



WEST BAY
ELEMENTARY

THE WOLF

Week Beginning Monday 16th October, 2023

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The West Vancouver Memorial Library had a banner year with over 1900 students participating in the Summer Reading Program. West Bay students were awesome, not only registering for the program but in meeting their 50-day reading goals. We are so proud of all that participated! The news is now official ... we were the winners of the large school category!

Congratulations! Once engraved, the trophy will return "home" and will have a place of honour in our school display case.

STUDENT ABSENCES

IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE sbarrie@wvschools.ca 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.*

FIRST BELL GOES AT 08:55

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

DISMISSAL IS 3:00 PM

There is no supervision after school.

FIELD PARKING

Only available to Kindergarten families and West Bay Staff.

DROPPING OFF ITEMS

The drop off area is labelled by the school office - please label what you are leaving with your child's name and homeroom.



GRADE 7 VOLLEYBALL SEASON

FIRST GAMES 17 OCTOBER VS BICS
BOYS AWAY AND GIRLS AT HOME

PERMISSION SLIP [HERE](#)
TO BE RETURNED BY 13 OCT
WITH \$50 CHEQUE FOR JERSEY DEPOSIT

ONLINE ACTIVITY PAYMENT OF \$10 DUE ON
SCO ONCE PERMISSION SLIPS ARE RETURNED.

DIWALI - FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Meeting in school
office at 09:15 AM on
Tuesday 17 Oct for
those parents
interested in helping to
organize this event.



COLLECTION OF APPLES

Orders can be collected in the
turnaround on the two early dismissal
days - 18th and 19th October
@ 11:45 AM.



MOUNTAIN WEST PHOTOS

HOW TO PLACE ORDERS - by 25 OCTOBER
(Late fee will be applied after 25th)

CLICK [HERE](#) TO PLACE ORDER
WITH THE WEBCODE THAT WAS
PROVIDED TO YOUR CHILD ON 5TH
OCTOBER.

LOST YOUR CODE CLICK [HERE](#)
Select "No code? Click here"
Enter your child's last name, grade and
student number.

RETAKES ON ARE 2ND NOVEMBER
If you would like your child to have a
retake click [here](#) and sign up by 30
October.

NEED SUPPORT
CLICK [HERE](#) OR EMAIL
help@mountainwest.ca

2024-25 REGISTRATION

KINDERGARTEN AND CATCHMENT GRADE 1-12

Online Registration opens on
Monday 16th October, 2023 from
08:00 am in the morning.

All supporting documentation to
be uploaded at time of registration
to the link provided.

Documents Required to be
uploaded [here](#) in PDF format.

GRADE 7 FAMILIES

Families do not need to register for
Rockridge. If you are applying for
another district high school, and
reside out of catchment for that
school, you cannot register ONLINE
before mid January 2024.

If you need your vaccination
records for applications please
click [here](#) to access with your BC
Services Card.

FENCING CLASS - GR 2-7 SPACES AVAILABLE

16 OCT - 11 DEC @ 07:35 AM
SPACES STILL AVAILABLE

Call 604-990-8889

To register

OCTOBER CALENDAR

16	24-25 Registration Opens Online for Kindergarten and Catchment Grade 1-12
16	Fencing Mondays until 11 December
17	Volleyball Game #1 vs BICS
17	Online Sign up for Learning Conferences closes at 10:00 PM
18-19	Learning Conferences Early Dismissal at 11:45
20	Professional Development Day
23	ELL Parent Tea - Library @ 09:00
23	1st Math Club @ 08:15
24	Volleyball Game #2 vs Westcot
31	Volleyball Game #3 vs Cedardale

LEARNING CONFERENCES

**18 and 19 October
11:45 DISMISSAL**

Getting the Most Out of Them

On October 18th and 19th we will be dismissing students early at 11:45 to provide the opportunity for Student Learning Conferences.

Student Learning Conferences have been referred to as the speed-dating of the education world. We know that time slots are short, but that doesn't mean they can't be effective. The value of the home-school connections is really important and benefits our children, so here are a few tips to help you get the most from this valuable time.

Write Your Questions Down

Before your time, really think through any questions you have or concerns you might want to address. You might want the teacher's perspective on books to recommend or maybe the math homework seems to be taking your child longer to complete than it should, and you're not sure how much you should intervene. This is the time.

Get Your Child's Input

In some cases your child will be included in the conference, so talk to them before the conference. If they are young and new to the idea, explain that these conferences are helpful for both the teacher and the parents to ensure everyone is working together so they can have a positive year. Ask them: Is there's anything they think is important to discuss.

Ask this Question

Consider this question: "How can I support my child at home?" This gives teachers an opportunity to talk about academic or social areas in which your child would benefit from help or reinforcement. Please don't ask "So how's my kids doing?" or "How does my kid compare to other kids in the class?" These types of questions are broad and not helpful to supporting your child.

Stick to the Schedule

Most of the time the 10 minute conference is going to feel sufficient, but if you feel like your child is struggling at all this probably will not feel like enough time to problem solve. Remember, though, that this can be the start of the conversation, not the end. If you hit on an issue that requires more conversation than you can fit in, make a plan to follow-up through email, phone, or another virtual meeting. This isn't your only opportunity to talk to your child's teacher for the rest of the school year.



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LEARNING CONFERENCES

**18 and 19 October 11:45 DISMISSAL
FIELD WILL BE OPEN FOR PARKING**

(Online Booking Closes 10:00 pm on 17 Oct)

**To register for a conference
please click [here](#):**

1. Register for an account by clicking the "REGISTER" menu tab and filling in the online form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "Register Now" button.
2. Add your children into the system by clicking the "Add a Student" button. Click "Insert New" button to add more children.
3. Click the "date" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with and the "View Calendars" button. Use the "Ctrl" or "Command" key to select multiple staff to view at the same time.
4. Click on available time slots to book your appointments and then click the "Book Appointments" button to save your bookings.
5. Any questions please contact your child/children's teacher.

All appointments are expected to be in person but reach out to your child's teacher if you prefer a virtual conference.

TERRY FOX RUN

Last Friday West Bay students ran for Terry and raised \$703.65 for cancer. Thank you to everyone who made donations to this cause and to our Grade 7 leaders who marshalled the course.



HALLOWEEN GUIDELINES

As students and families start to think about costumes, to ensure the day is fun for everyone, please observe the following dos and don'ts:

- ❖ Feel welcome to dress in a costume or not
- ❖ Continue to avoid costumes that promote cultural stereotypes. If you're looking for information on cultural appropriation vs. cultural appreciation, click [here](#) for a CBC video; and for a great list of questions to ask about whether a costume is appropriate or not, click [here](#) to see information from UBC's Equity & Inclusion Office.
- ❖ Avoid masks, beyond, of course, medical masks worn for health reasons
- ❖ Do not bring any item that resembles a weapon
- ❖ Wear something comfortable that can be worn all day and can withstand being outside in any weather
- ❖ Students should be able to put on their costume and take it off to use the bathroom by themselves
- ❖ Avoid scented items that might irritate others (e.g. some hair colouring products)
- ❖ Come to school in your costume; students won't be able to visit the washroom for the purpose of costume updates
- ❖ Students should avoid bringing in Halloween candy as eating high sugar foods, and/or the idea of eating high-sugar foods, often distracts students from learning. Candy may be held for students and returned at the end of the day but is best avoided to begin with.

Thank you!



WELCOME

West Bay is very happy to welcome 5 teaching candidates who are joining us for the 23-24 School Year. If they will be working in your child's classroom, Principal Slater will have written you already.



Victoria de Minckwitz
Victoria will be in Ms. Ng's Class Division 12 Grade 2



Alison Bowles
Alison will be in Mrs Huggett's Class Division 14 Grade 1



Ilse Meersman
Ilse will be in Ms. Standfield's Class Division 10 Grade 3



Laura Olljum
Laura will be in Mrs. McGrath's Class Division 15 Kindergarten



Tatomme Flanagan
Tatomme will be in Ms. Millhouse's Class Division 13 Grade 1

SCO ONLINE PAYMENTS DUE CLICK [HERE](#)

Grade 7 Volleyball Players
\$10 Activity Fee Now Due
Grade 4 Students

Field Trip to Lynn Canyon
Permission Slip [here](#) for Division 8
and [here](#) for Division 7
\$27 due online by 24 October.

ELL PARENT TEA

We look forward to welcoming our ELL parents in the West Bay Library - Monday 23rd October at 09:00 - for coffee and presentation.



WEST BAY MATH CLUB STARTS MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER @ 08:15 AM, GRADES 2-7

West Bay will have a Math Club occurring on Mondays from 8:15-8:45 AM for students in Grades 2 to 7, beginning October 23rd and ending December 11.

Math Club is an opportunity for students of varying ages to have fun learning math together and support each other with peer mentoring as they reinforce skills and conceptual understandings and learn new skills together.

The Club is being organized by West Bay parents with the support of West Bay administration and school staff. Students will be supervised by West Bay parents and only indirectly supervised by West Bay staff.

If you or your child is interested, please indicate that [here](#).



WE SCARE HUNGER - COMING SOON

Grade 6 students have been learning about social justice issues for their "How we Express Ourselves" Unit of Inquiry and will be collecting food donations for local food banks.

December 2022

WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Things to consider if your child feels unwell:

- 1. 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.
- 3. 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 <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca>
- Sneezes and Diseases – online at <https://sneezesdiseases.com/>
- BCCDC – online at [Schools \(bccdc.ca\)](https://schools.bccdc.ca)
- VCH – online at [Children, youth & schools - Vancouver Coastal Health \(vch.ca\)](https://children.youthandschools.vch.ca)
- School Administrators can also contact their School Public Health Nurse



NO SUCH THING AS BAD WEATHER
JUST INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Please ensure your child/ren are dressed in appropriate outdoor clothing for the inclement weather ahead and have a change of clothes in their backpack.



BYOD LETTER - GRADE 4-7 STUDENTS
BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

Click [here](#) for 23-24 Computer Recommendation



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

USEFUL LINKS

[23-24 YEAR IN A GLANCE CALENDAR](#)

[23-24 PROGRAM OF INQUIRY](#)

[SUPPORTING PYP LEARNER](#)

[IB PYP PROGRAM OF INQUIRY](#)

[5 WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AS A PYP PARENT](#)

[MUNCHALUNCH](#)

[MYEDUCATION BC](#)

[SCHOOLCASHONLINE](#)

[OPEN PARACHUTE](#)

[DRIVER'S FORM FOR FIELD TRIPS](#)

**PARENT TO PARENT MESSAGING
RE TRAFFIC AND RULES IN THE TURNAROUND**

Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you in good health and spirits. I am writing to you today to kindly remind everyone about the essential traffic regulations pertaining to drop off and pick up at our beloved school. It is crucial that we all abide by these rules to ensure the safety of our precious children.

Firstly, there should be no passing at the roundabout (in order to pull ahead of stationary cars). This is a fundamental rule that must be strictly adhered to in order to maintain a smooth flow of traffic. Furthermore, refrain from parking at the roundabout, as it causes unnecessary congestion and delays for other parents and caregivers.

Additionally, if you are waiting for your child(children) in your vehicle, please remain in your car. This ensures that the traffic keeps moving when the car in front of you proceeds forward. By doing so, we can prevent any unnecessary obstruction and maintain a smooth pick up and drop off process.

Moreover, everyone is urged to be mindful of their speed while driving in the vicinity of the school. The sidewalks tend to be narrow, and our little ones may accidentally trip off the sidewalk (as I have witnessed quite often) especially during peak hours when everyone is walking home. It is our collective responsibility to exercise caution and ensure their safety at all times.

Finally, please avoid blocking driveways during drop off or pick up. This inconvenience can disrupt the lives of the fellow community members, and we should strive to be considerate and respectful of their needs.

In conclusion, let us work hand in hand to prioritize the safety of our children by faithfully adhering to these traffic regulations that have been put in place for their well-being. By doing so, we create a secure and harmonious environment for our students and their families.

Thank you for your attention to these matters, and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any further questions or concerns.

Warm regards - **Grade 2 Parent - Mr and Mrs Kang**



PAC AVAILABLE POSITIONS

We have one position vacant for the parents in kindergarten. If interested please complete the form linked in below :

[AGM PAC NOMINATION FORM](#)

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

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. 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 hotlunchwb@gmail.com.

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

Returning parents can login [here](#)

New parents can login [here](#)

Students need to have their own eating utensils for lunch, these are not provided.

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Connect
and Learn

MONTHLY ONLINE EVENTS FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS
FALL 2023

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 Columbia Okanagan

OCTOBER

Working Together: Families and Schools

Speakers: Ashley Ragoonaden, Principal at École KLO Middle School

NOVEMBER

Emotion Regulation

Speaker: Nicole Allen, RCC

DECEMBER

ADHD - The Real Deal

Speaker: Dr. Don Duncan

Join us to watch a video and talk with other families about what helps. Online events are facilitated by FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Workers.

familysmart.ca/events



Kay Meek Theatre is offering discounted tickets to the following concerts:

- Trio Fibonacci – Apply code TRIOF5
- Serenades and Divertimenti – apply code VETTA

Link to the website:

<https://kaymeek.com/events/triofibonacci-1022>

[CLICK HERE FOR PROMO CODES](#)

Scott Slater

Principal

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Pronouns: He/Him/His

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I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Sk̓wxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, on whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides.

Dear West Bay Families,

As was communicated last Spring, the Ministry of Education and Child Care has implemented a new Learning Update Policy which defines and provides direction for the ways our school will be communicating your child’s learning.

The goal of the Learning Updates is to provide personalized, descriptive feedback to effectively communicate with students, parents, and caregivers about where students are in their learning, next steps, and how families and teachers can work together to support student growth.

The provincial Reporting Policy mandates that students in Kindergarten through Grade 9 will be assessed using a four-point proficiency scale and students in Grade 10 through Grade 12 courses will be assessed using letter grades and percentages. Each term, students at all levels will be sharing self-reflections and making goals around British Columbia’s Core Competencies: Communication Skills, Thinking Skills, and Personal and Social Competencies.

Teachers will be communicating and reporting throughout the year in the following formats:

- 3 Formal Written Learning Updates (2 Mid-year Learning Updates in December and March, and 1 Summary of Learning in June)
- 2 Informal Learning Updates (e.g. Parent-Teacher Conferences in October and Student Learning Conferences on May 1 and 2)

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, responsible for creating reporting requirements, has provided [reporting information for parents and caregivers](#) in the following languages: [English](#), [French](#), [Chinese \(Simplified and Traditional\)](#), [Tagalog](#), [Farsi](#), [Urdu](#), [Punjabi Gurmukhi](#)

Should you have any further questions, please reach out to me.

Sincerely,
Scott Slater