



THE WOLF



WEST BAY
ELEMENTARY

Week Beginning Tuesday 3rd September, 2024

[West Bay Website](#)

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

FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL

In order to secure your child's 24-25 school place they need to be in school on Tuesday 3rd September, 2024. Please contact Principal Slater if you have any concerns.

LEAVING EARLIER THAN 3:00

Please email teachers and office first thing in the morning. **All students need to be signed out at the office if departing before 3:00 PM.**

STUDENT ABSENCES

PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE sbarrie@wvschools.ca

THAT'S A WRAP!

Dear West Bay Families,
This has been a wonderful year of learning and growth at West Bay. Staff have shown tremendous dedication to students, and students have made the most of their learning opportunities. A big thank you is due to our parent group for your support of West Bay, especially PAC Chair Neda Esmati and the PAC Executive for championing student learning and our community. I hope families get an opportunity over the break to have quality time to play, rest, and relax. Wishing you all well, and for those returning to West Bay in the fall, I look forward to seeing you in September!

Warmest wishes,
Scott Slater

JUNE

27	Last Day of School - 11:45 Dismissal Third Report Card Published
28	Admin Day School Not in Session

SUMMARY OF LEARNING

CLICK [HERE](#) TO ACCESS

On Thursday, June 27th, families will receive a *Summary of Learning* document, similar to a report card. Unlike the *Learning Updates* of Terms One and Two, this report is a summary of the progress your child has made this school year and the performance descriptors (Emerging, Developing, Proficient, or Extending) indicate your child's ability after the school year. Because the summary captures the entire school year, it is focused on the skills, competencies, and Approaches to learning that students developed throughout the year rather than the *knowledge* and *understandings* that are typically developed in the Themes of Inquiry each term. BC's Curriculum has a "Know, Understand, Do" model, and the focus of the Summary of Learning is therefore on the "Do": what can your child do, and how independently can they do it.

You can get a sense of what students *know* and *understand* from Term Three through their online portfolio and work they have brought home.

You will receive an email on June 27th with a link to the MyEd. Family Portal. This is how you have accessed previous reports.

JUNE REPORT CARDS ARE AVAILABLE UNTIL END JULY FOR PARENTS TO DOWNLOAD.



SEPTEMBER

3	Gr 1-7 Students, 09:00-10:00 Welcome Back Coffee, LC
4	K Gradual Entry Begins Group A, 9:30-11:30 Group B, 12:30-2:30
8	First Ordering Day for Hot Lunch
13	PAC Welcome Back BBQ
16	Kindergarten Coffee 09:00-10:00 AM
17	Cross Country #1 at 3:30
18	Curriculum Evening - 5:15 PM
20	Professional Development Day #2 School Not in Session
23	First Hot Lunch Day
23-25	Grade 6 Students at Camp Summit
24	Cross Country #2 at 3:30
27	Individual Photo Day Deadline for ordering Spirit Wear
30	Truth and Reconciliation Statutory Holiday School Not in Session

E-PORTFOLIO CHANGE

In the 2024-25 school year, all West Vancouver Schools will have access to a new communication platform, Spaces EDU. Moving forward, we will no longer be using Seesaw for our communications or as e-portfolios.

[Here are the instructions](#) on how download students' work on Seesaw so that it can be saved. If you wish to have access to your child's portfolio, please take the time to do this before June 28, 2024. Teachers will be archiving some material as well.

We will share more information about the new platform, Spaces EDU, in September.

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR SCO

24-25 Grade 6 Outdoor School
23-25 September
Permission slips [here](#). \$390 due by end August, may be paid for in instalments.

2024-2025 IB Fee
Request for 24-25 IB Fee is [here](#).
Full Payment due by 31 August.

GR 3 FIELD TRIP TO BIGHOUSE IN SQUAMISH

Grade Three students went to the Paradise Valley Cheakamus Centre on Tuesday of this week and had an amazing day! The children cooked soup using hot rocks, baked Bannock bread on sticks over coals in the fire pit and tried several skills that Indigenous people used to survive, such as weaving with wool or softened cedar bark. In the gratitude circle at the end of the day, students spoke of being so grateful for the weather that allowed them to go that day (after our winter date was rained out), the beautiful, natural setting and for the teachings of the Elders.



PAINTED LADY BUTTERFLY RELEASE

Grade 2 students were fortunate to see their Painted Lady Butterfly release this week - 2 were out of their chrysalis' on Friday and they had 5 more emerge to make 7 released. Then there were 4 more out after recess!



SAYING GOODBYE TO OUR GR 7 STUDENTS

Grade 7 Learners were recognized for their contributions to our community at our Promotional Ceremony held at the Kay Meek on June 25th. Students were recognized for their leadership and service with awards celebrating their contributions to the community and the culmination of their journey as IB PYP learners. Thank you to our Grade Sevens and to the many "graduating" parents for their contributions over the years. We will miss our senior wolves and look forward to hearing of their many future accomplishments.



END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS



PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES

On January 26th, 2024, the Province announced three significant actions to enhance the safety and well-being of students in relation to digital technology, including the introduction of restrictions on the use of personal digital devices in schools (this would apply to cell phones, laptops, tablets, smartwatches, etc.). These updated policies will be in place for the 24-25 school year.

Most West Vancouver Schools already have technology guidelines in place. We recognize that the unregulated use of personal devices can be a significant distraction from learning. These devices can interrupt class time, interfere with student focus and disrupt the educational environment. However, we also understand that when used thoughtfully and with supervision, digital technology can offer valuable opportunities for our students. These tools can enhance the learning by enabling students to create content, communicate, collaborate and share.

Starting in September we will be refocusing our approach with personal digital device use in both elementary and secondary schools. In compliance with our technology guidelines, personal digital devices will only be used with the direct permission of the teacher and/or administrator, who will provide clear guidelines to ensure their use is intentional and purposeful in supporting student learning. Additionally, considerations will be made to accommodate students' medical and health needs, accessibility, and accommodation requirements.

Applicable times:

Secondary Schools: Personal digital device expectations will be in effect during instructional time.

Elementary Schools: Personal digital device expectations will be in effect throughout the full school day, including before school, after school, and during break times.

More detailed information about these new expectations will be shared at the start of the 2024-25 school year. In September, we will ask parents and guardians to support these guidelines by minimizing calls and texts to their children during school hours. It is important for students to remain focused and engaged in their learning without the expectation of responding immediately to messages. We also encourage families to start thinking about how they can support these new expectations to ensure a smooth transition for everyone.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation as we work together to create a safe and productive learning environment for our students.

Celebrate Diversity and Inclusion with us at the Vancouver Pride Parade!

Join West Vancouver Schools as we come together to celebrate diversity and promote inclusion at the Vancouver Pride Parade on August 4. All students, parents and families are welcome as we support the LGBTQ+ community, and spread messages of love and acceptance. See you there!

Register here [Vancouver Pride Parade Registration 2024](#)

2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

BYOD DEVICE, GR 4-7 (Bring Your Own Device)

West Bay students are encouraged to bring in a laptop or Chromebook to school in Grades 4-7.

Please see the letter [HERE](#) for more information.



2024-25 YEAR IN A GLANCE CALENDAR [CLICK HERE](#)



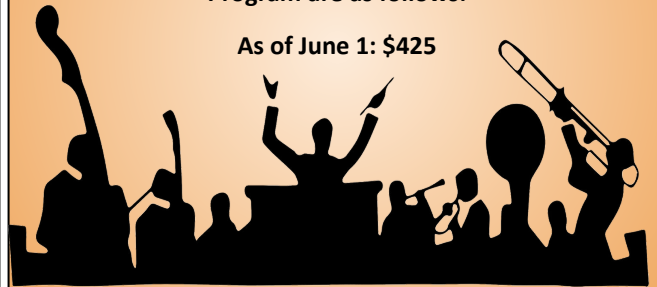
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2024-25 ELEMENTARY BAND PROGRAM

Please find the letter [here](#) from Ms. Gibli with more information about the band and a link to register.

In 2024-2025, the supplemental fees for the Band Program are as follows:

As of June 1: \$425



2024-25 SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Order online at
www.edupac.ca

Code 4506

Supplies will be delivered to West Bay at the end of August for distribution to classes in September

[KINDERGARTEN LIST](#)

[GRADE 1 LIST](#)

[GRADE 2 LIST](#)

[GRADE 3 LIST](#)

[GRADE 4 LIST](#)

[GRADE 5 LIST](#)

[GRADE 6 LIST](#)

[GRADE 7 LIST](#)

2024-2025 BELL SCHEDULE ALL STUDENTS

09:00
Starting Bell
3X40 minute blocks

11:00-11:20
Morning Recess

12:40
Students Eat Lunch Inside

12:55 - 1:17
Lunch Recess
2 X 40 minute blocks
1X 20 minute block

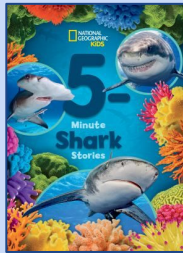
3:00
End of the School Day



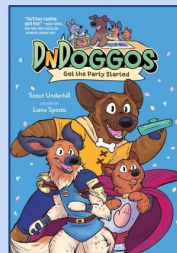
WVML SUMMER READING CLUB

[CLICK HERE TO HEAR CBC INTERVIEW WITH WVML'S SHANNON OZIRNY](#)

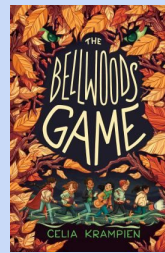
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER READING PROGRAM](#)



Dive into amazing true tales about baby sharks, surprising shark friendships, daring shark rescues, swimming with sharks, and more about these fierce and fascinating fish. These 12 fin-tastic true tales about sharks are all the ideal length to be read aloud in five minutes, making them perfect for bedtime, story time, or any time. Kids come face-to-face with great white sharks, hammerhead sharks,...



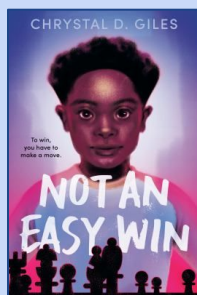
Four adorable dogs are tail-waggingly excited to play their favorite role-playing game in DnDoggos: Get the Party Started, the middle grade graphic novel debut from online comic creator Scout Underhill. They've picked their characters and favorite dice, and are ready to set off on the adventure their game master Magnus has created for them. Pickles, a rough and tumble fighter; Tonka, a playfu...



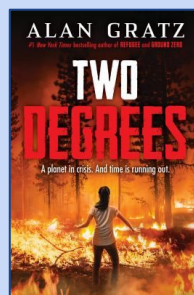
Perfect for fans of Doll Bones and Hocus Pocus, this "beautifully creepy" (Kirkus Reviews), highly illustrated middle grade novel follows a girl who hopes to fix her outcast status through a game in the haunted woods, only to discover that some legends shouldn't be played with. Everyone knows Fall Hollow is haunted. It has been ever since Abigail Snook went into the woods many years ago, never to...



Award-winning author Wendy Wan-Long Shang brews a frothy and bright story, filled with humor and heart, about friendship, first crushes, and finding one's own way in Bubble Trouble. How many problems can a delicious cup of bubble tea cause? Plenty, if you're Chloe Wong. For starters, Chloe wants to go on the class trip to Broadway -- an expense Chloe's not sure she and her dad can afford since her...



FOUR STARRED REVIEWS! Twelve-year old Lawrence is new to chess--can he find a way to get on the board, even though the odds are stacked against him? Find out in this powerful novel about family, forgiveness, and figuring out who you are when you don't make the rules--just right for middle-grade fans of Nic Stone and Jason Reynolds. *"Essential middle grade and tween realistic reading."-School..



The instant #1 New York Times bestseller! #1 New York Times bestselling author Alan Gratz (Refugee; Ground Zero) is back, tackling the urgent topic of climate change in this breathtaking, action-packed novel that will keep readers turning pages while making their own plans to better the world. Fire. Ice. Flood. Three climate disasters. Four kids fighting for their lives. Akira is riding her horse...

SUMMER CAMPS

An advertisement for Steamoji Summer Camp. It features the Steamoji logo, the text "SUMMER CAMP Turn downtime into discovery time with fun, hands-on projects and activities", a QR code, a "SCAN ME" button, a "\$50 GIFT CARD" badge, a photo of a child working, and contact information: "westvancouver@steamoji.com (604) 281-1829". A date badge says "JUL 2 - AUG 30".

West Vancouver Basketball Club Summer Camps

The WVBC is proud to be offering its 16th year of summer camps this July and August. This year, the WVBC will be offering 4 weeks of camps beginning July 8 for players in Grades 2-10. All camps will be held at West Van Secondary School and will be led by former Canadian Men's National Team player and WVS Teacher/ Basketball Academy Head Coach Greg Meldrum.

To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to <http://www.wvbc.ca>



**2024-25 HOT LUNCH PROGRAM
MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

PROGRAM WILL RUN 4 DAYS NEXT SCHOOL YEAR
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

ONLINE ORDERING OPENS SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER
LAST ORDERING DATE FOR THE YEAR WILL BE 15 MAY 2025
LAST HOT LUNCH OF THE YEAR WILL BE 20 JUNE 2025



Cutlery will be available to purchase for \$10 per kit - email westbaypac@gmail.com

WEST BAY SPIRIT WEAR ORDERING OPEN NOW

24-25 SPIRIT WEAR

CLICK [HERE](#) TO ORDER

Order Deadline 27 September

Delivery 4-5 Weeks after deadline



**24-25 GRAD HOOD
GRADE 7 STUDENTS**

ORDER [HERE](#)

Order Deadline
1st October, 2024 @ 9:
Delivery to School in No



West Bay PAC
WhatsApp group



West Bay Mandarin Speaking



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.