



THE WOLF



**WEST BAY
ELEMENTARY**

Week Beginning Monday 11th December, 2023

[West Bay Website](#)

2024-25 KINDERGARTEN AND CATCHMENT GR 1-7, [CLICK HERE](#) FOR DETAILS



HANUKKAH

The first night of Hanukkah starts at nightfall on Thursday 7 December which is when the first candle is lit. The final candles are lit on Thursday evening, 14th December, and the holiday concludes the following day, 15th December.

WHERE WE ARE IN TIME AND PLACE

"Throughout times, humans have sought to understand the universe."

On Monday, December 11, 2023, Grade 6 students will be traveling to the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre.

The buses will leave West Bay at 9:15 AM and will return at 2:30 PM. Students will be dismissed from West Bay as usual at 3:00 PM. Please ensure your child arrives at West Bay by 9:00 AM so that we can take attendance outside and depart on time.



WILLY WONKA PERFORMANCES 13 and 14 December, 7:00 PM

Please see [here](#) the email that went out on Wednesday about details for Dress Rehearsal and Evening Performances on 13th and 14th December.

All paid tickets will come home with students on Monday 11th December, please bring with you to the theatre as tickets will be checked on the door.

GOLDEN TICKET CHOCOLATE BARS TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER

Will be sold Tuesday morning recess by Grade 7 Students in the main foyer. The cost of the bars are \$5 and 100 percent of the proceeds will go towards the Grade 7 Fundraiser. There are 3 golden tickets to be won hidden in some of the bars.

HOLIDAY HAMPERS

Wrapping tomorrow
in Learning Commons



West Bay families we need you to please bring in the hamper gifts you signed up to buy for our holiday hampers. All gifts need to be brought to school no later than the end of today. Let's help make the holidays a little bit brighter for our 16 families we are supporting. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition!
Gifts will be wrapped and delivered tomorrow - Friday 8th December.

Please text or WhatsApp on 604-839-8114 if you are able to help with wrapping in the Learning Commons tomorrow after drop off.

December 4th Professional Learning Day

Schools throughout our District had Indigenous Education as their professional learning focus for this past Monday's Professional Learning Day. At West Bay, this included learning some of the Squamish Language.

Elder Alroy Baker visited the Cypress Park and West Bay staffs to teach about common greetings and other phrases that staff and students could use.

Staff also had some planning time to incorporate, in a meaningful and ongoing way, indigenous knowledge, understandings, and authentic texts, to support Units of Inquiry.

Huy Chexw (Thank you)

HOLIDAY HATS TOMORROW

First of our Festive Fridays



BUSKERS CORNER

(08:30 AM to 08:55 AM)

Main School Foyer



Week 11th Dec

Week 18th Dec

Sam H
Grade 5 Student
playing this week

Contact the office
if you would like
to play

DECEMBER

7-15	Hanukkah
8	Hamper Wrapping in LC
8	Festive Friday - Holiday Hats
8	1st Report Card Published
11	Last Fencing Class Grade 6s to Space Centre
12	Last Steamoji Class
13	Willy Wonka Dress Rehearsal 7:00 pm Evening Performance
14	7:00 pm Evening Performance
15	Holiday Sweaters/Last Chess Class
20	Last Hot Lunch Day
22	Festive Friday - Holiday PJs Singalong @ 10:50 Early Dismissal at 11:45

[CLICK HERE TO PAY](#)

Grade 7 Students 21 December

Click [here](#) for permission slip.
Payment of \$23 due online by 14 Dec.

WILLY WONKA TICKETS

Payment due tomorrow - tickets home
on 11th December.



Rockridge Music Department Presents:

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Rockridge Winter Concert

Thursday, December 7
6:30PM
Rockridge Gym

Featuring...

Choir, Jr. & Sr. Concert Bands,
A & B Jazz Bands, and Drumline

Admission by Donation





WEST BAY ELEMENTARY

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Friday, December 8th, your child's/children's Term One Learning Update(s) will be uploaded to the MyEducation Family Portal. This letter contains information about how to access the MyEducation Family Portal as well as information about changes to the way we report on student progress and areas for further learning.

Accessing the Family Portal

If you are new to West Bay, you should have received an email from the email address "sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca" with instructions for how to create a MyEd. Family Portal account. This account will allow you to access your child's/children's Learning Updates (report cards), Annual Instructional Plans (AIPs) for English Language Learners, and Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for students with a Ministry Designation. If you did not receive this email, please search your junk folder and if it didn't land there, please contact Ms. Barrie (sbarrie@wvschools.ca).

On Friday, December 8th, you will receive another email from sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca with details about accessing the Term One Learning Updates. Detailed instructions and videos for accessing the Updates are available [here](#).

Changes to the Way We Share Information on Student Progress

Written reports regarding student progress are now called "Learning Updates" (terms one and two) and "Summary of Learning" (term three). There are some changes to the Learning Updates that are helpful for families to know:

There is a Proficiency scale used by Kindergarten to Grade 9 students in British Columbia that can be accessed [here](#) and will be attached to your child's report. Our goal is for students to be Proficient in all areas of learning, and for some students, extending their learning in certain areas.

Learning Updates are focused on skills and competencies that students develop, rather than a recap of topics of learning except for some descriptions in the Units of Inquiry area. Curriculum is shared via other means such as emails from teachers about the class's program of inquiry.

On several areas of the Learning Update are "Areas for Future Growth and Learning" which identify the ways learners can be supported at school and home to further their skills and competencies.

The Reports are very personalized so while reports share many similarities between students in a class, specific descriptive feedback has been selected for your child.

English Language Learners will receive an AIP (Annual Instructional Plan) but students with a Ministry Designation will not receive an IEP Progress Report. IEPs were recently updated with families in October and assessments on IEP goals and objectives will be given through progress reports in terms two and three. Updated IEPs have, however, been uploaded to the Portal.

Teachers spend a tremendous amount of time creating Learning Updates and I appreciate your time in reviewing them.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Learning Updates, IEPs, AIPs or other matters, please reach out to teachers or me.

Warm regards,

Scott Slater

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Principal

West Bay Elementary | Cypress Park Primary

IB World Schools

Pronouns: He/Him/His

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WHERE WE ARE IN TIME AND PLACE - Gr 7, Div 2

Contributions of ancient civilizations to modern day

Click [here](#) to hear more from Yubin K

Ancient Greek Clothing

By Yubin K.



HOW THE WORLD WORKS - Gr 7, Div 2

Understanding the Foundations of Chemistry
Compounds and Molecules



Does having a lot of marshmallows mean it is automatically a compound?

What is a key takeaway you had from this experiment?

Margo L knows the answers click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Grade 7 students will continue their exploration into "Understanding the Foundations of Chemistry" with their upcoming field trip to SFU on 21st December.

MORE IB INFORMATION BELOW
[23-24 PROGRAM OF INQUIRY](#)
[SUPPORTING PYP LEARNER](#)
[IB PYP PROGRAM OF INQUIRY](#)



HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Cheerful Craft Fair at West Bay last Friday! Amazing gifts and crafts from talented students and families. Thank you to Grade 7 families and teachers for organising this annual West Bay tradition.



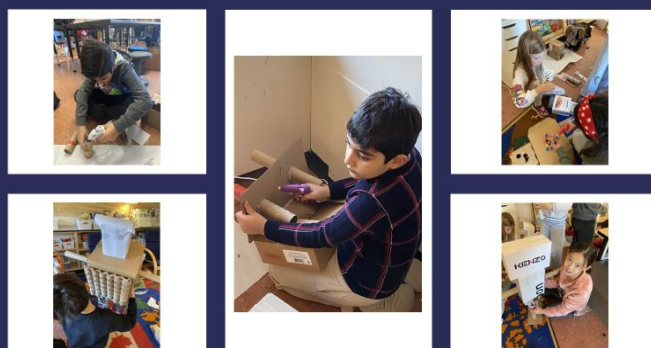
FIELD HOCKEY, K TO GRADE 7s

Students had the opportunity to work with coach Lauren to learn about field hockey. They had fun practicing simple skills and playing games. We have some very talented students that play this sport and it was fantastic to see them step up as leaders.

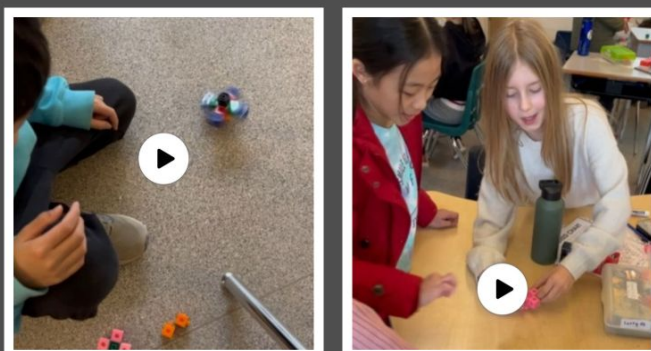


BUILDING ROBOTS

Division 10 students have been enjoying the Wild Robot series of novels. Making robot models seemed like the next step! Students made a plan, they brought materials from home, and started to build. They had a lot of fun with this project!



Students in Division 5 made their own spinners and then recorded the elapsed time from the start of their spinning to the end of it spinning. The record was 33 seconds! They used their social skills to work in a partnership and worked on being principled by using no more than 10 cubes.



STUDENT VS STAFF VOLLEYBALL GAMES

A great way to finish up the Volleyball season with Grade 7 vs staff games. The battles were hard fought and the energy in the gym was positive and amazing.



FESTIVE FRIDAYS COMING UP IN DECEMBER and DECORATIONS DAY

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER
HOLIDAY HATS



FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER
HOLIDAY SWEATERS



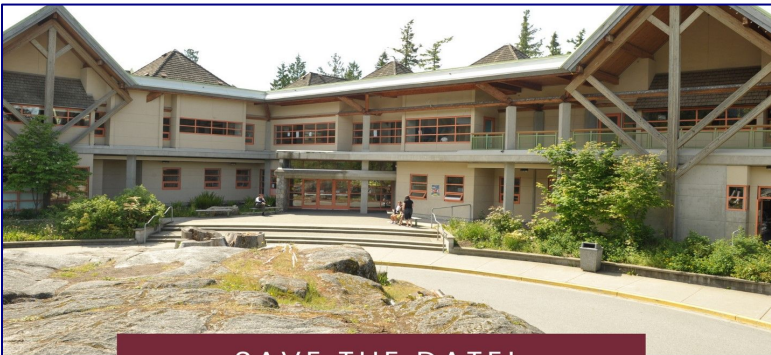
WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER
DECORATIONS DAY



FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER
SINGALONG AT 10:50 AM



EARLY DISMISSAL AT 11:45



SAVE THE DATE!

FOR OUR ANNUAL
INFORMATION NIGHT FOR
INCOMING GRADE 8 STUDENTS AND
FAMILIES



Date: Thursday, January 11th, 2024
Time: 7pm
Where: Rockridge Secondary
5350 Headland Drive, West Vancouver

MONDAYS
GR 2-7
(08:15 AM)
MATH CLUB
8 JAN START

If you are able to help out in the new year.


Contact us
[HERE](#)

Something new for Monday 18th December - Making and Breaking Secret Codes.

See poster
[HERE](#)

TUESDAYS
GR 1-7
(3:15 PM)
INTRO TO
COMPUTING
9 JAN - 12 MARCH

Registration Form [here](#) needs to be emailed to



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WEST BAY
LEARNING CENTRE

INTRO TO COMPUTING
VEX ROBOTICS (10-WEEK PROGRAM)
Physical Computing is about much more than learning to code. In this Program, apprentices will start their Robotics journey by creating code that controls a vehicle they've built and tested themselves. As well as learning key coding concepts, they will work on building and problem-solving skills.

DATES
January 9th
January 16th
January 23rd
January 30th
February 6th
February 13th
February 20th
February 27th
March 5th
March 12th

WEDNESDAYS
GR 5-7
(08:00 AM)
DEBATE CLUB
17 JAN START

So far we have covered how to construct a hook, the basics of debate, and most importantly how to come up with and write the different parts of an argument. After the break we plan on utilizing all of these skills and host small in house debate tournaments.

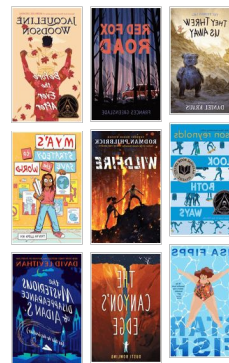
Furthermore, we will be learning more complex skills such as refutation, rebuilding, and how to speak confidently with style. We hope to pair all of this with some content lectures about current events and key knowledge points to succeed in complex debate motions. All of this will be done through fun team based activity whether it be through trivia, or competing for prizes, or collaborative projects.

JASON AND JERRY

THURSDAYS
ALL GRADES
(08:30 AM)
QUIET READING
11 JAN START

WVML
RECOMMENDS

High-interest, quick reads for Grades 4-7, all 250 pages or less. As always grade recommendations are not rules and every reader is different!



FRIDAYS
GR 2-7
(08:15 AM)
CHESS
12 JAN START

In Term 1 of the Chess Club, we can assess the progress of each student and acknowledge the significant improvements made by all.

As we approach the end of the year, reflecting on the journey, we observe the remarkable progress each student has made. The students have grown a substantial amount since the beginning of the year, and the students have truly evolved. They have acquired a wealth of knowledge, including various gambits, chess etiquette, castling, pinning, skewering, and much more.

Every single student should take pride in their efforts throughout the term. Looking ahead to the next term, I am enthusiastic about delving into more complex gambits and introducing competitive play among the students. A heartfelt thank you to all the students who actively participated throughout the year.

Thank you again,
Nima- West Bay
Student Chess Master

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

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](#)

SPECIAL NOTE

13th December - Gr 4-7 All Day Dress Rehearsal
Lunches ordered for 13 December will be refunded

22nd December - 11:45 Dismissal
If you ordered lunch for this day your account will be credited.
Last Hot Lunch Wednesday 20th.

RESPECTING OUR SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT
"Pack it in Pack it out Lunches"

We ask that whatever comes in your child's lunch bag goes home in their lunch bag, including empty juice boxes and wrappers. This way we will create far less garbage at school and you will have a better idea of what your child is finishing for lunch.



WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Things to consider if your child feels unwell :

1. 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 or measles)
- ❖ **Is vomiting or has diarrhea. It is recommended that students be symptom free for at least 24 hours before returning to school.**

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 your child's teacher on the morning of the early departure 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.*

**PREPARING
FOR WINTER WEATHER**
CLICK [HERE](#)
FOR MORE INFORMATION

USEFUL LINKS

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

[23-24 PROGRAM OF INQUIRY](#)

[MUNCHALUNCH](#)

[MYEDUCATION BC](#)
[MYED PARENT PORTAL HELP](#)
[VIDEO VERSION HERE](#)

[SCHOOLCASHONLINE](#)

[OPEN PARACHUTE](#)

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

GRADE 7 FAMILIES - HIGH SCHOOL

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 15 January 2024.

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

FEEDING FUTURES INITIATIVE

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 ([Scott Slater](#)) if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

Please use your WeChat to scan and join us!

请使用微信扫码，加入我们吧！



Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, we are sharing the survey information below to help inform the Province’s [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives:

We know that many families depend on school-age child care to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent’s full work day. That is why the Province’s [ChildCareBC plan](#) is working to expand access to child care for all families that want and need it.

The Ministry of Education and Child Care is conducting a parent survey to better understand the regional and provincial demand for school age child care.

While we know there is unmet demand for school-aged child care, there is no current provincial or regional data quantifying the demand. Your participation will help the Province plan for future school-aged child care expansions.

This survey is intended for all parents, regardless of the type of child care you currently use or even if you are not using any child care at all.

Rec Centre Happenings:

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>

Let’s Play Wheelchair Basketball
At WV rec centre
Drop ins welcome! Ages 5-12
All equipment and wheelchairs are provided
Registration is [here](#)

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West Vancouver Little League registration is open!
Spring baseball for ages 5-16

We have girls only programs this year!
<https://wvll.ca/registration/>