



WEST BAY
ELEMENTARY

THE WOLF

Week Beginning Monday 15 January, 2024

[West Bay Website](#)



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

2024-25 INTENTIONS [CLICK HERE](#) TO COMPLETE SURVEY

It might seem early to be asking parents whether they expect to have their children at West Bay next September, however, we have already begun to project our enrolment for the 2024-25 school year. These predictions determine whether we will have room for new learners who are anxious to join our community and informs our class configurations.

While we hope to see your family back at West Bay in September 2024, we understand that job transfers happen, plans change, and relocations can occur without much notice.

We are therefore asking that you please indicate on this online form, to the best of your knowledge, whether your child will be continuing at West Bay in September 2024.

Please complete this online form by Friday, January 26th, 2023.

Thank you in advance. Regards,
Scott Slater, Principal

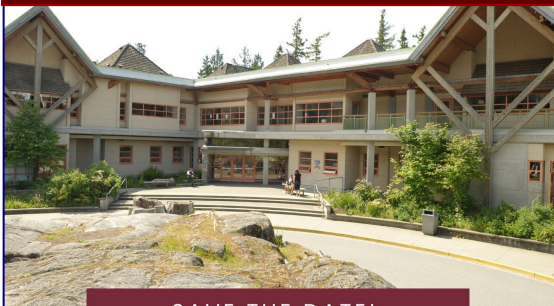
OUT OF CATCHMENT/OUT OF DISTRICT

REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE
AT 08:00 AM ON 15 JANUARY

[CLICK HERE](#) TO REGISTER

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 11th, 2024

Time: 7pm

Where: Rockridge Secondary
5350 Headland Drive, West Vancouver



BUSKING CONTINUES

EM sbarrie@wvschools.ca
if your child would like to BUSK
week beginning 15 Jan
8:30-08:55

FIELD TRIPS - Click [here](#) to pay

Grade 7 Basketball - Game #1 23 January
\$10 Activity Fee Due. Slip [here](#).

Grade 3 Cheakamus Centre - 2nd February
\$115.00 Fee Due. Slip [here](#).

Grade 4 Snowshoeing - 27 February
Payment of \$42.00 due 16 Jan. Slip [here](#).

GR 7 BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS

Practices begin week beg 15 January

Girls : Weds 08:00, Thurs Lunch
Boys : Mon Lunch and Fri 08:00

Permission Slip [here](#) to be returned by 17 January. On receipt of your permission slip your \$10 activity fee will be set up on SCO. Only those students who did not play Volleyball need to provide deposit for jersey.

Game #1 vs Irwin Park 23 January.

JANUARY 2024

11	Rockridge Information Evening
12	Chess in the Mornings Begins
15	Out of Catchment Registration Opens Online
15	First Fencing Class at 07:45 AM
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 vs Irwin Park
24	PAC Meeting @ 7:00 PM
29	Professional Development Day
30	Basketball Game #2 vs BICS
31	Hearing Screening for Ks

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM NEW SESSION, JANUARY 2024 [BEGINS 15 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 EMAIL hotlunchwb@gmail.com.

Monday:

Domino's Pizza and Pasta

Wednesday:

Sushi, Subway

Fridays:

WellFed

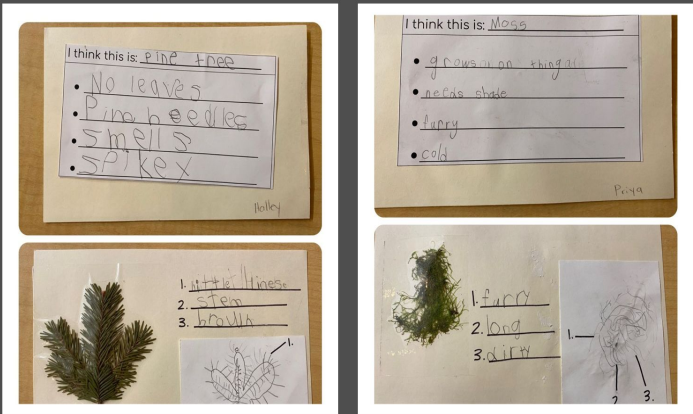
Returning parents can login [here](#)
New parents can login [here](#)



SHARING THE PLANET UNIT OF INQUIRY

Observing and documenting the environment

Students in Grade 1 began this exploration by first finding something in the natural environment around West Bay that they didn't pay much attention to in the past. After collecting a small sample, the students decided together that they'd like to make nature cards. They sketched and labeled important parts on one side and on the other side they presented their information.



WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME

Throughout times, humans have sought to understand the universe
My class and I went to Vancouver's Macmillan Space Centre. We arrived at the museum and we went to the Sky theatre. In the theatre, we learned about different planets and we got a close-up look at them. The sky theatre has a 360 degree screen that can spin or zoom out to give the audience a really realistic view of space. My favourite part of this station was when the screen zoomed into Saturn's ring. We then explored the space gallery. As I walked around, I saw some astronauts suits, and some air dried food that is eaten in space. However, my favourite part of the gallery was when there was a little piece of rock that was brought back from the moon by an astronaut. It was on display and you were given the chance to touch the moon! After we ate lunch, we went to another theatre but this time, we learned how to spot planets using the gas spectrum. We can spot planets by using data that is collected by robots in space and whenever the sun gets covered by a planet, we receive information that something has fully orbited around the sun causing it to be blocked in front of the robot. I learned a lot at the space centre and hope to go back soon! - Jack G, Division 4 Student



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



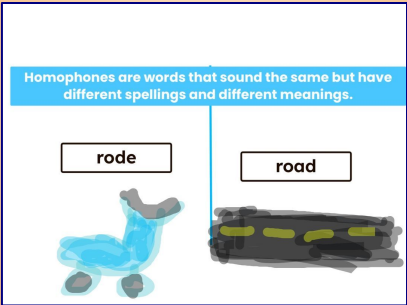
RAISING READERS IN GRADE 2

MAKING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN SOUNDS AND LETTERS

THE LONG AND SHORT U SOUND

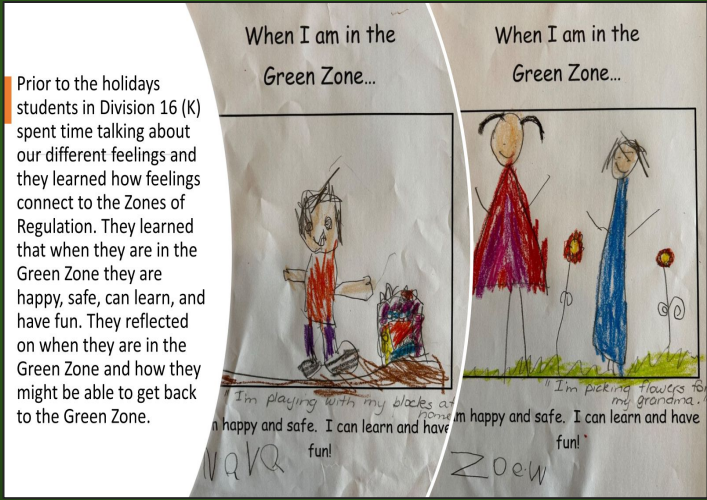
Click [HERE](#) to see how students show they know the difference

LONG O HOMOPHONES



HOW TO SELF REGULATE

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO GET BACK TO YOUR GREEN ZONE?



TEACHING NEW SKILLS TO THEIR YOUNGER BUDDIES

Students working together to show leadership in gym class with their buddies. Firstly Gr 5 student planned a movement sequence to teach to their Kindergarten buddies. Then cooperating as a team they helped the younger students complete the sequence of movements.



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.

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).

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.

PREPARING FOR WINTER WEATHER AND APPROPRIATE CLOTHING
CLICK [HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION



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](#)

JANUARY 2024 IN THE LEARNING COMMONS AND GYM 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

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

Contact us
[HERE](#)

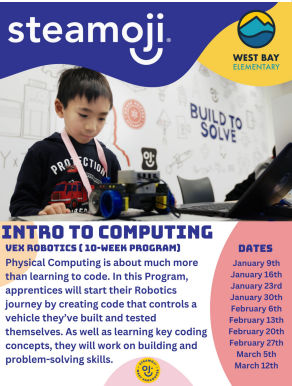
Sign up
[HERE](#)

GYM
MONDAYS
Fencing in the
Gym, Gr 2-7
(07:45 START)

See Flyer
below, scan the
QR Code to
Register

Begins on
15 January
(07:45) 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.

Click [here](#) to sign up.

JASON AND JERRY

WVML
STUDENT
UPDATES

CLICK [HERE](#) TO SEE
WVML STAFF
SUGGESTIONS.

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

We have girls only programs this year!

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



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11th January, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We will have two drills this term that parents/guardians should know about.

The first is a Lockdown Drill on Tuesday, January 23. A lockdown is where students and staff lock themselves in a classroom or other space. Lockdowns are used if there is a danger in the building such as an unsafe person. If you would like to learn more about the drill, please click [here](#) for more information.

The second drill is a Student Release Drill on Thursday, February 15th, from 1:30-3:00 PM. The Student Release Drill is an opportunity to practise releasing students to parents/authorized guardians in a safe and efficient manner in the event of a serious emergency such as after an earthquake or lockdown. Further details will be shared with families in late January but for now, it is important that parents/guardians know that they will need to pick their child up, or arrange to have their child picked up by someone authorized to do so, sometime between 1:30-3:00 PM on Thursday, February 15th.

It is important that our School is well-prepared for emergencies so thank you for your support.

Warm regards,

Scott Slater

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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, love 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 sextortion, 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

Jan 23, 2024 7:00PM


Kay Meek Arts Centre

Hosted By:





West Bay Mandarin Speaking






West Bay PAC

WhatsApp group





Neurodiversity and Dance Classes

My name is Miss Tammy and I teach neuro-affirmative dance classes on Tuesdays from 7:00-7:45 pm at the Vanleena Dance Academy, 1457 Marine Drive, our West Vancouver location. All interested families are invited to contact me directly at dance@vanleena.com to learn more about the program (we also offer a free trial class!).

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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 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