



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

ARRIVING LATE - SET THOSE ALARMS

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.



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!



CHEAKAMUS CENTRE FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY GRADE 3 STUDENTS

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 and please pick your child up from West Bay then.

WHAT TO BRING

Lunch/Snacks/Water Bottle

Will be provided at the Bighouse but please send along snacks and water in your child's backpack. They will wear the pack.

Clothing

It is very important that your child dress for the weather that day as we will be outside for most of the day. Winter coats, hats, gloves, snow pants (or rain pants) and boots are required. Extra layers underneath will provide warmth.

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 catchment families waiting to hear about placement for September 2024.

BASKETBALL SEASON

Tuesday 6 February - Game #3 vs Gleneagles

BOYS GAME AT HOME ON 30 JANUARY

Another fantastic game for the boys - lots of positivity and encouraging teamwork. Great to see some improvements in game play in just one week. Special thanks to Mr Dignum for referring the game at West Bay and Ms. Hansen for coaching.



GIRLS GAME AWAY AT BICS ON 30 JANUARY

The Grade 7 girls' basketball team had a very fun and exciting trip to Bowen Island this week to play against Bowen Island Community School (BICS). The girls played an extremely tough game against BICS and looked very confident as a team. The Wolves showed they were strong opponents by setting up very tight defense, getting rebounds, and quickly getting the ball down the court using break aways and plays. The team represented West Bay very well, showing positivity, sportsmanship and hard work. This trip was an excellent chance to have fun and bond as a team. Congratulations on a great game! Coach Lee



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

BC BLACK HISTORY LINK HERE



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.

FEB	BLACK HISTORY MONTH
2	Gr 3 Students to Cheakamus Centre by School 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 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 - Parent Drivers 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](#).

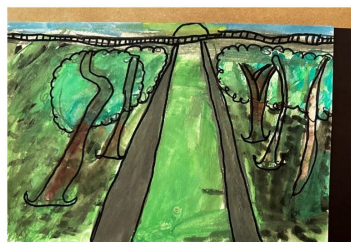
Teaching our Grade 1 buddies how to play "Go Fish". Grade 5 students continue to develop their communication and leadership skills.



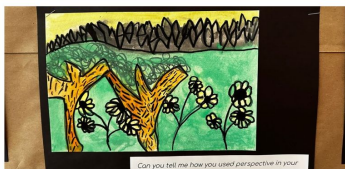
HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES PLANNING AND PERSPECTIVE

Perspective: What are the points of view?

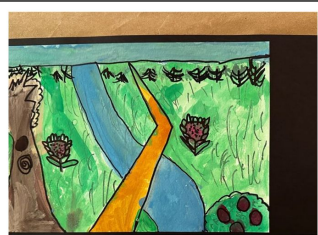
Grade 1 Students designed an art piece incorporating all the new information they learned about perspective. After creating a draft students then sketched out their plans on watercolor paper. They really demonstrated their knowledge of perspective in both their image and the personal reflections recorded by the teacher.



Can you tell me how you used persp art piece?
Kiahn: "I made two paths, they start c bottom apart and they get closer to fence. There is a door in the middle entrance. I looped my trees and add and used paint to get textures in the"



Can you tell me how you used perspective in your art piece?



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Natalya: "The road is pointy because it is real and goes far away. The trees are small because far away. The river went into the ground and I went up again."



Can you tell me how you used perspective in your art piece?
Priya: "I thought about some colours, purples and turquoise and I put the here to make the Northern lights. I did mountains because they are closer c smaller ones because they are far away. I do to details in the trees because the you can see the detail. I mixed the colours to make that colour."

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



MULTIPLICATION IN GR 4

Playing **Number Five** - this game requires strategy to block out your opponent and can be played online too!



WINTER WATERCOLOURS

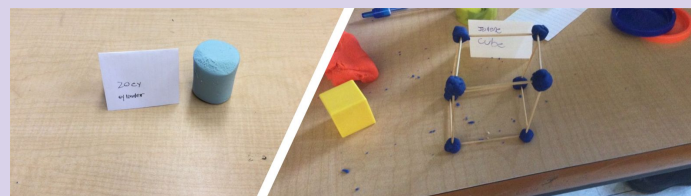
Winter scenes from Div 9 students - thoughtful designs, selection of subjects and their placement and colours selected.



2D or 3D SHAPES

Students in Grade 2 used play dough to create their shapes and label them in response to the poem below .:

3D shapes are fat not flat,
A cone is like a party hat!
A sphere is like a bouncy ball,
A prism is a building tall!
A cylinder is a can of pop,
A cube is like the dice you drop.
3D shapes are here and there,
3D shapes are everywhere.



**BAND SWEATERS ON SALE ONLINE NOW
UNTIL 5 FEBRUARY**

Order on the Link [HERE](#).



Lunar New Year Parent Volunteers!

Please register with Bill at billchengqisun@gmail.com.
More help, more fun!

February 9th, 2024

WEST BAY ELEMENTARY

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 celebrations on Friday 9th February

We would like to extend an invitation to families from Vietnam, South Korea, and the Philippines to join us to celebrate their own unique traditions.. Please contact email on the poster to the left.

- ❖ 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

**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?



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.

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

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



West Bay PAC
WhatsApp group



West Bay Mandarin
Speaking



K-3 STUDENT SNACK SCHEDULE

February 7 Rice Cakes / Seed Butter

February 14 Mandarin Oranges / Yogurt

February 21 Hummus / Mini Cucumbers

February 28 Crackers / Individual Cheese



DISTRICT/COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS

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 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.

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](#)



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](https://athletics4kids.com)



The Witness Blanket for Young People: A Virtual Conversation with Carey Newman Grades 4+

Thursday, February 8 at 1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

Carey Newman will discuss his book, *The Witness Blanket: Truth, Art and Reconciliation*, with Shannon Ozirny, Head of Youth Services, on the Library's YouTube channel.

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. 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.



Scott Slater

Principal

West Bay Elementary | Cypress Park Primary

IB World Schools

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.

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.

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 DONTs](#)

[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

