

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

STUDENT ABSENCES

IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE sbarrie@wvschools.ca and your child/ren's teacher or call 604-981-1260

LEAVING EARLIER THAN 3:00 PM

Students are responsible for getting themselves to the office for early departures. Please reinforce this change of process with your child/ren.

Rockridge Secondary School IB 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 8th 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.

GAME REPORT - VS GLENEAGLES

The girls' team won their game against Gleneagles this week! It was a tough battle against a strong team. West Bay was down much of the game, but the girls persevered and came back to win 18 to 16. The girls have worked hard to improve their shooting, passing, and dribbling in practice. Their hard work has paid off with a win!

The boys experienced their first defeat against Gleneagles. It was a hard fought battle with some lessons learned. It was great to see improvement of skills & determination to carry on when things were hard. Great work team!

13 February Game vs Caulfeild
Girls at Home, Boys Away



UPCOMING SPIRIT DAYS

Friday 9 February
Wear your Red for
Lunar New Year

Wear your WB Spirit Wear
Friday 23 Feb
Weds 28 Feb - Pink Shirt Day
Friday 1 March
Friday 8 March
Friday 15 March



The theme for this year is
"龙年呈祥和平安康"
(Wishing for a Prosperous and Peaceful Year of the Dragon)

PROGRAM

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



FEB	BLACK HISTORY MONTH
9	Lunar New Year Celebration in Gym
13	Valentine's Day Chocolate Bar Sale - \$5 at 1:00 PM - Gr 7 Fundraiser
13	Basketball Game #4 vs Caulfeild
15	Student Release Drill @ 1:30 PM - WB Gym
16	District Wide Reading Break
19	Family Day Stat
20	Basketball Bye - No Game
21	Mother Tongue Day
27	Gr 4 Snowshoeing Field Trip Parent Drivers
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 - Public Bus Boys Jamboree at WVSS, 1-4 PM

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE FEES

Click [here](#) to pay
Grade 5 Field Trip

\$34 Fee Due by 1 March.
Permission Slip [here](#).

Grade 6 Birdhouse Workshop
\$20 Due by 19 February.

Grade 3 Skate Rentals
\$5 Due by 15 Feb

K-3 STUDENT SNACK SCHEDULE

February 14

Mandarin Oranges / Yogurt

February 21

Hummus / Mini Cucumbers

February 28

Crackers / Individual Cheese

2024-25 ENROLLMENT

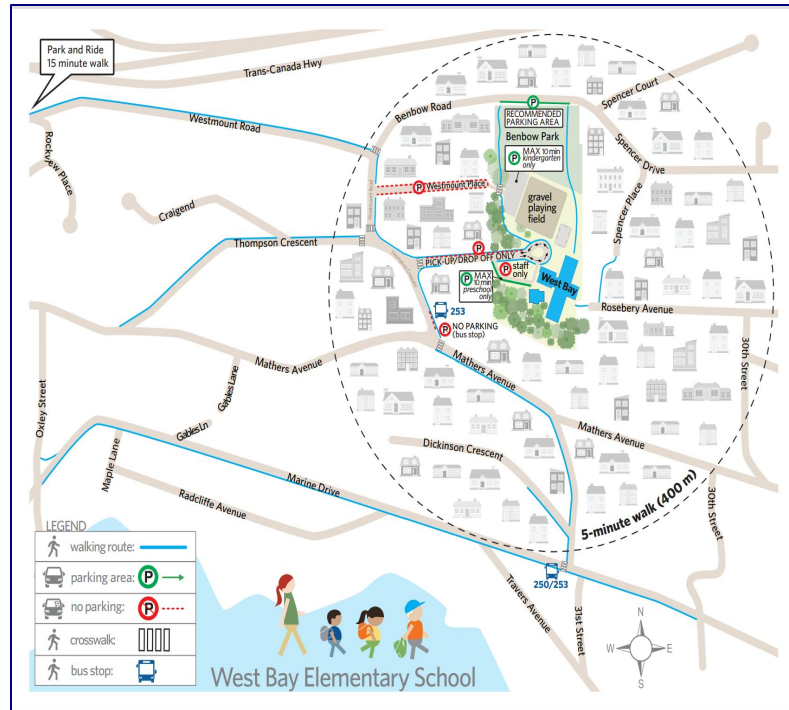
Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. If your plans change and you will be departing West Bay in June 2024 please inform the office (sbarrie@wvschools.ca) as we have families waiting to hear about placement for September 2024.

DROPPING OFF ITEMS

If you are dropping off lunches/other items for your child/ren during instruction time please label and leave by the DROP OFF area to the left of the office - thank you!

PRIORITIZING STUDENT SAFETY TRAFFIC/PARKING/ WALKING TO SCHOOL AT WEST BAY

To reduce congestion and promote physical activity, we encourage families whenever possible to walk to West Bay. The District of West Vancouver has created a map which shows 5 minute walking routes to the school. Please take a look! Also, a reminder that the **upper parking lot is for Kindergarten families only**. Please do not park in this lot unless your child is in Kindergarten or you are volunteering at the school. Grades 1-7 students are to be picked up at the loop. Next week, some volunteers will be observing the upper lot and encouraging families to follow key guidelines, specifically, parking in designated spots only and Kindergarten drop-off/pick-up only. Lastly, please avoid arriving at West Bay before 2:55 PM; doing so creates a backlog that can stretch to Westmount Road. West Vancouver Police and Bylaw may be patrolling this area so please arrive 3-3:10 for pick-up.



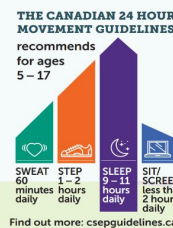
ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS

Choose active travel to and from school.

Introduce active travel into your routine.
Even one day per week can help.

WALK, BIKE, AND ROLL
Get your kids to walk, bike, skateboard, or take public transit to and from school. They'll get some fresh air, exercise, and a feeling of independence.

DRIVE TO 5
Try parking just a few blocks away (5 minutes) and walk with your kids. You'll free up space in the school zone, get some fresh air, and have a chance to hear about your child's day.



WALKING SCHOOL BUS
Organize your own Walking School Bus program which allows children to walk to school together accompanied by adult volunteers.



BIG BENEFITS

HEALTH

- Good for Heart & Bones
- Improved School Performance
- Better Sleep
- Less Anxiety & Depression

AIR QUALITY

- Reduced Vehicle Emissions
- Improved Air Quality
- Lower Risk of Lung & Cardiovascular Diseases

COMMUNITY

- Fostered Friendships
- Better Understanding of the Local Area
- Increased Sense of Belonging

SAFETY

- Reduced Traffic Volume Around Schools
- Lower Risk of Collision & Injury

CROSS SMART

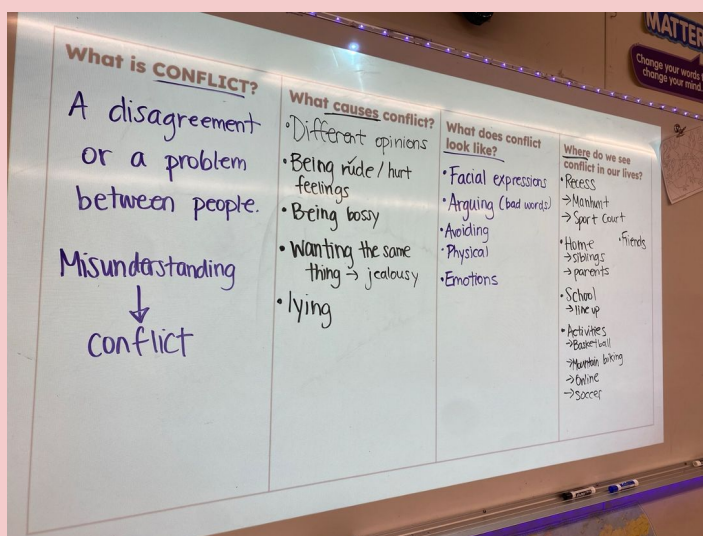
- Always cross at designated crosswalks and follow pedestrian signs and traffic signals.
- Watch for drivers turning left or right through the crosswalk.

For more tips and resources visit the schools tab at: translink.ca/travelsmart

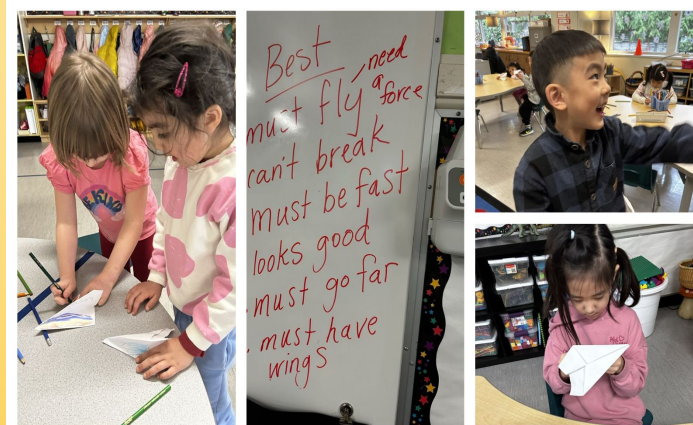
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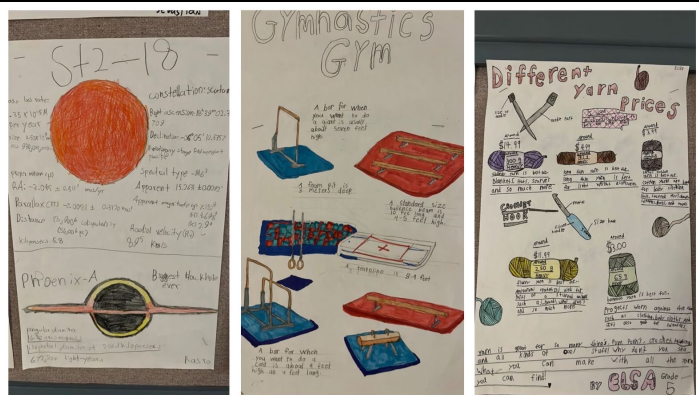
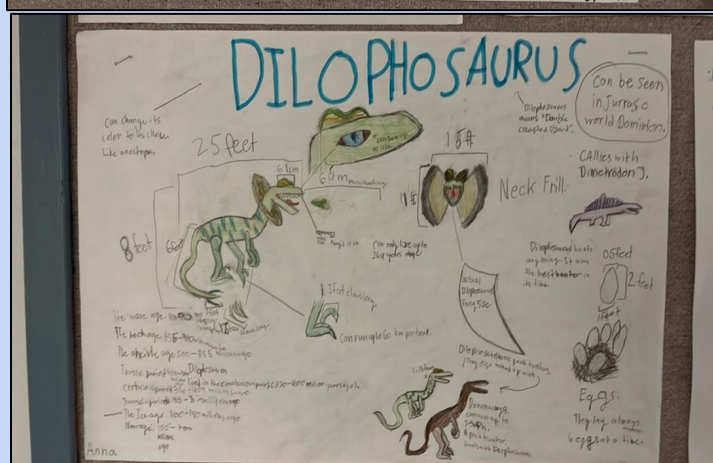
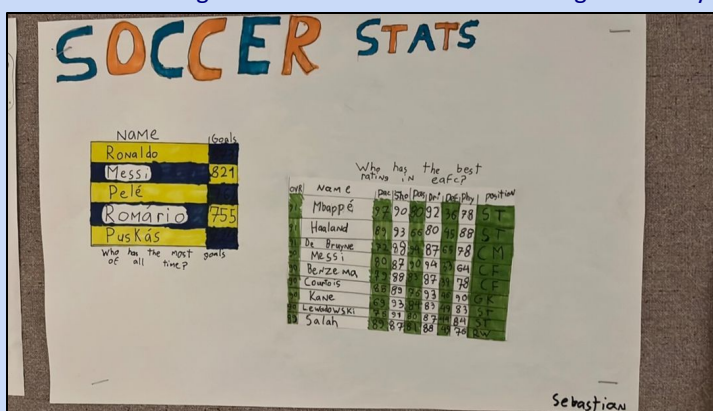
Students in Grade 4 have started to dissect the concept of “conflict” in order to understand our Unit of Inquiry’s Central Idea. They were able to make insightful connections to conflict in their everyday lives which led to a great discussion!



More exploring and discovering from our Kindergarten scientists as they investigate “how things move”. The challenge this week was to build the best paper airplane. We built under the instruction of “Teacher Jasper” and tested, made changes and tested again. The class discovered that a harder/stronger force made the plane go farther than a lighter/weaker force. See the results below :



Grade 5 Math Inquiry - students used math competencies to connect a personal passion to math (specifically measurement) around us. They used their research skills to find relevant data and their thinking skills to communicate their findings creatively.



Lachlan in Grade 7 worked diligently with Mr. Fricke of the Facilities Department to repair and hang hooks in Principal Slater's office.



Learn the most effective parenting strategies

experienced clinical counsellor
Sharon Shelby

PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOP WITH SHARON SHELBY

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.

GRADE 7 FUNDRAISER

13 FEBRUARY

Grade 7 Students will be selling chocolate bars at 1:00 pm on 13th February.
\$5 in the main foyer - Cash Only

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

BC BLACK HISTORY [LINK HERE](#)

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW EVENTS](#)

PINK SHIRT DAY 28 FEBRUARY

The idea comes from two incredible Nova Scotia high school students in 2007. When a fellow student was being bullied for wearing a pink shirt, they decided to take a stand. They went out and bought pink shirts to give to fellow students to show their support for a boy who was being bullied simply for wearing a pink shirt.

WEST BAY ELEMENTARY

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?

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

International Mother Language Day

21 February

NOWRUZ CELEBRATION 13 MARCH

We are in need of volunteers. If you wish to be part of this event, please send an email to Ellie at elmira.montazami@gmail.com



WEST BAY
ELEMENTARY



Student Release Drill | Thursday, February 15, 2024

West Bay will conduct an Emergency Preparedness Student Release drill on Thursday, February 15, 2024, from 1:40-3:00 PM. This drill is intended to practice West Bay's procedures to reunite children with their families safely and efficiently after an earthquake, lockdown, or other serious event.

As parents/caregivers are participants in this drill and should know these procedures to prepare for a real emergency, I ask that you read this letter and follow the instructions below during the drill.

- 1) Students will practice a drop, cover, and hold drill at 1:28 PM and then prepare to be picked up by their parent or authorized guardian during the afternoon.
- 2) Parents/Guardians, please arrive at West Bay during the time your child is to be released. The drop-off loop, upper parking lot, and gravel field will be available for parking. If possible, arriving at the time of your youngest child is helpful.

The release schedule is as follows:

- Kindergarten and Grade One 1:45-2:05
 - Grades Two and Three 2:00-2:20
 - Grades Four and Five 2:15-2:35
 - Grades Six and Seven 2:30-2:50
 - Ideally all students will be released by 2:50 PM. Students not picked up in the above waves of time will be relocated to the library and dismissed at 3 PM.
- 3) With your ID (One of Passport, Driver's Licence, Student ID, etc.), walk to the gymnasium and enter the gym by the doors near the staff parking lot. A map of the gym is below.
 - 4) Once in the gym, complete an Emergency Release Form *for each child* you will be picking up which will be on a table in the gym.
 - 5) Stand in the line for which your child's last name begins. There are six lines designated A-D, E-J, K-M, N-R, S-V, W-Z.
 - 6) When you get to the front of the line, have your photo identification ready to show the staff member at the desk.
 - 7) If you have more than one child to pick up, and the other children have last names that are designated by other lines, you may go to the front of those lines and complete the same procedure as the previous step.
 - 8) The staff member will take your Release Form and then give you a sticker for the child, or children, that are authorized to be released to you.
 - 9) You will then follow the signs to the designated reception area and wait for your child(ren) to be brought from their classroom to the reception area.
 - 10) Once your child(ren) has/have been reunited with you, you will be checked out by a staff member from the parent reception area and then leave the gym through the exit doors.

Important Notes:

- The office will be closed at 12:40 PM to setup for the drill. If you need to sign your child out of school before the drill, please do so prior to 12:30 PM. Otherwise, you will need to wait until the release procedure begin at 1:45 PM.

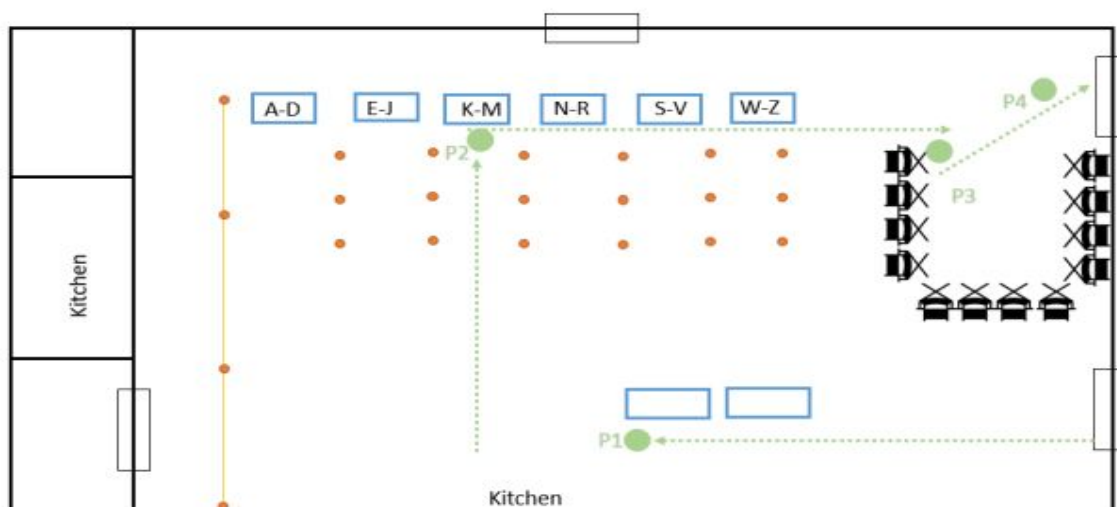
- Students will **only** be released to their parents or to Alternate Guardians as authorized in the Emergency Release forms completed at the beginning of the year. If your Alternate Guardian is different than what you indicated at the beginning of the year, please contact the office before the day of the drill (604 981 1260).
- Parents and Guardians must have photo I.D. (Driver's License, Passport, etc.) to prove their identity in order to pick up any child, including their own child.

We understand that this drill is inconvenient for parents and that having to provide photo identification to pick up your own child might be frustrating. However, student safety is our paramount concern and the procedures described above are designed to protect students and ensure they are released to the correct individuals in strenuous conditions that could be far more challenging than any conditions presented by a drill. Your patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

Warm regards,

Scott Slater

Map of West Bay Gym with Green Arrows Indicating Parent Flow



P1 Enter gym, complete Emergency Release Form | P2 Give form to Release Tables | P3 Wait for child P4 Reunite with child



Dear West Bay parents,

We hope this message finds you well. We are currently in search of a kind-hearted volunteer who would be willing to assist and learn from our current coordinator in organizing hot lunches. The aim is to have a smooth transition and for the volunteer to take over the position next year. If you or someone you know may be interested, please do not hesitate to contact the West Bay PAC. We appreciate your continued support.

Best regards, West Bay PAC, westbay.volunteer@gmail.com

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.

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

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](#)


Hot lunch volunteers
WhatsApp group



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


West Bay PAC
WhatsApp group



 West Bay Mandarin Speaking



2024-2025 PREMIER ACADEMIES
are open for registration!

Please visit [HERE](#)

Premier Academies:

Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Fencing, Field Hockey,
Rugby, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball

athletics4kids



Do you need help with sports
registration fees?
ATHLETICS FOR KIDS CAN HELP!

Athletics for Kids funds BC children, who are currently
enrolled in school, up to \$450 per year for sports
registration fees so they can play the sports that they
love!

Here's how to apply:

See if you're eligible for funding
by going to our website at
a4k.ca and clicking "Apply
Now"



[/athletics4kids](#)



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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.

Pop Up PLAY
Take a (Story) Walk with Us!

Families with children ages 0-6 are invited to join
us on Saturday March 2, 2024

Free, no registration required

What's a Story Walk? A multi-sensory experience
where children enjoy interactive books, music, art
and the outdoors.

Come dressed for the weather! These walks are
stroller and child friendly.



When: **Saturday, March 2, 2024 (10:00-11:00 am)**
Event: POP Up PLAY- Story and Play with Katie Brock

Location: Meet at the covered picnic area at John Lawson Park. We will
walk together through the park, immerse ourselves in story, and use our
senses to participate in a fun scavenger hunt

A bit about Katie

Katie Brock is a beloved children's musician from Horseshoe
Bay. She is an energetic, fun-loving performer who enjoys
sharing her catchy tunes with both children and grownups
alike. An avid outdoor enthusiast, Katie loves to sing, dance
and make joyful music together with families in nature!

In partnership with the West Vancouver Memorial Library and North Shore Community Resources.
We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of BC through the Ministry of
Education and Child Care.

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

We have girls only programs this year!

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



WV BASKETBALL SPRING REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

The WVBC's 8-week Spring Program begins April 8th and
registration is now open. New this year is our "Spring
Development League" for those in Grades 6-9, which will
feature 4 weeks of development and 4 weeks of games.
All sessions will be held at West Van Secondary School
and will be led by WVBC Head Coach, Greg Meldrum.
Last year, the program completely sold out, so don't
delay in signing up, as spots are limited.

Click [HERE](#) for more info.



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.

ARRIVING LATE

The most crucial learning hours of a school day are often in the morning. Arriving late means students can miss out on this learning as well as efforts to set the stage for the day and sometimes disrupt the learning of others. If families are finding it difficult to arrive on time, please connect with your child’s teacher so that we can support you and your child.

USEFUL LINKS

[23-24 YEAR IN A GLANCE CALENDAR](#)

[23-24 PROGRAM OF INQUIRY](#)

[23-24 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION PLAN](#)

[MUNCHALUNCH](#)

[MYEDUCATION BC](#)
[MYED PARENT PORTAL HELP](#)
[VIDEO VERSION HERE](#)

[SCHOOLCASHONLINE](#)

[OPEN PARACHUTE](#)

[DRIVER’S FORM FOR FIELD TRIP](#)

[PARKING DOS AND DON'TS](#)

[ROCKRIDGE REGISTRATION FORM HERE](#)

[ROCKRIDGE COURSE SELECTION FORM HERE](#)

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

