



THE WOLF



WEST BAY
ELEMENTARY

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 21 OCTOBER

[West Bay Website](#)

**PAC MEETING TONIGHT
AT 7:00 PM**

Zoom Link [HERE](#)

Meeting ID : 884 1467 1319

Passcode: 660962

[AGENDA HERE](#)



**ORDER PHOTOS BY 22 OCTOBER
RETAKES 29 OCTOBER**

[Order Your Photos HERE](#)

[Retakes Click Here](#) to sign up.
The cutoff to sign up is October 25th

STEAMOJI CLASS THIS WEEK

**WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER, 12-1 PM @ WEST BAY**

Chess Club is Back!

Beginning Friday, October 18th, Chess Club will run in the Library Learning Commons from 8:15 AM. It is an opportunity for students with varying levels of chess ability to play together and learn some tips and tricks from more experienced players. All students in Grade 2-7 are welcome, regardless of ability. The Club will be run by Grade Six students Angelina and Arjun, and supervised by a West Bay Staff Member.



**GOOD LUCK TO OUR
VOLLEYBALL TEAMS ON
TUESDAY 22ND FOR THEIR
FIRST GAMES VS HOLLYBURN**

**GIRLS AT HOME
BOYS AWAY @ 3:30 PM**

OCTOBER

22	School Appointments Closes Online at 10 PM
22	Gr 7 Volleyball Game #1 Vs Hollyburn, Girls at Home and Boys Away
23	Early Dismissal 11:30 Learning Conferences
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29	Photo Retakes Gr 7 Volleyball Game #2 Vs Westcot, Girls Away and Boys at Home Apple Delivery TBC
30	Gr 6 Art Gallery - 2:15 PM
31	Halloween

NOVEMBER

3	Full School PJ Day
5	VBall Game #5 vs Chartwell
6	Div 7 Field Trip to Ecology Centre by Bus
8	Remembrance Day Assembly @ 11:30 AM
11	Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday
12	Professional Development Day #3
13	K Hearing Screener Div 8 Field Trip to Ecology Centre by Bus
14	Holiday Hamper Sign Up Goes Live
15	Spirit Wear Delivery TBC
18- 22	Scholastic Book Fair Learning Commons
19	VB Game #6 vs Caulfeild
27	Boys VB Jamboree at Rockridge @ 1:00 PM
28	Girls VB Jamboree at Rockridge @ 1:00 PM
29	09:30 Gr 7 Performance #1 1:45 Gr 7 Performance #2

LEARNING CONFERENCES

On October 23 and 24 we will be dismissing students early at 11:30 to provide the opportunity for Student Learning Conferences. A strong home-school connection with open communication is vital for student success in school. We hope the Learning Conferences are meaningful for families and here are a few tips to ensure they are.

WRITE YOUR QUESTION DOWN

Before your Conference time, think through any questions you have or concerns you might want to address. You might want the teacher's perspective on books to recommend or maybe the math homework seems to be taking your child longer to complete than it should, and you're not sure how much you should intervene.

This is a great time to ask. Knowledge of the IB Primary Years Program Can Help As an IB School with a goal of developing students' leadership skills by developing aspects of the Learner Profile, some familiarity with the language commonly used in IB can be helpful. Teachers will avoid the use of jargon, but you may get a better sense of the goals we have for your child as IB learners if you have an understanding of the IB program.

Key information for parents can be found [here](#) and details on the Learner Profile are [here](#).

ASK THIS QUESTION

Consider this question: "How can I support my child at home?" This gives teachers an opportunity to talk about academic or social areas in which your child would benefit from help, reinforcement, or making connections outside of school. Avoid asking questions such as, "How's my kids doing?" or "How does my kid compare to other kids in the class?" These types of questions are broad and not helpful to supporting your child.

STICK TO THE SCHEDULE

Most of the time the conference time is going to feel sufficient, but if you feel like your child is struggling this probably will not feel like enough time to problem solve. Remember, though, that this can be the start of the conversation, not the end. If you hit on an issue that requires more conversation than you can fit in, make a plan to follow-up through email, phone, or another meeting. This isn't your only opportunity to talk to your child's teacher

**COMING SOON
LEARNING CONFERENCES
23 AND 24 OCTOBER
11:30 AM EARLY DISMISSALS**

**ONLINE BOOKING OPEN
NOW UNTIL 10 PM
ON 22 OCTOBER**

**To register for a conference
please click [here](#)**

1. Register for an account by clicking the "REGISTER" menu tab and filling in the online form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "Register Now" button.

2. Add your children into the system by clicking the "Add a Student" button. Click "Insert New" button to add more children.

3. Click the "date" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with and the "View Calendars" button. Use the "Ctrl" or "Command" key to select multiple staff to view at the same time.

4. Click on available time slots to book your appointments and then click the "Book Appointments" button to save your bookings.

5. Any questions please contact your child/children's teacher. All appointments are expected to be in person but reach out to your child's teacher if you prefer an virtual conference

**What's
Happening**

THIS WEEK

MONDAYS

Before School
Math Club
for all students
in the Learning
Commons

After School
Kung Fu in Gym
3:00-3:40 K-2s
3:45-4:45
Grades 3-7

WEDNESDAYS

Debate Club
Before School
in Learning
Commons
Gr 5-7 Only

THURSDAYS

Reading Before
School in
Learning
Commons
All grades

Gr 5 Only Math
Club Before
School

**Steamoji After
School
CLASS FULL**

FRIDAYS

Chess at 8:15
Before School
Grades 2-7

KINDERGARTEN AND CATCHMENT 1-12 REGISTRATION

Registration Open Online Now

Click [HERE](#) to register



Please carefully read the information regarding new documentation procedures before starting the application process. Click [HERE](#) for requirements.

TIP: HAVE ALL YOUR DOCUMENTS IN PDF FORMAT READY TO UPLOAD AHEAD OF 15 OCTOBER

ADMISSIONS FOR OUT OF CATCHMENT AND OUT OF DISTRICT STUDENTS OPENS AT 08:00 AM ON WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2025

READING ROCKS

On Thursday, October 10th, beautiful boulders were installed in our “primary forest.” We are calling them Reading Rocks and they are a gift from the West Bay Parent Advisory Council in honour of former West Bay Principals Judy Duncan (pictured) and Kim Grimwood for students to enjoy, including by taking a book out and reading in the sunshine. Ms. Duncan and Ms. Grimwood are both deeply honoured by the thoughtful gift and pleased that these Reading Rocks will be enjoyed by students for decades to come.



HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS COMING UP ON 31 OCTOBER

As students and families start to think about costumes, to ensure the day is fun for everyone, please observe the following dos and don'ts:

- Feel welcome to dress in a costume or not
- Continue to avoid costumes that promote cultural stereotypes. If you're looking for information on *cultural appropriation* vs. *cultural appreciation*, click [here](#) for a CBC video; and for a great list of questions to ask about whether a costume is appropriate or not, click [here](#) to see information from UBC's Equity & Inclusion Office.
- Avoid masks, beyond, of course, medical masks worn for health reasons
- Do not bring any item that resembles a weapon
- Wear something comfortable that can be worn all day and can withstand being outside in any weather
- Students should be able to put on their costume and take it off to use the bathroom by themselves
- Avoid scented items that might irritate others (e.g. some hair colouring products)
- Come to school in your costume; students won't be able to visit the washroom for the purpose of costume updates
- Students should avoid bringing in Halloween candy as eating high sugar foods, and the idea of eating high-sugar foods, often distracts students from learning. Candy may be held for students and returned at the end of the day but is best avoided to begin with.

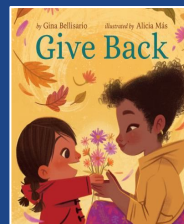
QUICK, HEALTHY SNACKS TO CONSIDER FOR HOMEROOM CELEBRATIONS

- ☐ Yoghurt
- ☐ String Cheese
- ☐ Low-fat microwave popcorn
- ☐ Canned fruit or applesauce in single-serving containers
- ☐ Unsalted nuts (unless in nut advisory classroom)
- ☐ Whole wheat crackers
- ☐ Raisin and other dried fruit
- ☐ Flavored rice cakes
- ☐ Baby carrots
- ☐ Pretzels
- ☐ Cherry tomatoes

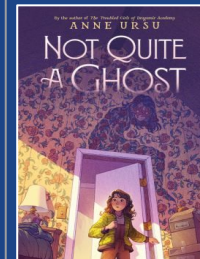


WHAT TO READ NEXT

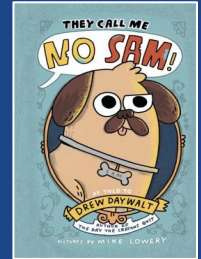
WVML STAFF PICKS FOR THIS MONTH



Celebrate kindness and sharing in a sweet picture book about giving back! Thank You, Omu meets All Are Welcome! Greet the morning shiny-new, seat for me and seat for you, drip-drop syrup, pancake stack. Take a plate, and... give back! Follow a little girl and her multigenerational family as they prepare for a community meal and clothing drive. With charming, lyrical text from Gina Bellisario,...



From the award-winning author of The Troubled Girls of Dragomir Academy comes an unforgettable and deeply personal story of the ghosts that surround us--and the ones we carry inside. The house seemed to sit apart from the others on Katydid Street, silent and alone, like it didn't fit among them. For Violet Hart--whose family is about to move into the house on Katydid Street--very little felt like...

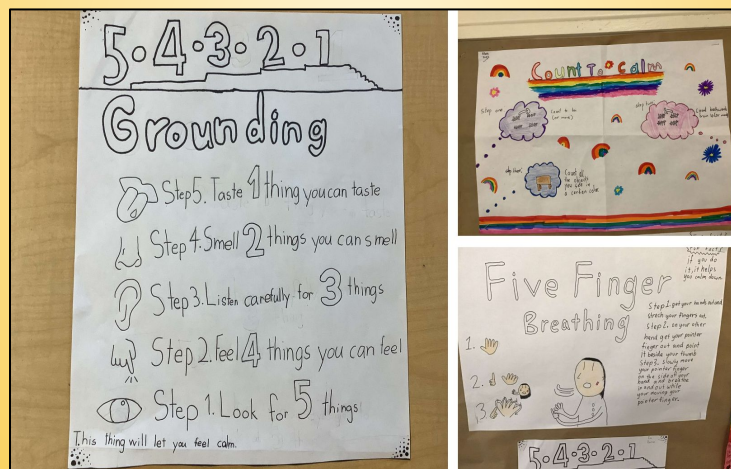


From Drew Daywalt, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Day the Crayons Quit, and illustrator Mike Lowery comes a heavily illustrated, paper-over-board middle grade novel about Sam, a noble pug who will go to any lengths to protect his family from the bad guys! Meet Sam: an insolent pug--and incidental hero--who will stop at nothing to protect his family! When scientists Elaine and...

WHO WE ARE

*Social skills and self management skills
build relationships*

Students in grade 3 have been learning strategies to improve their mental health and regulate their emotions. Here are some posters created after they completed their research.

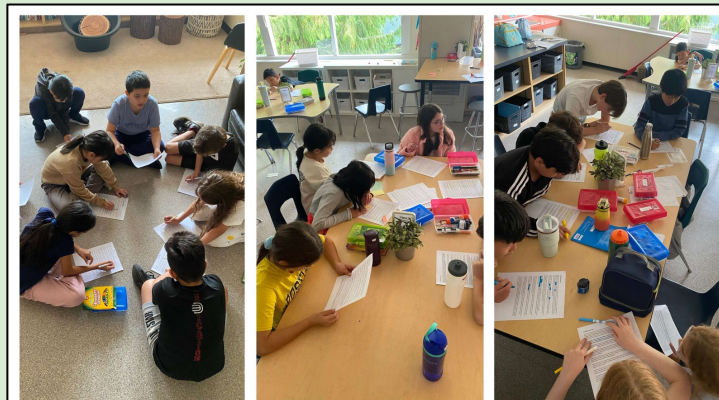


HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES

Cultural Exploration

Grade 5 Students below exploring diverse cultures by reading case study articles about children from different countries like Ethiopia, Iran, Indigenous cultures, and Japan.

Each group discussed key cultural elements, including language, body language, non-verbal and verbal cues, typical behaviors, celebrations, ect. They then created skits that highlighted their learnings, focusing on non-verbal expression while using up to five words in the culture's language. This activity not only fostered a deeper understanding and appreciation of global diversity but will also support our upcoming U of I research project on cultures around the world.



Learner Profile
2024-25 Programme of Inquiry
Ways to Support Your Child as a PYP Parent



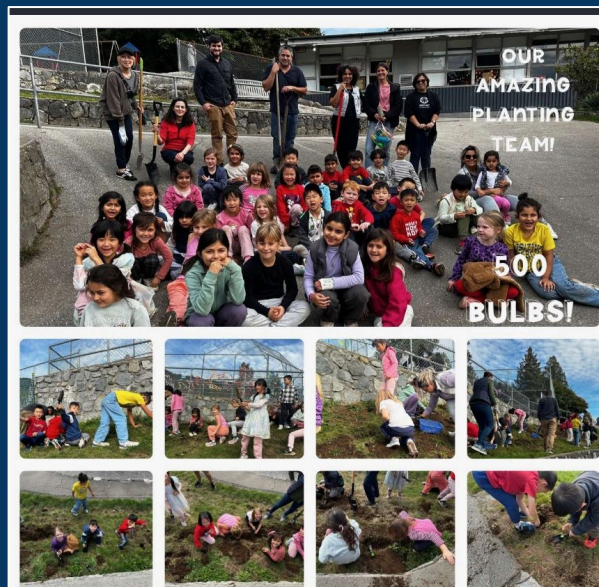
CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL DOT DAY WITH OUR BUDDY CLASS

Gr 2 students read the story of *The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds* with their little buddies. The students then creatively collaborated to create all different kinds of dots. We learned to be courageous by making our marks any way!



COLLABORATING AND BUILDING COMMUNITY

Grade 1 students worked with their Grade 2 buddies and parents last Friday and planted 500 bulbs. We can't wait to see them sprout in February and into the Spring. Thank you everyone who came out with their shovels to help us dig and plant.

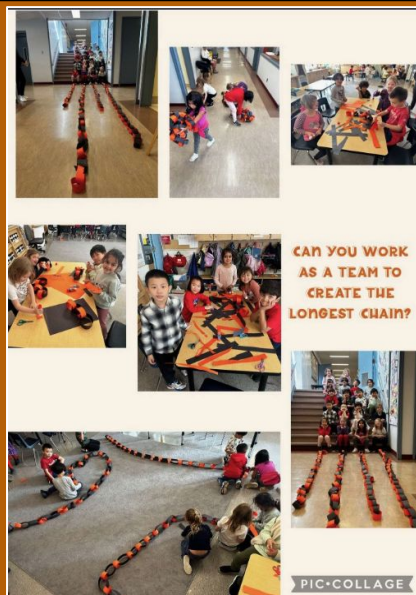


INQUIRY/ NUMERACY

Repeating elements in patterns can be identified

HOW WE ORGANIZE OURSELVES

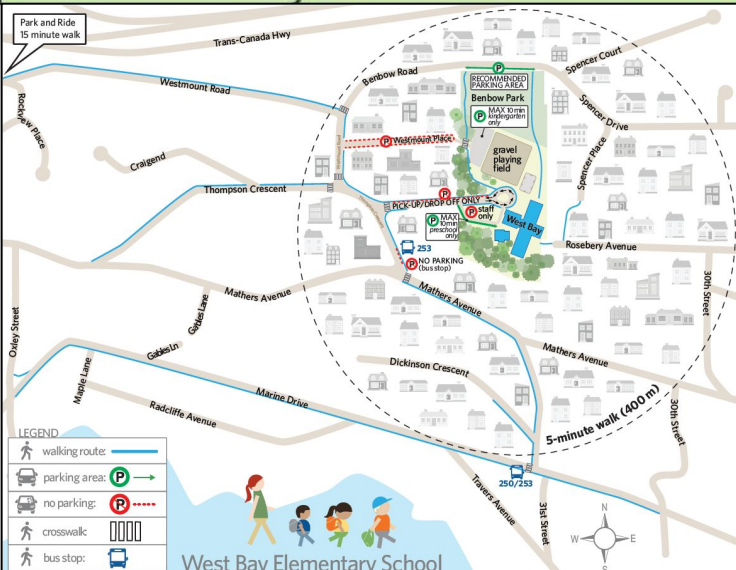
Using our knowledge of organization students worked in small groups to created the longest chains with the materials provided. It was so close! These chains will be used to decorate our classroom for our Halloween Day.



Parking Dos and Don'ts

October is a month where we typically settle into routines and it is important we settle into good routines. This applies to Drop-off/Pick-up as well. Please read these reminders so that dropping off and picking up is safe and efficient for all. A reminder that only Kindergarten parents, or those with an appointment or volunteering, should be using the upper lot. If others use it, the lot fills up which is stressful for everyone. Please also avoid using Rosebery Avenue as a turnaround. It is narrow and without a cul-de-sac to safely turn around. Please also avoid blocking driveways along all of the roads leading to West Bay. Thank you.

Please do	Please do not
Drive as though a child might unexpectedly jump out onto the road at any moment.	Speed through the School Zone.
Arrive sometime between 3-3:10 PM. Typically, all traffic is cleared through by 3:13 PM.	Do not come well before dismissal at 3 PM. This creates a backlog and causes people to stop in no stopping areas and block the flow of traffic on Westmount Road and Thompson Place and Crescent. We have been warned by WV Bylaw that they will continue to patrol and ticket these areas.
Pull up as far as possible when picking up or dropping off.	Do not stop for pickup when there is room to move forward; this leads to a backlog and people potentially driving around you, which can be dangerous.
Be patient with the person waiting in front of you. Exit the loop when they do.	Avoid backing up to get around a car delayed in front of you.
Encourage your child to keep a keen eye out for you so that you can pick them up quickly.	Do not ask staff to look for your child; your child needs to look for you.
Park in the upper lot off Westmount Place if your child is in <u>Kindergarten</u> or you are volunteering at the school or have an appointment. Park only in designated spots.	Do not park in undesignated areas, and do not leave your car in an undesignated area.
Park away from the school and walk; it's a great way to avoid congestion and start and finish the day with some exercise.	Do not park in the turnaround along Thompson Place.



Click to enlarge.

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
WILL BE 15 MAY 2025 LAST LUNCH 20 JUNE 2025

NO SUCH THING AS BAD WEATHER JUST INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Please ensure your child/ren are dressed in appropriate outdoor clothing for the inclement weather ahead and have a change of clothes in their backpack.



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

USEFUL LINKS

[CODE OF CONDUCT](#)

[24-25 YEAR IN A GLANCE
CALENDAR](#)

[PARKING DOS AND DON'TS](#)

[SPECIAL EVENT PARKING](#)

[WEST BAY WEBSITE SCHOOL NEWS](#)

[SCHOOL CASH ONLINE](#)

[MYEDUCATION BC](#)

**SCHOOL CASH ONLINE
[HERE](#)
ITEMS DUE FOR PAYMENT**

Grade 4 Field Trip
By School Bus - 6 and 13
Nov - Lynn Canyon Ecology
Centre

Click [HERE](#) for P Slip for Div
7 and [HERE](#) for Div 8
\$30.00 due online by
23 October

Gr 7 Volleyball
\$10.00 Activity Fee Due by
21 Oct. Before the First
Game on 22 October

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

WEST BAY PAC

DPAC	24-25 EXEC	24-25 PAC
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

VOLUNTEERS ARE A GIFT TO OUR COMMUNITY

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




West Bay PAC
WhatsApp group




West Bay Mandarin Speaking



COMMUNITY EVENTS

We are changing how we share community news and events. Starting now, individual "Community Connections" will no longer be included in our school bulletins. Instead, all local programs, events, and resources will be found in one convenient location, accessible through a [single link](#) that we'll update and share with you each week.



PUMPKINS FOR POLIO
COME BY ROCKRIDGE TO BUY SOME PUMPKINS!
LOCATED 5390 HEADLAND DR
10AM-2PM
OCTOBER 19, 2024
\$7 PER PUMPKIN

Let us know you are coming by using the QR Code



COME TO WEST VAN FC'S OPEN HOUSE
West Vancouver Elementary Students, Parents and Educators are Welcome!
FRIDAY, OCT. 25 | 3:45-4:45 PM
AMBLESIDE PARK-SOCCER FIELD D (RAIN OR SHINE)



Students will be invited to play in some fun warm-up games and mini World Cup with WVFC Staff coaches.

Youth & Vaping

Information, Considerations & Impacts

45 minute presentation and Q&A about:
youth vaping rates, products, industry influence, health impacts, addiction, prevention and local support.




Did you know? 60% of BC youth who have vaped tried their first vape between the ages of 12-14.

Keynote Speakers
Lindsay MacDonald and **Lauren Wilkinson**, VCH, have extensive knowledge surrounding the world of youth and vaping.

Nicole Kennedy, Foundry North Shore, will provide information on Foundry Services for youth and families.

Join Us
Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00pm
Rockridge Secondary School
Players Hall

This free parenting education talk is brought to you by:

Scott Slater
Principal
West Bay Elementary | Cypress Park Primary
IB World Schools
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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.