



**WEST BAY
ELEMENTARY**

THE WOLF

Week Beginning Monday 8 January, 2024

[West Bay Website](#)



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

**HOLIDAY PJs
TOMORROW**

**SINGALONG
AT 10:50**

**EARLY
DISMISSAL
AT 11:45 AM**



That's a Wrap!

The older I get, the quicker it feels that time goes by but when I stop to think about all that has happened in just the last four months of Term One of 2023, it certainly feels like a long, full, and wonderful four months. I hope you and your family enjoy taking stock of all that has happened in 2023 as we look forward to making 2024 a great year. I hope it is a great period of rest, relaxation, and recreation for West Bay learners and their families. Wishing you all the best this holiday season and best wishes for 2024!

Mr. Slater



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.

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.**

BUSKING CONTINUES

Contact the office
If your child would like to BUSK week
beginning 8 January
08:30-08:55 AM



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).

DECEMBER 2023

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 Grade 4s Snowshoeing
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
31	Hearing Screening for Ks

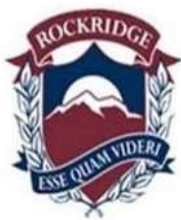
HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Vaccination records for applications please click [here](#) access with your BC Services Card OR email below
Northshorevaccinerecord@vch.ca

SAVE THE DATE!

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

Date: Thursday, January 18th, 2024
Time: 7pm
Where: Rockridge Secondary
5350 Headland Drive, West Vancouver



ROCKRIDGE

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Dear future Ravens,

We look forward to welcoming you to Rockridge's information evening for all prospective families of future Grade 8 students on **Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 7:00 pm.**

Our counselors, teachers, Vice Principals, and I are looking forward to sharing the details about what you need to know as you prepare for your child's transition to Grade 8 at Rockridge.



Agenda

- **6:30 pm:** Refreshments available at the main entrance. Meet some of our staff and parents from the Rockridge PAC as you arrive and get settled for the evening events to begin.
- **7:00 pm:** Gather in Player's Hall for a presentation and Rockridge student panel.
- Presenters will include Mr. Garth Thomson and Mr. Stew Baker, Vice Principals, Ms. Rhonette Millare and Ms. Meghan LeSieur, MYP Coordinators, Mr. Jamal Ahmelich and Ms. Jennifer Radcliffe, Counsellors, Rockridge Gr. 10 Student Mentors.
- **7:30pm:** Rockridge tour with Gr. 10 student mentors. This is also a great opportunity to ask questions of the Rockridge staff, students and parents.



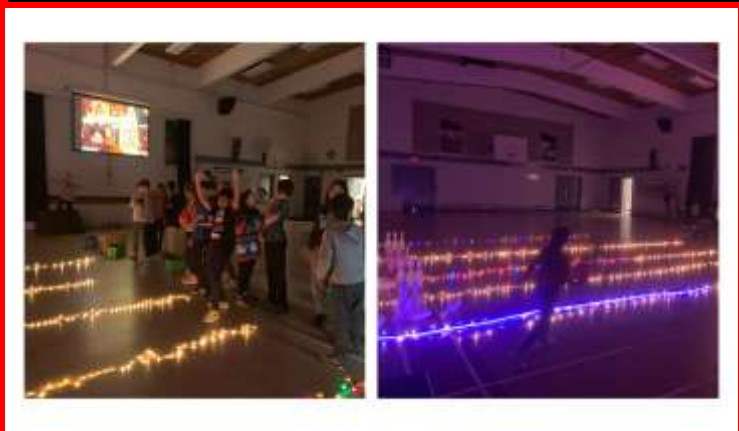
During the course of the evening, you will find out more information on 'all things Rockridge' including:

- Our school and many of our district specialty programs and academies
- Grade 8 MYP curriculum
- Making a successful transition to secondary school
- Extra-curricular activities, sports and clubs



Sincerely,
Mr. Trevor Kolkea,
Principal

A BLEND OF OLD AND NEW WEST BAY TRADITIONS





WILLY WONKA - NIGHT 2 - 14 DECEMBER





STUDENT REFLECTION ON TERM 1 LEARNING

Reflection is an integral part of the IB PYP program, and it helps students to develop their critical thinking skills, self-awareness, and metacognition. Students are encouraged to reflect on their learning experiences and set goals for themselves

1. What was one area of growth that you are proud of this term:

One area of growth I am proud of this term is asking questions.

2. Give 2-3 examples of times you exhibited a learner profile trait this term:

There were a couple times where I needed to be caring. A few times this year a younger student was feeling very nervous for her part as Violet Beauregarde in our upcoming musical. I needed to encourage her and tell her how well she was doing. I was constantly reminding her that she knew her stuff and that I would always be right next to her. Another time was when I was a risk taker. I was a risk taker along with a few friends, we took on a bigger part in the musical than just learning our own parts. We took on choreographing and teaching a ton of dances for the musical.

3. What were two key takeaways you had from our unit on ancient civilizations:

My first takeaway is that we still eat a lot of the dishes that people used to eat in ancient times, without these dishes we might not have some of the most beloved food in the world. My second takeaway is that we still use some of the building styles from ancient times. We use columns which are big decorations, and pillars which are essentially big poles used to hold up buildings.

4. What were two key takeaways from our unit on chemistry:

My first takeaway is learning the periodic table song. It is a great way to learn about the periodic table. Learning about the periodic table is so fun, especially making the element cards. My second takeaway is telling the difference between a compound, a molecule and an atom. Sometimes it can be a little confusing. Once you know the difference then it's easy.

5. What was 1-2 highlights from this term:

My first highlight is practicing and doing the musical. It has been so fun participating in it. My second highlight would be the holiday craft fair. That was so fun selling stuff with my friends and raising money for our grade 7 grad.

6. What is a goal you have for next term:

My goal for next term is saying a few more things in group discussion.

Francesca C, Grade 7 Student

IB LEARNER PROFILE TRAITS

What was your favourite part of being in the Willy Wonka play?

All the kids were hugging each other and saying good job and congratulating each other.

What learner profile traits do you think you had to show in order to do a play?

"I think I had to be a risk taker and a communicator because you have to be able to communicate with all the other people on stage and be able to make eye contact and understand where you're going next and a risk taker because it's nerve-wracking."

Marlow C, Grade 7 Student - Charlie



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



FRAMED PLASTICINE - ART FROM DIV 11 (GR 2)

Students pressed mixed coloured plasticine onto a background and then added cute details on the front. We added white frames to show them off!



BUILDING LITERACY SKILLS IN DIVISION 13 (GR 1)



Students practiced identifying sounds, matching letters, matching words to pictures, read just right books (using Raz Kids), built words, played a game with HFWs and practiced reading cvc words!

SEASONAL CREATIVITY IN ACTION

Look at the amazing Christmas tree we made in Division 15. First we painted, then we sorted, and then we will decorate it.



RISK TAKERS IN DIV 14 (GR 1)

Learning a new game and a few words of Hebrew as we learn more about Hanukkah.



Hanukkah

PREPARING FOR WINTER WEATHER AND
APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION



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](#)

Thank
you ❤️

To all of our parent volunteers for the first term of Hot Lunch - we hope to see you back next term

FIELD TRIPS COMING UP IN 2024

Click [here](#) to pay

Grade 4 Snowshoeing Trip to Cypress Mountain.
Payment of \$42.00 due by 16 January.
Click [here](#) for permission slip.

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.

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.

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

PLEASE PROVIDE
YOUR OWN
UTENSILS

Please ensure your child has their own reusable utensils for their lunches



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](#)

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

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

Contact us [HERE](#)

GYM
MONDAYS
BEFORE
SCHOOL
Fencing in the Gym, Gr 2-7

See Flyer on next page, Scan the QR Code to Register

Begins on 15 January and Ends on 11 March

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



Begins 9 January and ends 12 March.

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

WVML RECOMMENDS

High-interest, quick reads for Grades 4-7, all 250 pages or less.



LIBRARY
PODCAST [HERE](#)
(KIDS READ RADIO)
WHAT IS BEING PUBLISHED, BOOK REVIEWS AND MORE.

Looking ahead to the next term, I am enthusiastic about delving into more complex gambits and introducing competitive play among the students.

NIMA G - West Bay Student Chess Master



WEST VANCOUVER FIELD HOCKEY CLUB
TEACHING THE
"FUN" DAMENTALS OF HOCKEY!

Our students recently learned the "FUNdamentals" of field hockey during an indoor session with West Vancouver Field Hockey Club.

After trying out their hockey skills and games, the children received a certificate and a WVFC wristband. If your child/ children enjoyed the experience and is interested in playing more, contact info@wvfhc.com



Registration for Spring League 2024 opens November 1st 2023
All levels welcome



www.wvfhc.com



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

We have girls only programs this year!

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

FENCING BEFORE SCHOOL ON MONDAYS, GRADE 2-7

Begins 15 January Ends 11th March

Register by scanning QR Code Below



WESTBAY

MONDAYS

January 15, 22
February 5, 12, 26
March 4, 11

Grade 2-7 @ 7:45-8:35AM

CEDARDALE

WEDNESDAYS

January 24, 31
February 7, 14, 21, 28
March 6, 13

Grade 2-7 @ 7:45-8:35AM

CHARTWELL

THURSDAYS

January 25
February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
March 7, 14

Grade 2-7 @ 7:45-8:35AM

WESTCOT

FRIDAYS

January 19, 26
February 2, 9, 23
March 1, 8, 15

Grade 2-7 @ 7:45-8:35AM

COST: \$179 per child (all fencing equipment provided).

FREE brand new fencing mask and glove for new students (value of \$130). Full fencing equipment is available out our pro shop.

New Students - Scan the QR code to register

1. Create Account
2. Drop in to make a payment and
3. Pick up fencing msk and glove (new students only)

Returning Students - Contact us directly

1. Call 604.990.8889 to make a payment and
2. Please bring your equipment from the previous term to classes.



Cybersafe from Exploitation

Parent Presentation



What does exploitation have to do with cyber safety?

Most often times referred to as "sexual exploitation", it involves a minor being taken advantage of sexually. The majority of sexual exploitation is now facilitated digitally through gaming platforms, social media, live stream, and more.

Forms of online sexual exploitation include grooming by predatory people, digital blackmail, intimate image sharing, or sugar daddy scams.

What you'll learn:

Our approach to cyber safety is to address the root causes that would lead to exploitation, as well as provide tangible strategies to break down vulnerabilities that would lead children and youth into online sexual exploitation. Some topics covered include:

- Defining sexual exploitation and why online poses more risk
- Current online exploitation trends
- Effective language to use when talking to kids/ teens
- The red flags and warning signs of grooming
- Sexting, digital consent, and the law
- Digital blackmail into extortion, trends, and what to do
- Information sharing: What is and is not okay
- High risk behaviours on social media platforms
- Addressing risks associated with online gaming platforms
- Age of consent laws and how they can help you as a parent
- How to have effective conversations with your child/ teen



Hosted By:



Jan 23, 2024 7:00PM
Kay Meek Arts Centre

Please use your WeChat to scan and join us!

请使用微信扫码 · 加入我们吧！



West Bay Mandarin Speaking





West Bay PAC

WhatsApp group



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