

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 and email teachers and office first thing in the morning.

STUDENT ABSENCES

PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE
sbarrie@wvschools.ca

GAME REPORT - VS CAULFEILD

The girls shooting practice paid off with some great baskets to help with the win 19-16 in a close game. The girls are excited to face off with all the teams from West Van at the Jamboree. The boys played their last game of the regular season for basketball this week. It was the best defence we have seen the boy's play. The development of their skills and the understating of strategy and game play has improved a lot. The upcoming Jamboree is going to be hard work but we know the boys will rise to the occasion. Next week is a BYE - so no game.



WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Things to consider if your child feels unwell :

- Without proper rest, a child may have a hard time fighting an illness or be at risk for other illnesses.
- The ability of your child to actively take part and learn at school.
- The school staff cannot care for a sick child and give them the support that they may need.
- 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.

UPCOMING SPIRIT DAYS

Wear your WB Spirit Wear

Friday 23 Feb

Weds 28 Feb - Pink Shirt Day

Friday 1 March

Friday 8 March

Friday 15 March



ITEMS DUE FOR PAYMENT

Click [here](#) to pay

Grade 6 Birdhouse Workshop

\$20 Due by 19 February.

Grade 3 Skate Rentals

\$5 Due by 20 Feb

Grade 5 Field Trip

\$34 Due by 1 March.

Permission Slip [here](#).

Grade 6/7 Elevate Ultimate

\$5.00 Due by 31 March.

2024-25 ENROLLMENT

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!

PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOP

WITH SHARON SHELBY

THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY - 7 PM

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?

SIGN UP [HERE](#) AND PURCHASE [HERE](#)

(Click on "Workshop with Sharon Shelby" under the main menu)

Date: February 22nd

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: West Bay Learning Commons

Cost: \$8.00

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

FEB	BLACK HISTORY MONTH
16	District Wide Reading Break
19	Family Day Stat
20	Basketball BYE - No Game
21	Mother Tongue Day
22	Sharon Selby Parent Ed Eve
27	Gr 4 Snowshoeing Field Trip Cancelled - has been refunded
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
MAR	
1	Staff vs Student BB Game
6	K Dental Screening in AM Gr 2 Architecture Workshop
7	Div 6 Field Trip to The Hive
8	Div 5 Field Trip to The Hive
13	Nowruz Celebration in Gym
13	Staff Meeting @ 3:15 PM
15	School Reports to be published on MYED

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?



WHERE WE ARE IN TIME AND PLACE

Recording and Sharing Memories

Grade 1 students created memories with loose parts and gave their creations a title.

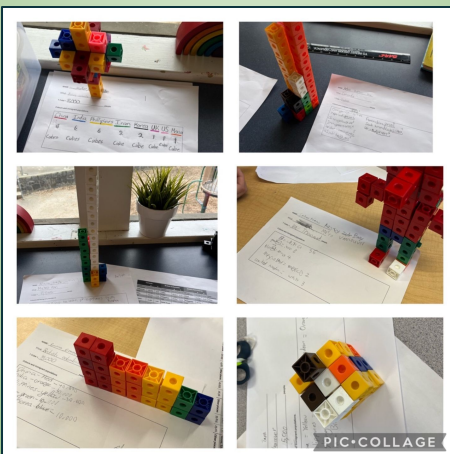


Ben at the Trampoline Park, Natalya at the Lake with Ducks, Mariah and Kiahn at the Water Park, William Shopping with Dad

WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME

The Movement of People Shapes Communities

Grade 5 students looked at immigration statistics in Canada or specifically the Vancouver area. They worked in groups to assign a numerical value to a linking cube. As a team they recreated the data visually. We are thinking how the visualization of data is important and a creative way to show numbers in our world.



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



WHERE WE ARE IN TIME AND PLACE

How Indigenous People Used Tools to Survive

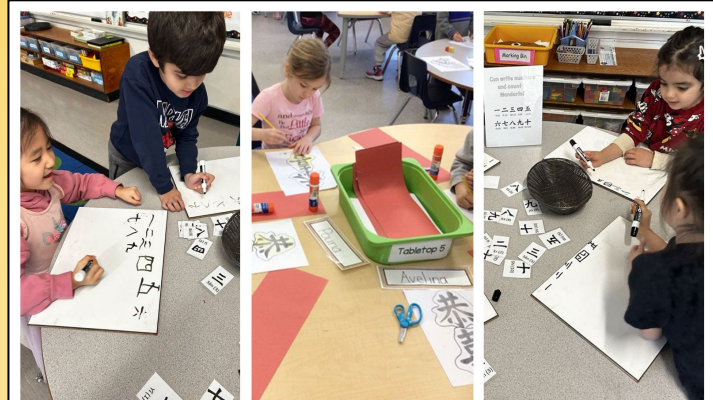
Gr 3 students learned to appreciate just how difficult it was for the Indigenous People to survive when they were tasked with building a simple tool from items found in the forest.



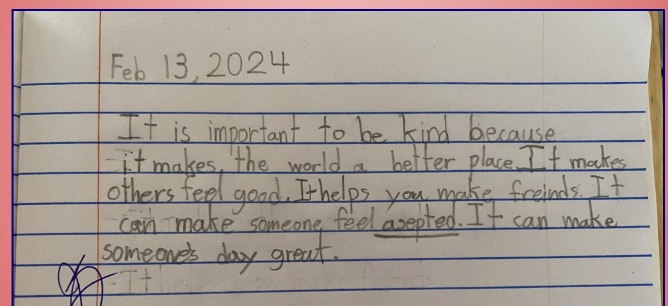
YEAR OF THE DRAGON THANK YOU - [CLICK HERE](#)

RISK TAKERS IN KINDERGARTEN CLASSES

Learning to count and write in another language is tricky. It takes concentration, perseverance, and risk-taking.



WHY KINDNESS COUNTS - JUST ASK DIV 10, GRADE 3



Body Science and Sexual Health Education Sessions

Families who exempted their children from the Sexual Health Education presentations are asked to provide alternate delivery at home. The following email was sent to families who requested an exemption and is below for any families who exempted their child but didn't contact the office. Thank you for following up.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

You are receiving this follow up email because your child(ren) did not participate in the Body Science presentation(s) last week. Please view the Parent Workshop Handout linked below (available in English, Mandarin and Farsi). This checklist is intended to be a guide for parents to know what to teach their children and when and includes book and website recommendations for both students and parents organized into grade levels.

<https://www.saleemanoon.com/resources/sexual-health-education-checklist/>

It is expected that parents who arrange for alternative delivery will address the health-related curriculum standards of Physical & Health Education for the respective grade at home.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Warm Regards,

Scott Slater

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Noon
sexual health educators



Digital Citizenship and Online Safety

West Bay and our School District believe in the power of technology to enrich students learning experiences, but we also know that students need lessons on digital citizenship and safety to ensure they use digital tools safely and effectively. We also know that families are keen to support their children at home to stay safe.

Students in Grade 4-7 have received sessions on their "Digital Footprint" with West Vancouver Schools District Vice-Principal of Technology and Innovation, Cari Wilson.

The sessions included:

- Grade 4 "Our Online Tracks"
- Grade 5 "Who Are You Online?"
- Grade 6 "The Power of Digital Footprints"
- Grade 7 "How Big Are Your Footprints?"

Ms. Wilson has also created "A Parent's Guide to Digital Footprints" with links to a Digital Footprint Parenting Tip Sheet and document on Protecting Your Child from Their Digital Footprint. It has been translated into several languages.

[You can find the document with links here.](#)



SAFER
SCHOOLS
TOGETHER

There is a final session of the **Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities** online parent information session from Safer Schools Together.

You can learn more and register [here](#).

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

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 UTENSILS FOR YOUR CHILD/REN



Hot lunch volunteers
WhatsApp group

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

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](mailto:elmira.montazami@gmail.com)



K TO GRADE 3 SNACK SCHEDULE

21 Feb	Hummus/Mini Cucumbers
28 Feb	Crackers and Individual Cheese
6 March	Half a Bagel and Cream Cheese
13 March	Banana and Cheese String
3 April	Nut free granola, raisins and yoghurt
10 April	Mini Tomatoes or Snap Peas and Crackers

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 Bay PAC
WhatsApp group



West Bay Mandarin
Speaking



Family Series



Family Day Special



All Tickets
Only \$15

Frog Belly Rat Bone

Sat, Apr 6 | 3:00 PM

Grosvenor Theatre

Incorporating beautifully handcrafted puppets and an original pop/rock musical score. An Axis Theatre Production, featuring a musical adaptation from the book by Timothy Basil Ering.



Offer Valid Fri, Feb 16 to Tue, Feb 20, 2024

Use Code **FAM15**

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1700 Mathers Ave, West Vancouver



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"



604-221-7529
info@a4k.ca

/athletics4kids



SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION

An Online Presentation for Parents

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Learn why children/teenagers are drawn to substances
- Understand what causes and maintains substance use disorder and needs
- Increase your child's ability to make positive choices about substances
- Acquire practical conversation tools for discussing substances in the home

Presentation Overview:

This presentation will focus on **tools and strategies** that you can use to speak to your children about substances in a way that encourages **positive decision-making** through a psychological lens. You will learn the causes of youth substance use and be introduced to a framework for **creating open communication** on this topic in your home.

There will be a focus on prevention and harm/risk mitigation in order to **empower** you to help your children think critically about their own behaviours, motivations, and choices.

In this session, you will be provided with the **specific language to use** when conversations arise about substances. There will also be opportunities to ask questions about the specific challenges you are facing with your children.

Online Session Information:

February 20th, 22nd or 28th
6pm-7:30 pm PST

Note: The same presentation will be delivered on each date

REGISTER



openp.ca/feb20

Presenter:

Dr Hayley Watson
Clinical Psychologist & Founder
of Open Parachute

(PhD Clin Psych, MA Clin Psych, MA
Transpersonal Psych, PG Dip Psych, BA
Criminology)



Dr Hayley Watson is a Clinical Psychologist from BC, specializing in children and adolescents with a PhD in school bullying interventions, along with four further academic degrees in the field of mental health.

She has been working with young people and their families globally for the past 20 years.

We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

2024-2025 PREMIER ACADEMIES

are open for registration!

Please visit [HERE](#)

Premier Academies:

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

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.

Click [HERE](#) for more info.



ACTIVITIES AT YOUR WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CENTRE / GLENEAGLES COMMUNITY CENTRE

Spring Break Break camps – Music, Spanish or Korean Immersion, LEGO, Arts, Science/STEAM, Sports, Gymnastics, etc:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Spring Break Intensive Group Classes Also Available for All Ages: Beginner French Intensive & Music Theory Intensive

[CLICK HERE.](#)

Important Dates: Spring Program Registrations (April – June)

Spring Learning Programs

Interested in indigenous beading or cedar weaving, learning Languages, STEAM, Chess, Lego?

Adult Beginner French classes available: After-School Kids' Farsi, Korean, Mandarin classes are also available.

Explore the Learning Program: www.westvancouver.ca/learning

Browse your recreation activities and programs here:

<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities>

Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us:

<https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers>

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Pronouns: He/Him/His

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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.

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).

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](#)

[WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES](#)

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.

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.