



WEST BAY ELEMENTARY

4th March 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program (PYP) was adopted by the West Vancouver Board of Education to provide an opportunity for students to develop internationally recognized skills which assist them throughout their academic careers. Through the PYP, children are challenged academically and develop higher-level questioning and critical thinking skills. International-mindedness and internalizing the traits of the IB Learner Profile are also integral to the Program.

Since 2007, West Bay Elementary has remained one of the few public schools offering the PYP within the province. It has proven highly successful, and enrollment spaces at West Bay Elementary are highly sought after.

Aspects of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program fall outside of the funding that the Ministry of Education provides us to deliver Kindergarten to Grade 7 education programs. To provide the supplemental staff resources and training that the IB Program requires, a financial contribution from parents who choose to enroll at West Bay is required.

Part of your IB fees help cover specialized teacher training and any associated travel costs, IB World School membership fees, and some of our specialist teacher salaries. Specialist teachers at West Bay vary from year to year but typically include Music, Physical Literacy, and French instruction. The opportunities that can be provided to the learners with these specialists are unique to West Bay. In addition to some of our specialist teachers' salaries, our IB Coordinator's salary is also funded through IB fees. The funding received through IB fees ensures that West Bay achieves its goal of providing choice and enriched educational opportunities for your children.

The annual fee of \$500.00 per student is due for the 2024-25 school year. If preferred, this amount may be paid on School Cash Online in up to 5 instalments if you sign up by March 21st, 2024. Please click [here](#) to access School Cash Online. Mrs. Barrie in the office will send all new incoming students their Pupil # later today, which you will use to activate your School Cash Online account.

Thank you for your support of an outstanding academic program.

Yours truly,

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