



THE WOLF



**WEST BAY
ELEMENTARY**

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

[West Bay Website](#)

ELL TEA - 27 SEPT

A parent information session about West Bay's English Language Learning (ELL) program will be held on **Friday, September 27th** from 9:00 - 10:00 am in the Learning Commons for all new parents.

RSVP

cjackson@wvschools.ca

**FIELD WILL BE OPEN FOR
PARKING**



SPIRIT WEAR

DEADLINE TOMORROW 9PM

CLICK [HERE](#) TO PLACE
ORDER
(Only Once a Year)

SEPTEMBER

30 Statutory Holiday

OCTOBER

1	Cross Country Meet #3
4	Terry Fox Run First Girls VB Practice @ Lunch
7	Lacrosse in PE Classes First Kung Fu Classes Girls VB Practice @ 08:15 First VB Boys Practice at Lunch
10	Boys VB Practice @ 08:05 School Appointments Opens for Bookings
14	Thanksgiving Stat
15	25-26 Kindergarten and Catchment 1-7 Registration Opens
22	School Appointments Closes Online at 10 PM
22	Gr 7 Volleyball Game #1
23	Early Dismissal 11:30 Learning Conferences
24	Early Dismissal 11:30 Learning Conferences
29	Gr 7 Volleyball Game #2

GR 7 GIRLS AND BOYS VOLLEYBALL SEASON GETS UNDERWAY PERMISSION SLIP TO FOLLOW SHORTLY

**GIRLS PRACTICES BEGIN ON 4 OCTOBER @ 08:15 AM AND
BOYS @ 08:15 AM ON 7 OCTOBER**



PATH TO RECONCILIATION

Special programming to mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on 30 September

West Vancouver Memorial Library invites you to attend a series of powerful programs on Monday 30 September and explore essential resources dedicated to education and action.

- **Celebrate the launch of the Skw'shítsut/Skw'shétsut – Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim Language Kits**
Tuesday, September 24, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
Join us on our rooftop garden, Swáýwi temíxw, for traditional storytelling with Tsitsáyxemaat, bannock, and prizes!
- **Art Talk featuring Aaron Nelson-Moody (aka Splash)**
Thursday, September 26, 7 – 8 p.m.
Join West Vancouver Art Museum Assistant Curator Alison Powell for a conversation with artist Aaron Nelson-Moody/Tawx'sin Yexwulla about his activism and advocacy work and the collaborative nature of his working style.
- **Storytelling, Songs, and Crafts with Lisa Lewis | Ages 5-9**
Saturday, September 28, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Spend Saturday morning with Squamish Nation author Lisa Lewis. She will share the story of *Tsunaxen's Journey*, teach traditional songs, and guide children through a craft activity.
- **Movie Matinée Double_Feature: Beyond Being Silenced and WAAYDANAA**
Saturday, September 28, 2 – 3 p.m.
This double-feature screening explores Haida culture and resilience through two impactful films. *Beyond Being Silenced: Gyaa Isdlaa* follows Haida artist Robert Davidson as he stages a potlatch to honour Indigenous resilience, acknowledging past abuses while celebrating cultural renewal. *Waaydanaa: Now is the Time* revisits the historic moment when 22-year-old Davidson carved and raised the first new totem pole on Haida Gwaii in nearly a century, marking the rebirth of the Haida spirit.
- **Movie Matinée: Bones of Crows**
Monday, September 30, 2 – 4:15 p.m.
Bones of Crows tells the epic story of Cree matriarch Aline Spears, chronicling her experiences in the residential school system and the intergenerational impact on her family. This film offers an unflinching portrayal of the long-lasting effects of systemic injustice on Indigenous communities.

[West Van Schools Update September + October 2024 \(patronpoint.com\)](#)

**PHOTO DAY TOMORROW
RETAKE 29 OCTOBER**



**LEAVING EARLIER THAN
3:00 PM**

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

sbarrie@wvschools.ca

**WEST BAY RUNS
FOR TERRY FOX
ON FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER**



WEAR RED ON FRIDAY

Students will be running on Friday morning for Terry Fox. Please show your support of the Terry Fox Foundation and fight against cancer by sending in a Toonie with your child/ren on Friday.

If you prefer to donate online [HERE](#) is West Bay's Fundraising link to our goal of \$1,000.

KUNG-FU KIDS

West Coast Kung-Fu Academy is offering workshops for West Bay students (K-2; 3-7) on Mondays in the West Bay Gym from 3-5 PM. K-2 from 3:00-3:40 PM and Grades 3-7 from 3:45-5:00 PM.

**BEGINS MONDAY 7 OCTOBER,
ENDS 16 DECEMBER**

Please click [here](#) to register and [here](#) for more information including upcoming parent information evenings.



IB CORNER

Learner Profile

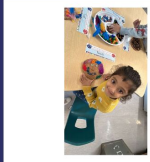
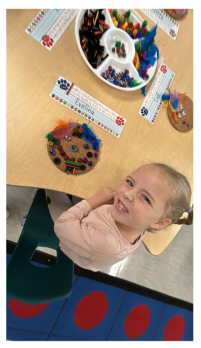
2024-25 Programme of Inquiry

Ways to Support Your Child as a PYP Parent



WHO WE ARE

*Knowing Who We Are Helps People Connect with Others
"We are Creative Thinkers - Look at Us!"*



CAMP SUMMIT - OUTDOOR SCHOOL

Supports the IB Learner Profile traits of being a Risk-Taker and a Communicator

Experiential educational experiences teach valuable life skills such as goal setting, communication, decision-making, trust building, conflict resolution, leadership, and allows individuals to recognize their true potential.



CROSS COUNTRY MEET #2

The joy of making it across the finishing line. Next practice tomorrow at 08:15 and final meet on 1 October.



WAY TO SHOW LEADERSHIP

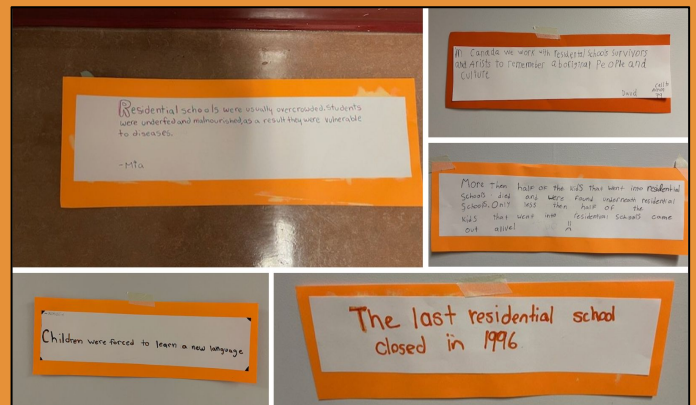
Thank you to our Grade 7 volunteers for helping out with recess and lunch supervision in the primary wing and to our Grade 7 Hot Lunch volunteers who started their shifts this week for the term - you are much appreciated!



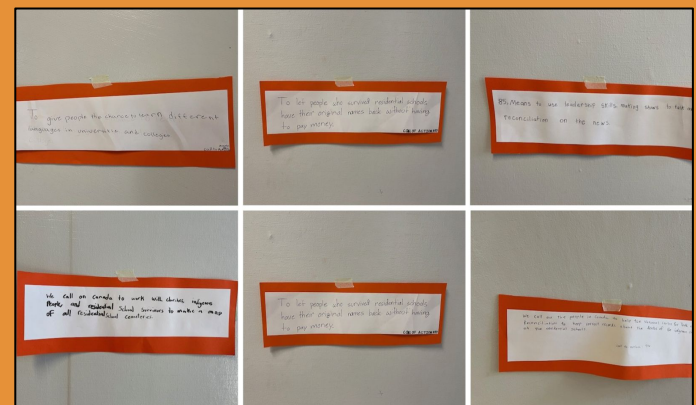
TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Walk the Pathway at School to find out more

THE TRUTH



GRADE 6 CALLS TO ACTION



Navigating Technology and AI in Education: Where We Are

Over the past year, two significant conversations have gained heightened attention regarding children and technology.

On one side, concerns about screen time and digital dependency are on the rise. Influential works like Jonathan Haidt's *The Anxious Generation* as well as the BC Ministerial Order restricting personal digital devices in schools signal growing unease about children's attachment to devices and social media.

On the other hand, the rapid advancements and potential of Generative AI are reshaping how we think about technology in education. These digital tools have sparked renewed interest in how they can be harnessed to support personalized learning. Digital devices open windows to new perspectives and offer fertile ground for critical thinking and deep inquiry.

Alongside parents, we at West Bay feel we have a role to help guide students' relationships with technology. Our goal is to position digital devices as valuable learning tools—tools that are picked up when useful and set aside when not. We aim to balance the benefits of technology with the importance of knowing when it's time to disconnect.

As partners in shaping our students' relationship with technology, we see this balance as key. West Vancouver Schools Superintendent Chris Kennedy emphasized this, stating, "[We didn't jump into AI because it was trendy. Our goal isn't AI itself; it's the creation of powerful learning experiences.](#)"

Students must learn about Generative AI because it's increasingly part of their world. Understanding how AI works, when it's helpful, and when it's not, is crucial. There will always be tension between AI's efficiency and the need to nurture curiosity and celebrate authenticity. But AI also holds immense potential to further inclusive lesson planning and offer personalized learning experiences for students.

Where Does West Bay Stand Today?

Many of our teachers are starting to use [Magic School](#)—Generative AI provided by West Vancouver Schools—to see where it can enhance their teaching. This includes modifying reading materials to suit different learning levels, creating exemplars and non-exemplars, developing varied assignments to reflect student understanding, and crafting decodable texts to focus on foundational literacy skills. Teachers can also use AI to predict and address student misconceptions, particularly in our Themes of Inquiry.

While students are gradually introduced to what Generative AI is, they're learning how it works and how it can assist in their studies. Though students are not actively using AI tools yet, many will start, as developmentally appropriate, utilizing them this year. Tasks such as translating, summarizing, leveling texts, comparing writing samples, and seeking alternative perspectives will be supported by AI, further enriching their learning.

A Purposeful Approach

While we are excited for the benefits of our well-established tools like the Google Suite of Education and exploring the benefits of Generative AI for teachers and students, we are reaffirming our expectations regarding the purposeful use of technology. Our expectations are in the table below.

In six months, this post may feel very dated as I am sharing our starting point with Generative AI as new tools and ways to support learning continuously emerge. The landscape is changing quickly, and this is an exciting time to be a learner and educator.

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PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICE

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Student Arrival	Students can send text messages and make phone calls on their mobile phone. Students cannot play video games, use social media, take or view photos or videos, etc. No laptop or tablet use.
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM + School Events	Students are only allowed to use their device when given permission by a staff member. Devices are to be stored in silent mode or off.
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Student Departure	Students can send text messages and make phone calls on their mobile phone. Students cannot play video games, use social media, take or view photos or videos, etc. No laptop or tablet use.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

MONDAY MATH BEFORE SCHOOL

GRADES 2-7 @08:15 IN LC

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

MONDAY KUNG FU

STARTS MONDAY 7 OCTOBER

3:00-3:40 - K to Grade 3

3:45-5:00 - Grade 4-7

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

DEBATE CLUB WEDNESDAY

@ 08:00

GRADES 5-7 @ 08:00 IN LC

BEGINS 25 SEPTEMBER

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

READING ON THURSDAYS

ALL GRADES @ 08:30 IN LC

STEAMOJI AFTER SCHOOL

THURSDAYS

GR 1 AND UP @ 3:15 IN LC

CLASS NOW FULL

HARVEST 2024 FUNDRAISER

NATURE'S GREATEST SNACK FOOD

Order deadline:

Wednesday, October 9th

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER

[CLICK HERE.](#)



USEFUL LINKS

[PARKING DOS AND DON'TS](#)

[SPECIAL EVENT PARKING](#)

[WEST BAY WEBSITE](#)
[SCHOOL NEWS](#)

[SCHOOL CASH ONLINE](#)

[MYEDUCATION BC](#)

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Monday (Foodie Kids/Aburi),
Tuesday (Foodie Kids)
Thursday (Foodie Kids/Panago)
Friday (Foodie Kids)



ORDER HERE - ORDERING IS ONGOING

Returning Parents [Here](#)

New Parents [Here](#)

LAST ORDERING DATE FOR THE YEAR
WILL BE 15 MAY 2025 - LAST LUNCH 20 JUNE 2025

REUSABLE CUTLERY - ORDER NOW



**AVAILABLE TO ORDER ON
MUNCHALUNCH ABOVE
UNTIL 11 OCTOBER
DELIVERY 15 OCTOBER**

**\$10 each, includes fork,
spoon and chopsticks.**

VOLUNTARY ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

Please understand that if you are choosing to take extended holidays when classes are in session, teachers cannot replicate the learning that happens within the classroom and are not able to provide online learning opportunities.

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).

Families may email their child's teacher(s) to see if there is other work their child can do, however, our teachers' energy and focus continues to be on the learning of students within the classroom



WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Things to consider if your child feels unwell:

1. The wellbeing of your child. 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:

1. Have a fever.
2. Are too sick to take part in normal school activities.
3. Have a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox, measles).
4. Is vomiting or has diarrhea. It is recommended that students be symptom free at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Where can I find more information

- Health Link BC - by calling 8-1-1, you can speak to a health service navigator, who can help you find information and services, or connect you with a health professional. You can also find information online at www.healthlinkbc.ca
- Sneezes and Diseases - online at www.sneezesdiseases.com
- BCCDC - online at schools.bccdc.ca
- [Vancouver Coastal Health](#)
- VCH - online at [Children and Youth health - Vancouver Coastal Health](#)
- School Administrators can also contact their School Public Health Nurse

DPAC	24-25 EXEC	24-25 PAC
2 Oct, 09:00 AM	19 Sep, 7:00 PM	No Meeting
6 Nov, 09:00 AM	10 Oct, 7:00 PM	17 Oct, 7:00 PM
4 Dec, 09:00 AM	7 Nov, 7:00 PM	14 Nov, 7:00 PM
8 Jan, 09:00 AM	5 Dec, 7:00 PM	No Meeting
5 Feb, 09:00 AM	9 Jan, 7:00 PM	16 Jan, 7:00 PM
5 Mar, 09:00 AM	6 Feb, 7:00 PM	13 Feb, 7:00 PM
2 April, 09:00 AM	6 Mar, 7:00 PM	No Meeting
7 May, 09:00 AM	3 April, 7:00 PM	10 April, 7:00 PM
4 June, 09:00 AM	8 May, 7:00 PM	15 May, 7:00 PM
	5 June, 7:00 PM	12 June, 7:00 PM

**KINDERGARTEN PAC EXEC
NOMINATION FORM**

ACCESS FORM [HERE](#).

Please email forms by **October 16, 2024**, to
westbaypac@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS ARE A GIFT TO OUR COMMUNITY

West Bay is a community that thrives with the help of our volunteer parents. We have many jobs, big and small.

If you are able to help out please sign up [HERE](#).



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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.