

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

**HOLIDAY SWEATERS
TOMORROW**

Second of our Festive Fridays



GRADE 7 FIELD TRIP - 21 DEC

West Bay Grade 7 students will travel to Simon Fraser University on December 21st, 2023, to participate in Chemistry Lab activities. This trip supports our exploration into “How the World Works,” specifically, following the line of inquiry “Understanding the Foundations of Chemistry,” related to the Central Idea, “*Understanding the nature of matter allows people to use it.*” Students will be traveling by school bus. We will leave at 9 AM and return at 1 PM.



BUSKERS CORNER

(08:30 AM to 08:55 AM)
Main School Foyer

Week 18th Dec

Let the school office know if you would like to play

18th - Jennifer D
19th - Arjun E
21st - Daniel Z

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.*

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the West Bay Holiday Hampers! The project was a tremendous success again this year with over 300 sign-up spots filled, and we successfully delivered gifts and grocery cards to 42 children and their parents from 16 families in need at Westview and Edmonds schools.

The schools were beyond grateful and so happy to be able to pass along gifts and essentials for these families to make their holiday bright. Thank you all for making a difference!

The families in need included families on the North Shore and in Burnaby, some of whom are new Canadians and may not yet have essentials for the kids. Even with access to services, there is often a shortfall and no extras for gifts under the tree. Parents asked for grocery cards, kitchen items, even a carpet so the family had a warm place to sit on the floor when eating!

Thankfully, with your help, we know the hamper families will be able to enjoy some special treats and have groceries for the holiday season. 😊

Thank you to all the parents, staff, and students who helped make this happen. Happy Holidays!

West Bay PAC, Holiday Hamper Committee, and Student Elves

**HAMPER
SLOTS FILLED**

308



**CHILDREN
GIVEN GIFTS**

42



**FAMILIES
GIFTS + GROCERIES**

16



IMPACT: IMMEASURABLE!

DECEMBER

15 Holiday Sweaters/
Last Chess Class

20 Last Hot Lunch Day

22 Festive Friday - Holiday PJs
Singalong @ 10:50
Early Dismissal at 11:45

JANUARY 2024

08 First Day Back to School

08 Math Club Before School

09 Sign up by 5:00 pm for New
Session of Hot Lunch - details in
this edition of the Wolf

09 First Steamoji After School

11 Quiet Reading in LC Before
School

11 Rockridge Information Evening
at 7:00 pm for Gr 7 Families

12 Chess in the Mornings Begins

15 Out of Catchment Registration
Opens Online

15 First Hot Lunch in New Session

17 First Debate Club Before School

19 Rockridge VP Visit in AM to Gr 7s

23 Lockdown Drill @ 1:30 PM

23 Basketball Game #1 - Gr 7

24 PAC Meeting @ 7:00 PM

29 Professional Development
Day

30 Basketball Game #2 - Gr 7

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.

FUN BEHIND THE SCENES WITH A GREAT FIRST PERFORMANCE OF WILLY WONKA TO FOLLOW

Congratulations and thank you to Ms Gibli and her team of staff, parents and our performers for a great first night of Willy Wonka.

Outstanding job by all!



FESTIVE DATES COMING UP

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER
DECORATIONS DAY



FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER - DISMISSAL AT 11:45 AM
HOLIDAY PJs/STUDENT SINGALONG AT 10:50 AM



TIS THE SEASON ... WILLY WONKA REHEARSALS, BUSKING, HAMPERS, HOLIDAY HATS AND MORE



HOW THE WORLD WORKS

Applying Scientific Understanding to Plan and Build

On Friday, Grade 5s invited their families in for a celebration of learning to showcase their Rube Goldberg machines (*a complex contraption that performs a simple task in a ridiculously complicated manner*). Students were proud to show the results of their hard work and perseverance in creating these complicated machines.



STUDENTS SHOWING LEADERSHIP GRADE 3 STUDENTS

Mikaela, Milana, and Celine planned a Christmas Club for primary students. They organized all the activities, brought all the supplies, and ran the stations themselves. Younger students really enjoyed it!



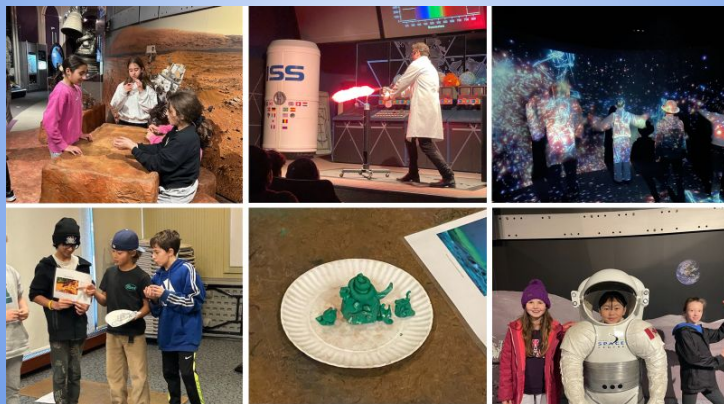
FIELD HOCKEY LEADERSHIP

Such a great opportunity for the grade 6 students to develop their leadership skills. They were awesome! Coach Lauren gave great feedback on how helpful they were with great attitudes.



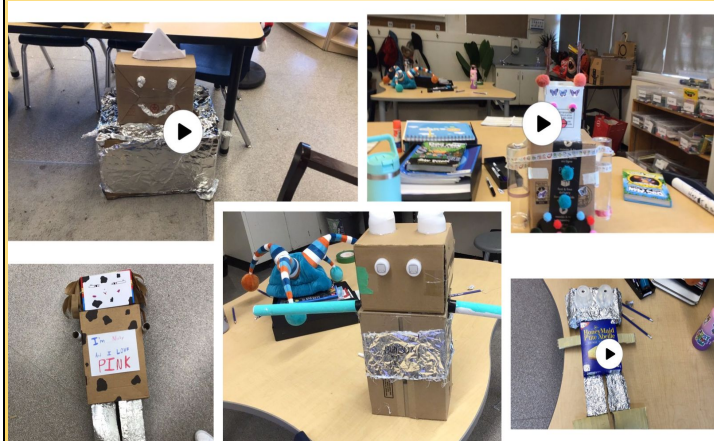
Gr 6 FIELD TRIP - WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME

The Grade 6's went to HR MacMillan Space Centre for a field trip this week. Students had a great time exploring the universe and connecting to their unit of inquiry **Where We Are in Place and Time**. Students saw a show in the Planetarium, explored the space technology in the cosmic courtyard, and became planet hunters to imagine what life in space could look like.



COLLABORATION AND INNOVATION WITH BUDDIES

Division 9 (Gr 3) students used their self management, communication, time management and organisational skills to build some outstanding robots with their buddies; some even had names!



MORE IB INFORMATION BELOW
23-24 PROGRAM OF INQUIRY
SUPPORTING PYP LEARNER
IB PYP PROGRAM OF INQUIRY

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.*

PREPARING FOR WINTER WEATHER AND APPROPRIATE CLOTHING
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 when Out of Catchment Registration opens.

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

Rockridge Vice Principal visiting Gr 7 Classes on 19 January in the AM



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

VOLUNTARY ABSENCES

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).

JANUARY 2024 IN THE LEARNING COMMONS BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL

MONDAYS GR 2-7 (08:15 AM) MATH CLUB 8 JAN START	TUESDAYS GR 1-7 (3:15 PM) INTRO TO COMPUTING 9 JAN - 12 MARCH	WEDNESDAYS GR 5-7 (08:00 AM) DEBATE CLUB 17 JAN START	THURSDAYS ALL GRADES (08:30 AM) QUIET READING 11 JAN START	FRIDAYS GR 2-7 (08:15 AM) CHESS 12 JAN START
<p>If you are able to help out in the new year.</p> <p>Contact us HERE</p> <p>Something new for Monday 18th December - Making and Breaking Secret Codes</p> <p>See poster HERE</p>	<p>Registration Form here needs to be emailed to</p> <p>EMAIL HERE</p> <div><p>steamoji. WEST BAY LEARNING</p><p>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.</p><p>DATES January 9th January 16th January 23rd January 30th February 6th February 13th February 20th February 27th March 5th March 12th</p></div>	<p>After the break we plan on utilizing all of these skills and host small in house debate tournaments.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>JASON AND JERRY</p>	<p>WVML RECOMMENDS</p> <p>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!</p> <div></div>	<p>Looking ahead to the next term, I am enthusiastic about delving into more complex gambits and introducing competitive play among the students.</p> <p>NIMA G - West Bay Student Chess Master</p>

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM - NEW SESSION, JANUARY 2024

Munch-a-Lunch system will remain open until 9th January for ordering/editing for the new season that will begin week of 15th January. 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](#)

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.

Please use your WeChat to scan and join us!

请使用微信扫码，加入我们吧！



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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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.



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

We have girls only programs this year!

<https://wvll.ca/registration/>