


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

**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?



**WEAR YOUR PINK SHIRT ON 28 FEB
CELEBRATE DIVERSITY**

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



**PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOP
WITH SHARON SELBY
THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY
6:30-8:00 PM**

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

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

Date: February 22nd
Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Location: West Bay Learning Commons
Cost: \$8.00

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

ITEMS DUE Click [here](#) to pay

Grade 5 Field Trip
\$34 Due by 1 March.
Permission Slip [here](#).

Grade 4 Field Trip
\$40 by 31 March. Permission Slip [here](#).

Grade 6/7 Elevate Ultimate
\$5.00 Due by 31 March.

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).

**DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP AND
ONLINE SAFETY
28 FEB - LAST SESSION**

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.](#)

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

**- 28 February -
You can learn more and register [here](#).**

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.

FEB	
22	Sharon Selby Parent Eve - 6:30 PM
23	Wear your WB Spirit Wear
28	Pink Shirt Day Gr 2s Community Workshop Girls BB Jamboree at WVSS, 1-4 IB Parent Eve 7:00 PM at WB
29	Gr 3s Skating - Public Bus Boys Jamboree at WVSS, 1-4 PM
MAR	
1	Wear your WB Spirit Wear Staff vs Student BB Game
6	K Dental Screening in AM Gr 2 Architecture Workshop
7	Div 6 Field Trip to The Hive
8	Wear your WB Spirit Wear Div 5 Field Trip to The Hive
13	Nowruz Celebration in Gym
13	Staff Meeting @ 3:15 PM
15	Wear your WB Spirit Wear Pi Day - TBC, Gr 7 Fundraiser School Reports Published
SPRING BREAK 18 March - 1 April	

HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES**MEASUREMENT AND REAL LIFE CONTEXT**

Grade 5 students explain the math they had to do in order to create their paddles. They then explained how their paddles represented themselves and their partner, and why they chose the coast Salish designs that they did.

SALISH DESIGNS CHOSEN AND WHY

*We decided on the Bear for many reasons, one of them being the bear's self awareness. Also, the bear has great stability. We all thought we have those traits in us - **Emma I***

*We chose the Wolf because its very loyal and we thought we were pretty loyal to each other as well to our family and friends - **Eva P***

*We went with a fish themed paddle. At the base of the base of the paddle is the main fish and we decided to do the life cycle of the fish on the handle - **Arsha N***

LEARNING SKILLS EMPLOYED

The approach to learning we used the most was probably self management skills because we had to manage our time or else we would not be able to finish in time if we did not use our time well -

Elsa S and Eva P

*I used my communication skills with my partner. She told me the measurement and I measured -**Anna Z***

THE MATH

*We were given a sheet with all of the measurements. I measured with a meter stick - **Anna Z***

*We used the measurement blueprints given to measure out on the paper what shape it had to be, how long it had to be and how much we had to cut. We also used Geometry to make the shapes along the paddle and on the wolf. Last but not least we had to find out how many shapes we could fit on the paddle without it looking to full and focus on the wolf - **Elsa S and Eva P***

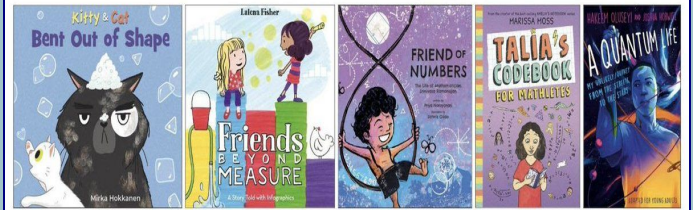
**MOTHER TONGUE DAY**

What a treat it was to have Mrs. Fok share a story in Mandarin on International Mother Tongue Day. The children were delighted to read and discuss with her in Chinese.

Parents, we would welcome more guests who would like to read in another language. Please let Mrs. Hunt know if you'd be interested.
Jhunt@wvschools.ca

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Books to inspire students to see math in the world around them.

2024 Mathical Book Prize Award Winners**MATH FLUENCY IN KINDERGARTEN**

Numbers can be represented in many ways in Kindergarten. Learning and using the different ways to count helps with our math fluency.



MORE IB INFORMATION BELOW
23-24 PROGRAM OF INQUIRY
SUPPORTING PYP LEARNER
IB PYP PROGRAM OF INQUIRY
IB LEARNER PROFILE



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Faculty of Education

Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy



For Curious and Inquiring Minds



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Virtual Family Math Fair

Saturday Feb 24, 2024, 10:00am - 11:30am PT

Virtual through Zoom with

UBC Faculty of Education Graduate Students and Teacher Candidates



Photo credits above: Janice Novakowski

Sat Feb 24, 2024
10:00am-11:30am PT



Hands-on Minds-on
Math Activities for all Ages!

All Welcome: Families, Teachers, Parents

Event FREE! | Registration Required

For more info and to register:

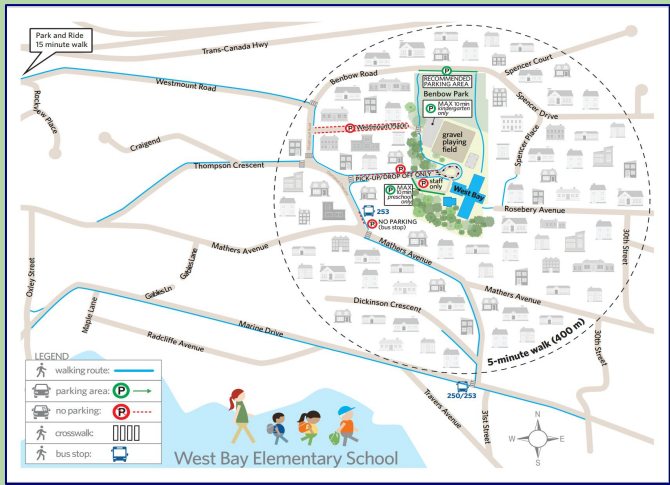
<http://tinyurl.com/UBCFamilyMathFair2024>

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, parents volunteering and West Bay staff 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 in the turnaround.

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.

THE CANADIAN 24 HOUR MOVEMENT GUIDELINES

recommends for ages 5-17



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

Increased Alertness & Attention

Better Sleep

Improved School Performance

Less Anxiety & Depression

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

Reduced Traffic Volume Around Schools

Lower Risk of Collision & Injury

Always cross at designated crosswalks and follow pedestrian signs and traffic signals.

Watch for drivers turning left or right through the crosswalk.

CROSS SMART

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

Supported by:



UPCOMING SPIRIT DAYS

Wear your WB Spirit Wear

Friday 1 March

Friday 8 March

Friday 15 March



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

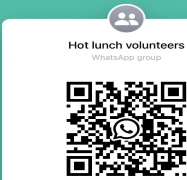


HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

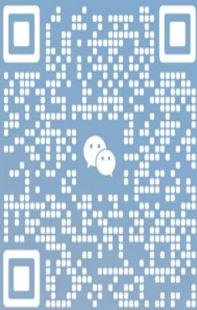
Please place your order and make any changes by 5pm on Mondays, the week before your order. Also, please make sure you are paying for your orders when placing the order or soon after. **The system is designed to delete any unpaid orders after 24 hours and we don't want anyone missing out on their hot lunch days.**

If you have any issues contact hotlunchwb@gmail.com.

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



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



West Bay PAC
WhatsApp group



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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN
EVENING WITH DIANA
DIVECHA, PH.D

Children's relationships with their peers are crucial anchors of their wellbeing in every phase of development. What does the science show about how families and schools can foster supportive relationships at different ages? What's normal, and when should we help? How can we prevent or help kids recover from harmful relationship experiences?

We will hear from an expert who can offer practical advice and explain the science behind how families and schools can foster supportive relationships at different ages.

WE ARE ALL CONNECTED:
HOW FAMILIES CAN
SUPPORT CHILDREN'S
K - 12 PEER
RELATIONSHIPS



Dr. Diana Divecha,
Developmental
psychologist, Yale
Child Study Centre

This
event is
free

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR LINK TO THE
EVENT PLEASE REGISTER AT
DPAC@WVSCHOOLS.CA

MARCH 7TH
7PM-8:30PM
VIRTUAL

REGISTER AT DPAC@WVSCHOOLS.CA



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



Presenter:

Dr Hayley Watson
Clinical Psychologist & Founder
of Open Parachute



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.



Hollyburn Family Services is pleased to present the following in March 2024:

CIRCLE OF SECURITY®
8-WEEK PARENTING™ PROGRAM

DATE: Wednesday's from March 27- May 15
TIME: 6:00 to 8:00 pm

COST: Free
LOCATION: Hollyburn Family Services -
104-267 West Esplanade, North Vancouver

ELIGIBILITY: Must be the parent/caregiver of a child between the ages of 0-5 and living on the North Shore/Bowen Island.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP:
Please contact Tomi Hamner by email at:
thamner@hollyburn.ca or text/call: (604) 908-3673



To attend Circle of Security® you must fill out a referral form. Link provided by facilitator(s)

Limited to 6 families
(12 spaces)

Facilitator:
Tomi Hamner

Circle of Security® Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent/caregiver-child relationships can be supported and strengthened. This program will focus on the parent/caregiver role, reflective practice, creating secure attachment and increasing connection.

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"



604-221-7529
info@a4k.ca

/athletics4kids



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>

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.

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

**We have girls only
programs this year!**

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

Scott Slater

Principal
West Bay Elementary | Cypress Park Primary
IB World Schools
Pronouns: He/Him/His
Office 604 981 1260 **Direct** 604 981 1264



*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.*

2024-2025 PREMIER ACADEMIES

Please visit [HERE](#)

Premier Academies:

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

You are invited to the 2nd annual Rockridge Jazz Café!

The event will take place on Tuesday, March 12th in Players
Hall. Doors open at 6 pm, music to start at 6:30 pm.

We will be transforming Player's Hall into our very own café,
with candlelit tables, coffee, tea and refreshments.

Tickets for the event are \$15, payable through this
schoolcashionline link [HERE](#)

At the Jazz Café, you will hear from the Rockridge "A" and
"B" Big Bands and combos. This year, we are excited to have
Teresa Marie and The Three performing as our featured
artist. Teresa is an exciting up-and-coming vocalist in the
Vancouver jazz scene, and we are overjoyed that she and
her band will be performing to kick off our evening. Check
her out! We hope to see you there! Please note that tickets
are first-come, first-served, and will sell quickly. Get yours
now!

Thanks to students Lara Hamzavi and Mary Lu for designing
our awesome poster. Any questions email :
bparker@wvschools.ca

ROCKRIDGE MUSIC PRESENTS

JAZZ CAFÉ

featuring
**ROCKRIDGE
JAZZ ENSEMBLES**

**TERESA MARIE
&
THE THREE**

TUESDAY, MARCH 12
6:30 pm
Doors open at 6:00 pm

\$15
Tickets
→

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](#)

ACCESSING THE FAMILY PORTAL

If you are new to West Bay, you should have received an email from the email address “sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca” with instructions for how to create a MyEd. Family Portal account. This account will allow you to access your child’s/children’s Learning Updates (report cards), Annual Instructional Plans (AIPs) for English Language Learners, and Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for students with a Ministry Designation.

If you did not receive this email, please search your junk folder and if it didn’t land there, please contact Ms. Barrie (sbarrie@wvschools.ca).

On Friday, March 15th, you will receive another email from sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca with details about accessing the Term One Learning Updates.

Detailed instructions and videos for accessing the Updates are available [here](#).

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.