

2024-25 KINDERGARTEN AND GR 1-12 REGISTRATION, CLICK [HERE](#) FOR DETAILS

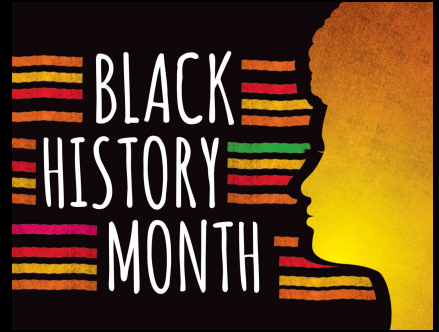
WVML BOOK SUGGESTIONS



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

*Black Excellence : A Heritage to Celebrate : Future to Build*

February is Black History Month. This is a time to celebrate and remember all the ways that Black Canadians have contributed to Canada's history and culture. Throughout the month, this celebration provides a chance to learn about African cultures.



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 TOMORROW**

Thank you in advance. Regards, Scott Slater, Principal

STUDENTS ATTENDING ROCKRIDGE

REGISTRATION FORM [HERE](#)  
COURSE SELECTION FORM [HERE](#)

**PLEASE RETURN TO WB OFFICE BY 31 JANUARY 2024**

BASKETBALL SEASON UNDERWAY

We are thrilled with such a great start to the Basketball Season. The boys showed kindness, respect and inclusivity during a nail biting match against Irwin Park. We have more to learn but the team is enthusiastic to continue to develop and refine their skills. The cherry on the top was the 31-32 Win.



The girls team had an excellent start to the season against Irwin Park. The team showed lots of great spirit and worked together to make some excellent plays. The girls are excited to keep developing their skills over the season.

**Tuesday 30th January**  
**Game #2 vs BICS Boys at Home**  
**Girls Away @ BICS**

STUDENT ABSENCES

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

JAN	
29	Professional Development Day
30	Basketball Game #2 vs BICS
31	Hearing Screening for Ks
FEB	BLACK HISTORY MONTH
2	Gr 3 Students to Cheakamus by bus
5	Sexual Health Parent Ed - 6:30 PM
6	Basketball Game #3 vs Gleneagles
7	Sexual Health Student Sessions
8	Sexual Health Student Sessions Lunar New Year Set Up After 3 MYP Event at Rockridge - 6:00 PM
9	Lunar New Year Celebration in Gym
13	Basketball Game #4 vs Caulfeild
15	Student Release Drill @ 1:30 PM
16	District Wide Reading Break
19	Family Day Stat
20	Basketball Bye - No Game
27	Gr 4 Snowshoeing Field Trip
28	Pink Shirt Day Gr 2s Community Workshop in Class Girls BB Jamboree at WVSS, 1-4 PM IB Parent Eve - 7:00 PM at WB
29	Gr 3s Skating - Parent Drivers Boys Jamboree at WVSS, 1-4 PM

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

**Grade 7 Basketball**  
\$10 Activity Fee Due. Slip [here](#).

**Grade 3 Cheakamus Centre**  
**2nd February**  
\$115.00 Fee Due by 25 Jan.

**Grade 2 Burnaby Museum**  
**Workshop**  
\$7 to pay by 31 Jan.



**INDIGENOUS CULTURAL PROGRAM AT  
CHEAKAMUS CENTRE FOR GRADE 3 STUDENTS**



As part of our third unit of inquiry (**WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME**), Grade 3 students will visit the Bighouse in Squamish on Friday, February 2nd. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about the Coast Salish Peoples and their way of life. They will stroll along the spawning channels of the Cheakamus River, a name that means '**people of the fish weir**', before arriving at the Bighouse, where Elders will welcome them. They will journey back in time through towering cedars to learn how stone, bone and wood tools were used to chop wood, strip and pound bark, and how these practices link to current practices. *Please ensure your child arrives at school by 8:10 AM. We will be leaving the school by School Bus at 8:20 AM for arrival at the Bighouse at 9:30 AM. We will return to school by 4:00 PM for pick up by parents.*

**HOW THE WORLD WORKS**

**How Kindergarten Student Scientists Explore and Discover**

Kindergarten students showed how to collaborate, share their plan, work together, communicate with each other, and problem solve when they disagree and when their plan doesn't work as students rose to the challenge of creating the best obstacle course for a ping pong ball. See the results below :

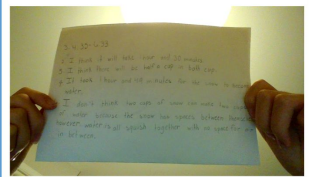
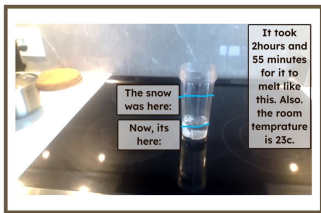


**MORE IB INFORMATION BELOW**  
[23-24 PROGRAM OF INQUIRY](#)  
[SUPPORTING PYP LEARNER](#)  
[IB PYP PROGRAM OF INQUIRY](#)  
[IB LEARNER PROFILE](#)



**SNOW MUCH FUN CONTINUES .....**

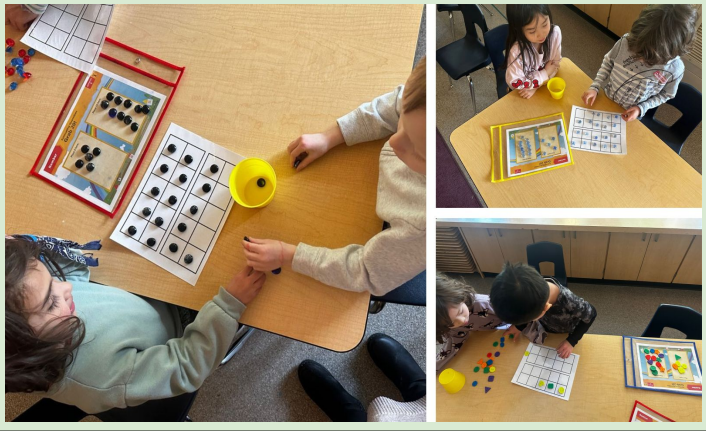
How to Measure Snow. See below Grade 5 student responses to melting snow and how much water will it turn into and how quickly it will happen, don't forget to log the inside temperature of your home.



**REASONING AND ANALYZING IN DIV 13, GR 1**

After a class discussion about estimation, students realized that estimating is more than just a guess. It requires them to use their prior knowledge and think about the possible number.

Materials:	Task:
2 ten frames template with 5 counters and 10 counter for reference of what it looks like 40 counters	Scoop out as close to 20 that you can. Then count out loud one-to-one with your partner using the ten frames to see how close you got!



**THE CREATIVE HOMEROOM**

Students in Div 11, Gr 2 welcomed in 2024 with fireworks! They designed their shapes for buildings and windows and curled paper strips for fireworks.





LAST CALL FOR SIGN UPS

The Monday before school class may need to be cancelled if numbers do not increase.



WESTBAY	CEDARDALE	CHARTWELL	WESTCOT
MONDAYS January 15, 22 February 5, 12, 26 March 4, 11	WEDNESDAYS January 24, 31 February 7, 14, 21, 28 March 6, 13	THURSDAYS January 25 February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 March 7, 14	FRIDAYS January 19, 26 February 2, 9, 23 March 1, 8, 15
Grade 2-7 @ 7:45-8:35AM	Grade 2-7 @ 7:45-8:35AM	Grade 2-7 @ 7:45-8:35AM	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.



BAND SWEATERS ON SALE ONLINE NOW  
UNTIL 5 FEBRUARY

Order on the Link [HERE](#).



IB PARENT EVENING, 28 FEB @ 7:00 PM  
SIGN UP [HERE](#)



IB PARENT NIGHT

West Bay will be offering a parent session  
on Feb 28th @ 7:00pm in the Library

FOCUS OF THE EVENING



- What is PYP?
- What is the philosophy of the programme?
- What is teaching and learning like in an IB programme?
- How can you support your learner at home?

[SIGN UP HERE](#)



The theme for this year is "龙年呈祥和平安康"

(Wishing for a Prosperous and Peaceful Year of the Dragon)

Preparations are underway for our highlights which you can see listed below

- ❖ Lion and Dragon Dance Training
- ❖ School Band Performing Jasmine Movement
- ❖ Hanfu Promotion Ambassador - promoting Han and Tang etiquette to staff and students
- ❖ Art Collaboration for the entire school community

SEEKING HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS

Hello West Bay Families,

We are looking for volunteers to help distribute lunch to our children. If we are unable to get reliable volunteers, we are at risk of losing Hot Lunch completely. We are including a description of the duties and how much time is involved. Please reach out to Maryam at 672-515-8571 if you can help. Join our WhatsApp if you can help a little or a lot.

Thank you,  
West Bay Hot Lunch Committee

Typical Volunteer Day:  
12:00 - arrive at school

- 12:00-1:00
- Lunches arrive
- Sort lunches into bins
- Deliver bins to classrooms
- Assist children with missing lunches
- Collect bins and bags if needed
- Ensure all food bags are empty
- Tidy up any mess made in kitchen



Hot lunch volunteers  
WhatsApp group



Scan or upload this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to join this group



West Bay PAC  
WhatsApp group



Learn the most effective  
parenting strategies

experienced clinical  
counsellor  
Sharon Shelby



Parent Education Workshop with Sharon Selby

Would you like to learn from an expert who has a wealth of knowledge about the most effective parenting strategies in helping your children build positive peer relations and develop skills to understand and manage conflicts?

Date: February 22nd

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: West Bay Learning Commons

Cost: \$8.00

Click [here](#) to sign up for the session

Click [here](#) to pay \$8.00 on Munchalunch. Click on "Workshop with Sharon Shelby" under the main menu.

We can't wait to see you there and embark on this journey together towards nurturing our children's emotional growth.

Sharon Shelby is an experienced clinical counsellor who assists families to develop social and emotional competencies.



West Bay Mandarin  
Speaking





January 22, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to welcome Julie Podor of *Saleema Noon, Sexual Health Educators*, to Cypress Park and West Bay in early February. Ms. Podor is an expert in the area of sexual health education and will provide a Parent Education session followed by student sessions to support learning in the [Physical and Health Education Curriculum](#).

We have arranged these sessions because research shows that children who are educated about healthy bodies, boundaries, and sexuality are at reduced risk of sexual abuse. Further, young people are the easiest to teach. They can be taught matter-of-factly, and it normalizes the topic and sets a foundation for further conversations. As students get exposed to sex and sexuality earlier, it is important for parents and educators to establish themselves as open and credible sources of information so that students do not become ill-informed elsewhere.

The format is as follows:

**Monday, February 5, 2024 from 6:30-8:00 PM, Parent Education Session**

- Online ([Zoom link here](#)); no cost and no need to RSVP
- This session will inform families about what students will be learning about later in the week. If you have questions or concerns about content, please come to learn more and share your questions. For families who are already considering requesting an exemption from this area of learning, please attend anyway as this session will help inform alternate delivery of the curriculum.

**Wednesday-Thursday February 7-8th, Student Sessions at West Bay & Friday, February 9th, Student Sessions at Cypress Park**

- For information about the student sessions including what is addressed in each grade, please [click here](#) and attend the Parent Education Session.
- For Frequently Asked Questions (such as Why start teaching in kindergarten? What is the approach to teaching Gender Identity?) please go to the [Saleema Noon Web Page](#) and click "About" followed by "Our Approach".
- If you prefer that your child not participate in school sessions, please reach out to me and your child's teacher by email and we will explain the process of alternate delivery.

We appreciate that families have differing views about what is developmentally appropriate for students to learn about for this topic and parents are welcome to ask questions at the parent education session or reach out to me. While I don't expect this from West Bay or Cypress Park families, I will state anyway that the Parent Education Session will not be used as a platform to share personal agendas regarding Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity. Our school communities are precious, and we will not allow them to become polarized by adversarial language and actions. Please do share your wonderings with the workshop facilitator and any concerns with me.

Thank you to the West Bay and Cypress Park Parent Advisory Councils for sponsoring these workshops.

Warm regards,

**Scott Slater**

Principal  
Cypress Park Primary | West Bay Elementary  
IB World Schools



## Rockridge Secondary School MYP Personal Project Exhibition

This incredible Grade 10 presentation of learning is a community event, and we would love to have families from our local elementary schools visit Rockridge on **Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00pm**. It is a great opportunity to speak to our students and see examples of the incredible kind of learning they are doing in the IB Middle Years Program here at Rockridge.

WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CENTRE



## EARLY YEARS FAIR



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 | 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.**  
West Vancouver Community Centre | Atrium



**FREE**



**QUESTIONS**  
604-925-7270

### It's all about the early years!

- Connect with local community resources and services for young children and families
- Discover programs and childcare opportunities
- Engage in fun, free activities!

### Special attraction

This year's fair will feature a free *Sing Along with Katie*. Sing to familiar tunes and Katie's original songs!

### Participating organizations

Vancouver Coastal Health • Saplings Outdoor Program • Cypress Corner Childminding • West Vancouver Schools, and many more!



## Social Media/Technology Parent Education Workshops

*Safer Schools Together are pleased to announce that in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, they have opened four more dates for their "Social Media Awareness" Family Sessions. These sessions were designed to support families and caregivers navigate the digital world.*

*Dates, times, and information on how to register are [HERE](#)*

### Scott Slater

Principal

West Bay Elementary | Cypress Park Primary

IB World Schools

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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/>



**HOT LUNCH PROGRAM NEW SESSION**

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 contact [hotlunchwb@gmail.com](mailto:hotlunchwb@gmail.com).

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

**PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR OWN UTENSILS**

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

**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.***

**PREPARING FOR WINTER WEATHER AND APPROPRIATE CLOTHING**

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION



**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.

**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](#)