



**WEST BAY  
ELEMENTARY**

# THE WOLF

**WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER**

[West Bay Website](#)



**2024-25  
CALENDAR [HERE](#)**

**2024-25  
WEST BAY CODE OF  
CONDUCT  
CLICK [HERE](#) TO SEE  
CHANGES**

**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](mailto:sbarrie@wvschools.ca)**

SEPTEMBER	
6	Gr 3-7 Cross Country Forms Go Home Fri 6th September
8	Hot Lunch Ordering Online Opens in AM and Closes on 9th @ 3:00 PM
12	First Reading Before School in Learning Commons - every Thursday @ 08:30
13	PAC Welcome Back BBQ
17	Cross Country #1 at 3:30
16	First Math Club Before School @ 08:00 in Learning Commons Sign Up on Link in PAC Section Grade 7 Mentors
18	Curriculum Evening @ 5:15 PM
19	First Steamoji Class @ 3:15 PM
20	Professional Development Day #2
23	First Hot Lunch Day
23-25	Grade 6 Students at Camp Summit
24	Cross Country #2 at 3:30
25	First Debate Club for Gr 5-7 begins in Learning Commons - Sign Up on Link
27	Individual Photo Day <b>Deadline for ordering Spirit Wear Online</b>
30	Truth and Reconciliation Statutory Holiday

**OUR STAFF**

West Bay is lucky to have welcomed many new staff members over the summer. Katherine Greig and Karissa Larsen are our new Learning Support Teachers; Alicia Ellis joins Ms. Coyle as an English Language Learner Teacher; Megan Kay and Caitlin Scheske will teach Grades 3 and 7 respectively; Kenneth Kim joins us as Physical Literacy Teacher and part time teacher in Grade 5; Negin Soltani, Zuzana Vojtkova, and Josephine Cruz will work as Education Assistants; and Ms. Emily Miller is our new Vice-Principal and Grade 5 teacher. A full listing of staff and divisions is [here](#).

All class placements are final. Class placements are complex and often come with positives and negatives. We encourage students and families to look for the positives. If you would like to connect with me to learn more about your child's placement, please send me an email. Teachers will be connecting with families soon about their classroom and the year ahead.

Scott Slater

**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ  
FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER @ 5:00 PM**

Returning Parents Sign Up [Here](#) and New Parents [Here](#) - opens on 8th September and closes PM on 11 September.

Tickets for food will come home on 12th. We are looking for a few more volunteers to help with the West Bay BBQ on Friday. If you are able to help out please email [westbay.pac@gmail.com](mailto:westbay.pac@gmail.com)



**24-25 STUDENT RELEASE  
DRILL FORMS**

These forms went home with students on 3rd September. **Please return by Thursday 19th September** so that we have all your contact information on record in the case of an emergency release. Click [here](#) for a soft copy if the hard copy did not make it home

**SPRIT FRIDAYS**

Show your West Bay Spirit on Fridays by sporting your West Bay spirit wear - spirit wear sales now open until 27 September (only once a year ordering). See PAC Section for more details.

**13 and 27 September Spirit Days**

**2024-25 ELEMENTARY BAND PROGRAM**

Please find the letter [here](#) from Ms. Gibli with more information about the band and a link to register. This program is available to Grade 6 and 7 students.

**In 2024-2025, the supplemental fees for the Band Program are \$425.**

**HOT LUNCH PROGRAM**  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday



**ORDER HERE**  
Returning Parents [Here](#)  
New Parents [Here](#)

**Ordering open from AM on 8th September to 3:00 PM on 9th for Lunch on 23 September.**

*Cutlery will be available to purchase for \$10 per kit, email [westbaypac@gmail.com](mailto:westbaypac@gmail.com).*

**LAST ORDERING DATE FOR THE YEAR WILL BE 15 MAY 2025  
LAST HOT LUNCH OF THE YEAR WILL BE 20 JUNE 2025**

### Optional Accident Insurance for Families

Each year the school district reminds families that they have the option to purchase insurance coverage against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. There are many different voluntary plans that provide coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. Families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider.

*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 or to [feedingfutures@wvschools.ca](mailto:feedingfutures@wvschools.ca) if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.*

### CELEBRATING STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

We ask that families refrain from bringing in cakes and cookies to celebrate student birthdays - you are more than welcome to bring in fruit or popcorn to celebrate in class. If inviting the whole class to parties teachers will hand out invites. If you are not inviting everyone, please distribute invitations on play dates.



### 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**



### MEDICAL ALERTS EPIPEN



If your child requires an EPIPEN to be administered during school hours because of a life threatening allergy please ensure that the school office is informed so allergy alerts can be sent to homerooms as soon as possible and please supply the office with an up to date EPIPEN at the same time. [FORM HERE](#).

### INHALERS

If your child requires an inhaler, please supply the school office with an inhaler as soon as possible. [FORM HERE](#).

### PARKING DOS AND DON'TS



Click [here](#) for more information.

Only Kindergarten families are permitted to park in the upper field lot at the beginning and end of the school day. For special events, the upper field will be open for parking as per the maps [here](#).

**Kindergarten families need to display their parking pass on their dashboard.**

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

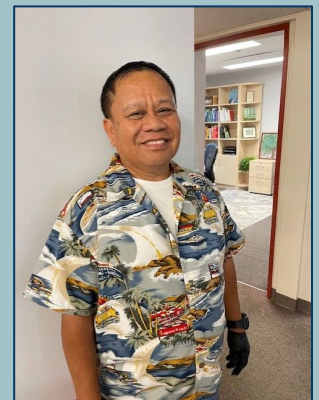
West Bay students are encouraged to bring in a laptop or Chromebook to school in Grades 4-7. Please see the letter [HERE](#) for more information.



Thank you to our custodians - Rolly and Leo. They did a great job over the summer doing a deep clean so the building would be sparkling for the start of the new School Year.

A huge thank you too to our Beekeeper - Magali Chemali - who has been cleaning the hive, feeding the bees and giving them a post Summer health check.

MR ROLLY - CUSTODIAN



MR LEO - CUSTODIAN



MAGALI CHEMALI  
BEEKEEPER



## Personal Digital Device Expectations

At West Vancouver Schools, we understand that personal digital devices offer students valuable opportunities to collaborate, create, and communicate, enhancing their learning experiences. We also recognize the importance of maintaining focused and safe learning environments for all students. Recently, provincial guidelines and legislation have further highlighted the need to minimize distractions, as digital devices can interrupt class time, interfere with student concentration, and disrupt the educational setting.

To support focused and safe learning environments, West Vancouver Schools is refining our approach to digital device use and will be uniformly applying personal digital device expectations across all schools. Starting this school year, personal digital devices will only be allowed with the explicit permission of a teacher or administrator, who will provide clear guidelines to ensure their use is intentional and directly supports student learning. Additionally, considerations will be made to accommodate students' medical and health needs, accessibility, and accommodation requirements.

Here's what this means for different school levels:

- **Secondary Schools:** Personal digital device expectations will be in place during instructional time. Instructional time is during classes, assemblies and all school related learning activities.
- **Elementary Schools:** Personal digital device expectations will apply throughout the entire school day. Mobile phones will not be used at all during school hours.

### How You Can Help:

To support these updated expectations, we ask parents and guardians to:

1. **Familiarize Yourself:** Please take time to read through the *Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices* ([here](#)) to fully understand the new district-wide expectations. Additionally, review any specific guidelines or expectations provided by your child's teacher(s). Understanding both the general and specific expectations will help you support your child in following the new expectations effectively.
2. **Model Appropriate Use:** Demonstrate and discuss the importance of limiting device use at home, especially during family time or other important activities. Your behavior sets a powerful example for your child.
3. **Encourage Balance:** Help your child find a healthy balance between screen time and other activities, such as reading, outdoor play, or family interactions. This will reinforce the focus on learning during school hours.
4. **Mindful Communication:** Please avoid calling or texting your child during school time. Please call the office if there is an emergency. Remind your child that school time is for learning, and that messages can wait until after school. Again, if urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.

By working together, we can create a safer, more focused learning environment for all students. These small steps at home can make a big difference in reinforcing the positive changes we're implementing at school. Thank you for your cooperation and support, Scott Slater - Principal



## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

### MATH BEFORE SCHOOL - GRADES 2-7

Begins Monday 16th September  
08:15 in Learning Commons

[SIGN UP LINK HERE](#)



### DEBATE CLUB - GRADES 4-7 ONLY, WEDNESDAYS

Begins Wednesday 25th September  
@ 08:00 AM in Learning Commons

The Debate Club is back! West Bay alumni students Jason and Jerry Song ran a very popular debate club last year and will continue to do so throughout this year. Registration is required and you can do so [here](#). The Club focuses on public speaking, crafting arguments, and having fun taking various positions on topics.



### READING BEFORE SCHOOL - ALL GRADES - THURSDAYS

Begins Thursday 12th September  
@ 08:30 in the Learning Commons



### STEAMOJI - INTRO TO FABRICATION, GR 1 and UP

Begins Thursday 19th September @ 3:15 PM

[COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM HERE](#)

[EMAIL TO : WESTVANCOUVER@STEAMOJI.COM](mailto:WESTVANCOUVER@STEAMOJI.COM)

Intro to Fabrication helps launch apprentices into a world of fabricating and design. By exploring different materials and design techniques, apprentices will be planning, prototyping and problem-solving their way through 10 unique projects.

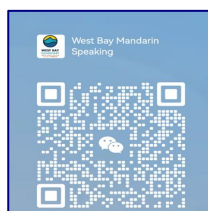
Tinkercad, 3D pens and Laser Cutters - it's a great way to start your Steamoji journey. Let's get building!



**Scott Slater**  
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I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Sḵwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, on whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides.



## WEST BAY PAC



**SPIRIT WEAR SALES**  
[CLICK HERE TO ORDER](#)



Order Deadline 27 September  
Delivery 4-5 Weeks after deadline

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**24-25 GRAD HOODIES**  
**GRADE 7 STUDENTS**  
[ORDER HERE](#)

Order Deadline 1st October, 2024 @ 9:00PM  
Delivery to School in November

### VOLUNTEERS ARE A GIFT TO OUR COMMUNITY

Westbay 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](#).



### PAC SURVEY - [CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE](#)



Share your feedback and ideas re your preferred times for online PAC meetings and Educational/Guest Speaker Components for monthly meetings

### KINDERGARTEN PAC EXEC NOMINATION FORM

[ACCESS FORM HERE.](#)

Please email forms by **October 16, 2024**, to [westbaypac@gmail.com](mailto:westbaypac@gmail.com)

### HARVEST 2024 FUNDRAISER

NATURE'S GREATEST SNACK FOOD

Order deadline: Wednesday, October 9th  
TO PLACE YOUR ORDER [CLICK HERE.](#)

