



WEST BAY
ELEMENTARY

THE WOLF

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 28 OCTOBER

[West Bay Website](#)



OCTOBER	
25	Pro Development Day #3
29	1st Robotics Only in Div 11 Photo Retakes - LC VB Game #2 vs Westcot Apple Delivery
31	Halloween Celebrations
NOVEMBER	
1	Full School PJ Day Gr 6 Art Gallery- 2:15 PM
5	Robotics 08:15 New VBall Game #5 vs Chartwell
6	Div 8 Field Trip to Ecology Centre by Bus
8	Remembrance Day Assembly @ 11:30 AM
11	Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday
12	Pro Development Day #4
13	K Hearing Screener Div 7 Field Trip to Ecology Centre by Bus
14	Holiday Hamper Sign Up
14	PAC Meeting @ 7:00 PM
15	Spirit Wear Delivery TBC
18-22	Scholastic Book Fair Learning Commons
19	VB Game #6 vs Caulfeild
21	Grade 3s to Science World
22	Gr 2s to Cleveland Dam Gr 6s to Science World
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

KINDERGARTEN AND CATCHMENT 1-12 REGISTRATION

Open Online Now
Click [HERE](#) to register

Click [HERE](#) for requirements.

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

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

RETAKES 29 OCTOBER

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

VOLLEYBALL GAME REPORT

The grade 7 teams played three hard fought games against Hollyburn on Tuesday. They demonstrated a strong improvement in their volleyball skills but also were supportive and showed great sportsmanship.

NEXT GAME - 29 OCTOBER - GIRLS AWAY AT WESTCOT, BOYS AT HOME @ 3:30 PM

Make Your Own Robot

ROBOTIC CLUB

Building VexGo along with programming

Tuesdays 8:15-9:00AM
Library Learning Commons
G2-G7 are welcome
10 space only, RSVP now

GR. 2-7 ROBOTIC CLUB - 1st SESSION
TUESDAY 29 OCT @ 08:15 AM
(Student Inspired, Parent Supported)
Click [HERE](#) to sign up. Limit of 10.

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
- ☐ Unsalted nuts (as per nut sensitivity in classroom)
- ☐ Low-fat microwave popcorn
- ☐ Canned fruit or applesauce in single-serving containers
- ☐ Raisins and other dried fruit
- ☐ Whole wheat crackers
- ☐ Pretzels
- ☐ Flavored rice cakes
- ☐ Baby carrots
- ☐ Cherry tomatoes

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our West Bay Scholastic Book Fair is fast approaching and we need a whole team to help our eager readers and book shoppers. If you are able to volunteer a morning, afternoon, or after school shift during the week, please reach out to

Mrs. Hunt:
jhunt@wvschools.ca.

AVAILABLE TIMES:

Monday, Nov 18
9:00 - 12:40

Monday, Nov 18
1:20 - 3:00

***Monday, Nov 18**
2:30 - 4:15
(We'll need lots of helpers for this time)

Wednesday, Nov 20
9:00 - 12:40

Wednesday, Nov 20
1:00 - 3:00

Thursday, Nov 21
9 - 11:00

Thursday, Nov 21
1:20 - 3:00

COMMUNITY CARE AND CLIMATE CHANGE

This week students in Mrs. Campa's Grade 2 class and Ms. Little's grade 6 class had the opportunity to plant some trees at West Bay. With the support of the District of West Vancouver, five trees were planted; Douglas Fir, Douglas Maple, and Shore Pine. Students enjoyed getting to plant the big trees near the turnaround and in the primary forest.

They also got to plant some native plant seedlings surrounding the trees. It was a great afternoon to work with their buddies and help the environment!



HELLO

Grade 2 students below are interviewing their older buddies to find out more about each other.



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



FOUNDATIONAL LITERACY SKILLS

Primary students have been introduced to a new phonics program (UFLI) - focusing on the sounds and what their mouths, lips, voice, noise and tongues do to create the many different language sounds. Flying through the phonics grade 1 students are now excited to move onto the core lessons and build those reading skills.

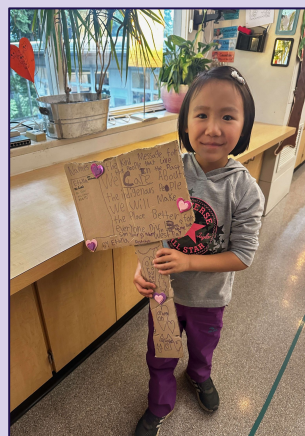


DO YOU KNOW YOUR HEALTHY FOOD GROUPS?

Students were asked to draw colourful pictures of favourite food items following Thanksgiving weekend celebrations. We learned about the healthy food groups of fruit and vegetables, breads and cereals, dairy, and meat or protein as well as extra foods or treats that should be eaten in very small quantity. Then the Grade Twos were asked to write and sound out the words for each food item!



DEVELOPING THE IB LEARNER PROFILE - TAKING ACTION!



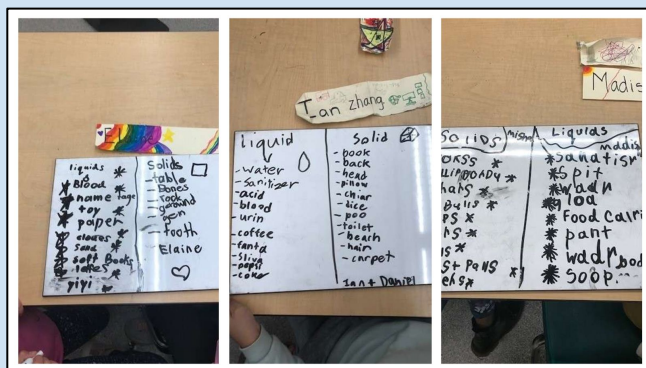
Ethna took action when she created a sign to support National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) on September 30.

Her message inspired staff and students to sign their names on her sign.

Thank you Ethna for taking action!

HOW THE WORLD WORKS - Science Inquiry, Liquids and Solids

Students did an experiment yesterday with **Ooblek**, which is cornstarch (solid) mixed with water (liquid). We noted the properties that were from both solid and liquid categories (lumps, powdery, wet, drippy). Reviewing properties of both kinds of matter, students worked in partners to find examples of solids and liquids in the classroom. See below the beginning of their understandings - some of the objects are not in the right place... **misconceptions that will be changed with more learning!**



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

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](#)

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

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.



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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.

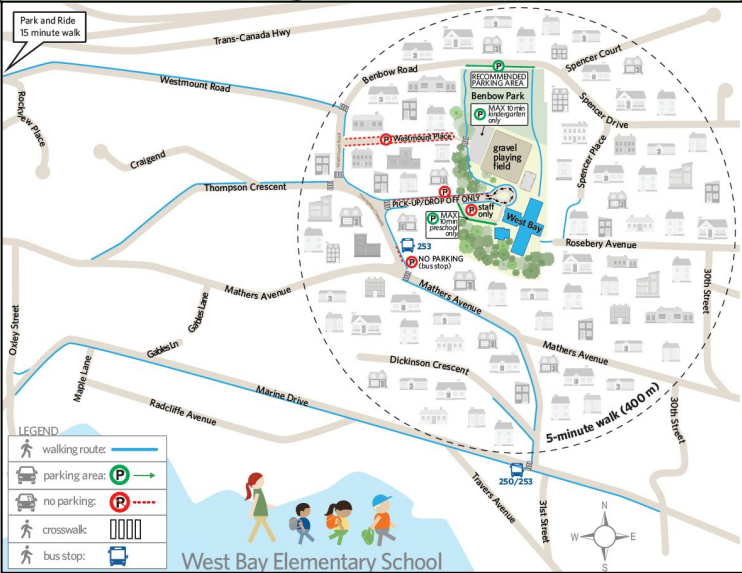
Where can I find more information

- 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

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. Also, please avoid using the top of Rosebery Ave. as a drop-off/pick-up spot. It is not a safe place to turn around and quite narrow for cars and pedestrians to use at the same time. 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.



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WEST BAY PAC

DPAC	24-25 EXEC	24-25 PAC
6 Nov, 09:00 AM		
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 Mandarin Speaking

West Bay PAC
WhatsApp group

COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMUNITY NEWS

"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 link [HERE](#)

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:

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