appropriate way, about the theme of the day. "Every Child Matters." A reminder that Monday, October 2, is a national holiday.

FIRST BELL GOES AT 08:55

Students need to be lined up at this time as classes begin at 09:00 AM

FIELD PARKING

This is only available to Kindergarten families and West Bay staff. Please use the turnaround for drop off and collection of Gr 1-7 students at the beginning and end of the day. **PRE SCHOOL PARKING** Is not for West Bay families.

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WATER BOTTLES/EATING UTENSILS

Please ensure your child/ren come to school with a refillable water bottle and utensils for lunch.



CONGRATULATIONS WOLVES For your grit and determination at your first cross country meet, in spite of the rain!

GOOD LUCK For the second meet at Ambleside on Tuesday 26th September.



MASKS

If you wish your child to wear a mask at school please ensure that your child has a medical mask and a spare one in their backpack should their mask get wet or dirty. **The school does not provide masks.**



Seeking volunteers for Willy Wonka Jr. Musical, Gr 4-7

We are seeking parent volunteers to assist in a number of areas for the intermediate musical. We are looking for families interested in the following areas:

> Please email mgibli@wvschools.ca if you are able to help.

Set Design Building and painting - prior to show

Props Gather/creating - prior to show

Costuming - ensemble only (i.e Oompa Loompa's, Cooks, Candy Kids, Squirrels - prior to show

Hair/Make Up Helping students backstage on performance evening, before curtain

EXTRACURRICULAR CLASSES - BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL STARTING SOON

TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL IN LIBRARY

(First Class 26 Sept, <mark>3-4 PM</mark>, Last Class 12 Dec)

FORM <u>HERE</u> HAS TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED ASAP TO STEAMOJI

TWO PLACES LEFT



a world of fabricating and design. By exploring different materials and design techniques, apprentices will be planning, prototyping and problem-solving their way through 10 unique projects. Tinkercad, 3D pens and Laser Cutters it's a great way to start your Steamoji journey. Let's get building!



CHESS - FRIDAY BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 08:15 AM IN THE LIBRARY, GRADES 2-7

We invite you to elevate your Friday mornings with a dose of strategic thinking. Our Chess Club meets at around 8:15 AM, but even if you come in at 8:30, there's still a couple of games to play! Don't worry about your age, enthusiasts of all skill levels can play! In this class we're gonna have thought-provoking chess matches, in-depth strategy discussions, and a welcoming and respectful community. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your chess skills and have a constructive start to your day every Friday! See you at 8:15 AM on Friday the 29th! - Nima G, West Bay Student

This program is led by West Bay Student Nima with some supervision from staff.

DEBATE CLUB GRADE 5-7 STUDENTS



West Bay Alumni students Jason and Jerry Song have volunteered to offer a debating club on Wednesday mornings from 8-8:45 AM in our Library Learning Commons. Sessions will run from Wednesday, October 4 to Wednesday, November 29th.

The sessions include different styles of debate; how to structure speeches; rhetoric; how to be persuasive; how to construct arguments; how to refute arguments; etc. Students will practice these skills through mock debates.

If your child is interested, please indicate <u>here</u>.

As noted, the sessions are offered by West Bay Alumni students Jason and Jerry Song who have an extensive background in debate, including being semi-finalists at Harvard and Stanford competitions, Canadian Nationals qualifiers, etc.

The group will be indirectly supervised by school staff but directed by Jason and Jerry.

Depending on interest, these sessions may be extended to 2024.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER GRADES 2-7, 10 OCTOBER - 1 DECEMBER, 07:45-08:35 AM MONDAYS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE 1ST CLASS WHICH IS TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER, 07:45-08:35



- New Students Scan the QR code to register
- Create Account
 Drop in at 238 Fell Ave, North Vancouver to make a payment and
 Pick up fencing maks and glove (new students only)
- Returning Students Contact us directly
- Call 604.990.8889 to make a payment and
 Please bring your equipment from the previous term to classes



WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Things to consider if your child feels unwell:

- The wellbeing of your child. Without proper rest, a child may have a hard time fighting an illness or be at risk for other illnesses.
- 2. The ability of your child to actively take part and learn at school.
- The school staff cannot care for a sick child and give them the support that they may need.
- 4. The protection of other children.

Please keep your child home if they:

- Have a fever.
- Are too sick to take part in all normal school activities.
- Have a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox, measles).
- Is vomiting or has diarrhea. It is recommended that students be symptom free at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Keep your child home until they are able to participate fully in normal school activities or as told by a health care provider.

Please let the school know your child's symptoms, as per the school's call back procedures.

If the school finds it necessary to send your child home because of illness, please make sure you have arranged an emergency contact if you are not available. Inform your school of these arrangements.

Where can I find more Information?

- Health Link BC By calling 8-1-1, you can speak to a health service navigator, who can help you find information and services, or connect you with a health professional. You can also find information online at <u>https://www.healthlinkbc.ca</u>
- Sneezes and Diseases online at https://sneezesdiseases.com/
- BCCDC online at <u>Schools (bccdc.ca)</u>
- VCH online at <u>Children</u>, youth & schools Vancouver Coastal Health (vch.ca)
- School Administrators can also contact their School Public Health Nurse



Hot Lunch Ordering - THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have ordered Hot Lunch so far! We are so glad to be able to offer this program for our students and take a little load off your plates. This is an important fundraiser for our PAC and we couldn't do it without you! We are very grateful to Well Fed and Sushi Katsu for coming out to our parent night and sharing a glimpse of what they have to offer. If you have not yet ordered or would like to make changes to your order, the Munch-a-Lunch system remains open until December 11 for ordering/editing. Please place your order and make any changes by 5pm on Mondays, the week before your order. (For example, if you want Hot Lunch October 2, 4, or 6 you need to place your order and pay for it by 5pm on Monday, September 25.)

Also, please make sure you are paying for your orders when placing the order or soon after. The system is designed to delete any unpaid orders after 24 hours and we don't want anyone missing out on their hot lunch days. If you have any issues please feel free to reach out to Emily at <u>hotlunchwb@gmail.com</u>.

> Monday: Domino's Pizza and Pasta Wednesday: Sushi, Subway Fridays: WellFed

Returning parents can login here

New parents can login here

BYOD LETTER GRADE 4-7 STUDENTS BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

Click <u>here</u> for 23-24 Computer Recommendation

USEFUL LINKS

23-24 YEAR IN A GLANCE CALENDAR SUPPORTING PYP LEARNER MUNCHALUNCH MYEDUCATION BC SCHOOLCASHONLINE OPEN PARACHUTE DRIVER'S FORM FOR FIELD TRIPS

ONLINE PAYMENTS DUE CLICK <u>HERE</u> TO PAY

GRADE 3-7 STUDENTS

Who are participating in Cross Country will be asked to pay a \$10 Fee online.

GRADE 4 STUDENTS

Field Trip to Orpheum to see performance of "Life Emerging" on 15 November by school bus.

(Journey across Antarctica's varied terrains, dive with leopard seals, and dodge the ocean waves caused by a collapsing glacier with Marcus Goddard's work Life Emerging: Antarctica).

> Please find permission slip <u>here</u>., Fee\$25 Online Payment and Form due 30 September.

VOLUNTARY ABSENCES

Please understand that if you are choosing to take extended holidays when classes are in session, teachers cannot replicate the learning that happens within the classroom and are not able to provide online learning.

Our teachers do their very best to support students during required absences due to illness, however, when the absence is voluntary and a family's choice (such as extending a weekend, holiday, or vacation), it is a family's responsibility to maintain academic learning at home. Please take time to read with your child, have them write in a "holiday" journal, do Math IXL online, participate in any assignments shared via Google Classroom (intermediate students), and take advantage of other emergent opportunities to practise foundational skills (e.g. following instructions and using math while cooking).

Families may email their child's teacher(s) to see if there is other work their child can do, however, our teachers' energy and focus continues to be on the learning of students within the classroom



DISTRICT

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MONTHLY ONLINE EVENTS FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS FALL 2023

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Workers.

Emotion Regulation

ADHD - The Real Deal

Speaker: Dr. Don Duncan

Join us to watch a video and talk

FamilySmart Parent Peer Support

familysmart.ca/events

heretohelp

with other families about what helps. Online events are facilitated by

Speaker: Nicole Allen, RCC

Every month, we host events for parents & caregivers who are parenting a child or youth with a mental health and/ or substance use challenge called "in the know."

SEPTEMBER

Mental Health and Preparing for the Transition to Post Secondary Speaker: Dawn Schell, University of Victoria and Melissa Feddersen, University of British

OCTOBER

Columbia Okanagan

Working Together: Families and Schools Speakers: Ashley Ragoonaden, Principal at École KLO Middle School



moving to adulthood

supports for youth with diverse abilities

Please join us for an evening of discussion & transition related resources for youth & families

Inclusive resources and community connections

Continuing the supports for diverse learners

Special visit



The Journey to Adulthood 12–26 year olds

October 4th, 2023

Doors open at 6 pm Event from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

North Vancouver Education Services Centre

5th floor - 2121 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver Street parking is available

RSVP <u>here</u> drop ins are also welcome!

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COHORT 1

COHORT 2

There is no cost for this club but students need to have access to a di

A Coding Club for Girls in

Grades 6, 7 and 8



Open House Information Session for Professionals

The Help for the Hard Times Workshop series provides a framework for parents/caregivers to consider as they support their child after a crisis. The workshop includes practical strategies, tips and tools that support caring, connected relationships.

Join this information session to learn more about Help for the Hard Times, and how you, as a Healthcare Provider, Service Provider, Educator, Police and RCMP can help connect families to this free workshop.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

How to support a safety plan at home How to take care of yourself and family after a crisis How to find the resources you need

DATES: September 13th, October 4th, November 8th, December 13th

TIME: 12pm - 1pm (PST)

To register: familysmart.ca/events













PLEASE CONTACT CARI WILSON -<u>cwilson@wvschools.ca</u> Registration Open until 6th October

GIRLS WITH SUPERPOWERSI

Week Beginning 25th September - WEST BAY PAC



West Bay PAC WhatsApp group



PAC FALL APPLE FUNDRAISER ORDER BY 7TH OCTOBER

Click <u>here</u> to place your order.

Delivery week of 16th October final delivery tbc



PAC AVAILABLE POSITIONS

We have two positions vacant in the PAC EXEC; both are for "Members at Large", one for the parents in kindergarten and one for the other parents. If interested please complete the form linked in below :

AGM PAC NOMINATION FORM

PAC MEETING TIMES 2023/24 Please take a couple of seconds to complete the survey <u>here</u> as to your preferred times for 23/24 PAC Meetings.

Scott Slater Principal West Bay Elementary | Cypress Park Primary IB World Schools

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I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, on whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides.