



# THE WOLF

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 16 DECEMBER

[West Bay Website](#)



KINDERGARTEN AND CATCHMENT GR 1-12 REGISTRATION OPEN ONLINE NOW CLICK [HERE TO REGISTER](#)

## FESTIVE FRIDAY TOMORROW HOLIDAY SWEATERS



## WEST BAY'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR IS BACK!

*Friday 13 December - 3:00 PM in Gym*

The craft fair will have lots of homemade and festive items. Please bring cash (small denominations) to purchase items.

### FIELD OPEN FOR PARKING

*If you purchased Purdys - these orders will be distributed at the Fair.*



## WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Click [HERE](#) to find out when.



### DECEMBER

<b>13</b>	<b>Festive Friday - Sweaters</b> Last Chess Class First Report Card Published Div 2 to Climb Base 5 Craft Fair After School 3PM in Gym - Collection of Purdys
16	<b>Last Math Before School</b> <b>Back Monday 13th January</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Decorations Day in PM</b>
18	<b>Last Debate Club</b> <b>Back 22 January</b> Gr 7 Field Trip to SFU by Bus
19	Div 1 to Climb Base 5
<b>20</b>	<b>Festive Friday PJs</b> Holiday Singalong @ 11:00 <b>Last Day-12:15 Dismissal</b> <b>Field Open for Parking</b>

## VOLUNTARY ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

If you choose 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.

You may wish 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.

## TERM ONE LEARNING UPDATE

**Tomorrow, December 13th**, you will receive an email from [sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca](mailto:sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca) with details about accessing the Term One Learning Updates. Detailed instructions and videos for accessing the Updates are available [here](#). If you are new to West Bay, you should have received an email from the email address "sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca" with instructions for how to create a MyEd. Family Portal account. This account will allow you to access your child's/children's Learning Updates (report cards), Annual Instructional Plans (AIPs) for English Language Learners, and Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for students with a Ministry Designation. If you did not receive this email, please search your junk folder and if it didn't land there, please contact Ms. Barrie ([sbarrie@wvschools.ca](mailto:sbarrie@wvschools.ca)). The Learning Updates provide information of the progress your child has made this year in all areas of learning as well as suggestions for further growth and development. Families are encouraged to review these reports with their child(ren) and reach out to your child's teacher if there are any questions or 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

PLEASE EMAIL  
[sbarrie@wvschools.ca](mailto:sbarrie@wvschools.ca)

## FORGOTTEN ITEMS INCLUDING LUNCHES

Need to be labelled with child's name and left at the drop off area by the office.

## Texting Messaging for Winter Weather or School Closures when Power is Down

Please text a "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 to ensure you are on the list.

## WINTER WEATHER INFO CLICK [HERE](#).

## REMEMBER TO ORDER HOT LUNCH FOR NEXT TERM NEXT WEEK AND OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Order Before 11:59 PM on 1st January for  
Lunch week beginning 6 and 13 January.

## WEST BAY'S 2023-2026 SCHOOL GOAL

West Bay students will cultivate a deep understanding of their Learner Profile attributes, empowering them to (1) become proactive leaders in their educational journey, (2) confidently navigate conflict resolution, and (3) passionately support causes they care about.



**HAMPER  
SLOTS FILLED**

**200**



**CHILDREN  
GIVEN GIFTS**

**39**



**FAMILIES  
GIFTS + GROCERIES**

**16**



**IMPACT: IMMEASURABLE!**

**WEST BAY OUTREACH**

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the West Bay Holiday Hampers! The project was a tremendous success again this year with 200 sign-up spots filled, and we successfully delivered gifts and grocery cards to 39 children and their parents from 16 families in need at Westview and Edmonds schools. The schools were beyond grateful and so happy to be able to pass along gifts and essentials for these families to make their holiday bright. Thank you all for making a difference!

The families in need included families on the North Shore and in Burnaby, some of whom are new Canadians and may not yet have essentials for the kids. Even with access to services, there is often a shortfall and no extras for gifts under the tree. Thankfully, with your help, we know the hamper families will be able to enjoy some special treats and have groceries for the holiday season. 😊

Thank you to all the parents, staff, and students who helped make this happen. Happy holidays!

**WEST BAY PAC**

**DECORATIONS DAY 17 DECEMBER**

Thank you to PAC for supporting this annual West Bay tradition.



**To West Bay Parent Community**

Neda Esmati and PAC for always supporting the learning at West Bay

**To Parent Hot Lunch Volunteers**

Co ordinator Ksenia Maximenkova and all the parents who sort and distribute lunches four times a week

**To Grade 7 Student Lunch Volunteers**

Who volunteer in classes while students are eating lunch

**To Student/Family Volunteers**

**Math Club Before School**

Jennifer D

**Robotics Before School**

Ian Z and Family

**Debate Club Before School**

Jason and Jerry, ex Alumni

**Chess Before School**

Angelina and Arjun, supported by Ms. Jessie

**String Ensemble Before School**

Yang Family, supported by Ms. Gibli

**To Teachers**

**Volleyball Coaches**

Mrs Sun, Ms Rust, Mr Dignum and Mr Kim

**Origami Club**

Ms. J Lee

**Crochet Club**

Mrs Sun

**Outreach**

**Holiday Hampers**

Parent – Nicole Ridgedale  
Staff – Mrs. Barrie and Mrs. Fichtner

**Grade 7 Fundraising**

**Popcorn Sale**

Erica Fearn, Ms. Scheske and Students

**Holiday Craft Fair**

Courtenay Payne and Students

**Purdys – Grade 7 Fundraiser**

Alexis Omichinski

**CLEVELAND DAM  
GR 2 FIELD TRIP**

Students saw slug eggs and insects under a log and learned about where water goes when it falls on the earth. Each student had a number and as they walked along the trail, the guide read out a number and told the student where their water droplet ended up. One was absorbed by a some moss, another sucked up by tree roots, another ended up being swallowed by a salmon in the river.

Students listened to find out if they would make it to the ocean or get used up along the way!





HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER - FOOD AND FUN!

MUSIC BINGO

# HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

Suggested: bring a can of food to donate

WEDNESDAY  
18TH DEC

IN THE  
MUSIC  
ROOM

12:40 BRING  
YOUR LUNCH

MORE INFO



## HOW LEARNING WORKS AT WEST BAY

January 14th, 8:45-10:15 AM

RSVP ON LINK BELOW

An informative session exploring our International Baccalaureate (IB) approach to education.

### **We'll discuss critical questions about learning:**

- What impact has research in literacy instruction and brain science had on reading education?
- Why did West Bay choose Leadership as our school goal and what are we doing to develop our students' leadership skills?
- What is the difference between numeracy and mathematics, and why, with the immense technological advancements humans have made, are we teaching math differently?
- How is artificial intelligence used at West Bay?

This conversation aligns with the IB mission to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who contribute to a more peaceful world. We will also use part of the session to get your feedback on how we are doing.

**If you are interested in attending, please register [here](#) to help us prepare and share any additional topics you'd like to explore.**

### **Date and Location:**

West Bay Learning Commons,  
January 14th, 8:45-10:15 AM.  
Coffee and cookies provided.

## 2025-26 WEST BAY START AND FINISH TIMES SURVEY COMPLETE BELOW

The Survey will close on Friday 10 January, 2025.

Dear West Bay Families,

We are considering changing West Bay's start and finish times for the 2025-2026 school year. The change we are considering is from our current 9-3 to 8:50 AM-2:50PM. Again, if a change is made, it would not take effect until September 2025.

To align with our feeder schools (Cypress Park and Rockridge) we are considering only a minor change and will only change our schedule if we get significant interest in doing so. A decision will be made in late January and communicated to families. Some of the rationale for considering a change includes:

1. Making it easier for families to get their child to after school activities. Each week, many dozens of students are signed out early to get to after school activities on time.
2. Many students are dropped off well before the bell as parents need to start work and 9 AM is a late drop-off time.
3. Traffic on HWY 1 builds throughout the afternoon and the ability to leave even just a bit earlier might be helpful to avoid congestion.

**If you have a preference, you can share your views [here](#).**

**The survey will close January 10<sup>th</sup>.**



**West Vancouver Schools Registration Opens  
January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 08:00 AM**

**K-12 registration for both in-district and  
out-of-district students opens on January 15!**

If you have students in your family or network who are looking to join our district, please help spread the word about this important date.

West Vancouver Schools offer a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community that values excellence in education. Our schools take pride in creating meaningful learning experiences and providing opportunities that support the growth, well-being, and success of every student.

To learn more about registration expectations and processes, please visit our admissions page:

[West Vancouver Schools Admissions](#)

**We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our vibrant and supportive school community!**

# Return-It Express

**West Bay Grade 7 Fundraiser for Grad**



## Grade 7 Bottle Return! Fundraiser

Please support the Grade 7s by taking your refundable bottles and cans in a CLEAR garbage bag to a "Return It Express and GO" drop location. **There is one at Park Royal**, but you can go to any location. Bags can be purchased from any grocery store.

### Instructions:

Put in our user phone number **604-839-8114** to **PRINT sticker LABELS** for your bag(s) from the kiosk. (This label will ensure that West Bay gets money **from** the bottles.) Once your bag is labeled, use your phone to **TEXT our code "SGTS"** to the number listed on the kiosk. You will be **texted back with a PIN** to type into the keypad next to the door. Place the bag inside, no sorting needed. Easy as can be!

For more information on what can be recycled and where the kiosks are (Park Royal near Winners and Superstore North Van are two options), please visit the website:

<https://www.return-it.ca/express/expresstips/>

For questions, please contact Grade 7 parent:  
[nicole@nicoleridgedale.com](mailto:nicole@nicoleridgedale.com)

# MISS ROSS

A Memory Book will be created honouring Miss Ross. The idea is to include pictures and text from students, staff, families, and friends, that share positive memories of Miss Ross or the lasting impact Miss Ross has had.

[Click here](#) to contribute to the Memory Book.

### DONATION LINK

If you would like to donate to the ways above to commemorate Miss Ross, you may do so [here](#).

### LINK FOR THE MISS ROSS SWEATSHIRT

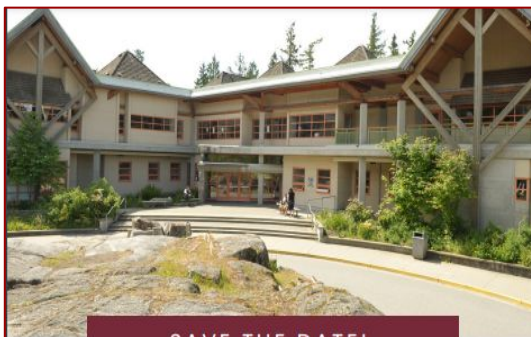
Will go live first thing on 6 January and will remain open for ordering until 11:59 PM on 20th January



**YOUTH T SHIRT  
\$23.25**



**ADULT SWEATSHIRT  
\$28.95**



**SAVE THE DATE!**

FOR OUR ANNUAL

## INFORMATION NIGHT FOR INCOMING GRADE 8 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



Date: Thursday, January 9th, 2025

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Where: Rockridge Secondary  
5350 Headland Drive, West Vancouver

### HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

**ORDER SECOND TERM  
LUNCHES BY 11:59 PM ON  
1ST JANUARY - FOR  
LUNCHES WEEK  
BEGINNING  
6 AND 13 JANUARY**

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

**Returning Parents Order  
[Here](#)**

**New Parents Order  
[Here](#)**

**LAST ORDERING DATE  
WILL BE 15 MAY 2025 LAST  
LUNCH 20 JUNE 2025**

## PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICE EXPECTATIONS

As we reflect on the first four months of the school year, we're proud to recognize the progress we've made together in implementing our Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations. Thanks to the collective efforts of our students, families, and staff, we've seen a significant improvement in how digital devices are used in our schools. This has fostered more focused and engaged learning environments, aligning with our shared goal of supporting student success.

This success would not have been possible without everyone's ongoing support and commitment. While we celebrate these strides, it's important that we remain consistent in maintaining these expectations and continue to remind and support students to ensure this positive momentum is sustained.

### Why We're Doing This

The purpose of these expectations is to minimize distractions and maximize learning opportunities. Digital devices, when used appropriately, are powerful tools for collaboration, creativity, and communication. However, ensuring they don't interrupt instructional time or disrupt the learning environment remains a priority.

### What You Can Continue to Do

Here are some ways families can help reinforce these expectations at home:

1. **Celebrate Progress** - Acknowledge your child's efforts in adhering to the guidelines and discuss how this has positively impacted their focus and learning.
2. **Reinforce Healthy Habits** - Continue encouraging a balanced approach to device use at home by promoting activities like reading, outdoor play, and family time.
3. **Model Consistency** - Show your support by modeling mindful device use when on the school grounds or in the school building AND during shared family time.
4. **Support School Communication** - Please avoid contacting your child during instructional time, this includes communication through phones and smartwatches. Remind them that non-urgent messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.
5. **Stay Engaged** - Revisit the Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices to refresh your understanding of the expectations and discuss them with your child.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support in making this initiative a success.

Add the Personal Digital Device Expectations for the New year blurb to eBulletins on January 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

### Personal Digital Device Expectations for the New Year

As we begin a new term, we'd like to remind students and families of our **Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations**, which have been key to fostering focused and engaging learning environments.

Students are expected to use personal digital devices only with the explicit permission of a teacher or administrator, ensuring their use is intentional and supports learning.

Families can continue to support this by:

- Encouraging balanced screen time at home.
- Avoiding calls or texts to students during school hours.
- Modeling mindful device use when on school property and at home.

Let's keep building on the success of this initiative and continue supporting safe, focused learning for all!

DPAC	24-25 EXEC	24-25 PAC
8 Jan, 09:00 AM		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

**OPEN PARACHUTE**

Open Parachute is a school program being used in West Vancouver classrooms in grades 6-9. It is one tool we are using to support social emotional learning.

This resource is also available to all parents and it is fantastic. Parents are strongly encouraged (no matter the age of your child) to sign up and create an account.

You will have access to short video clips and lessons to help equip parents to handle those emotional ups and downs that are inevitable. To sign up for an account use this [link](#).



**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

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](#)

**VOLUNTEERS ARE A GIFT TO OUR COMMUNITY**

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



**USEFUL LINKS**

[CODE OF CONDUCT](#)

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

[PARKING DOS AND DON'TS](#)

[SPECIAL EVENT PARKING](#)

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**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.*

## Kung-Fu Kids Winter 2025 Session @ West Bay After School (Mondays)

Looking for an after school program that helps your child develop speed, power, balance and coordination-- as well as gain practical skills in self-defence while having fun? Kung-Fu Kids is resuming sessions this winter!

**WHAT'S INCLUDED:** Kung-Fu Kids mentorship chat group with online video lessons and tip sheets for both parents and students to watch and train at home, anytime. All students will get a free red silk sash as their uniform and will be taught how to tie one securely, to be worn during class & at performances.

**WHAT'S NEW:** Our academy has rolled out a report card and grading system so students and parents know their progress and can set goals on how to 'Level Up' their skills. We also have a points reward program that students earn for completing physical literacy and kung-fu challenges each week. They can then use the points to redeem prizes such as custom stickers, sports gear, and even movie passes! Note: The bigger the prize, the harder the challenges to be earned over one or more sessions.

We have 2 programs available every Monday (excluding stat holidays and PD Days):

**Grades K-2: 3:00pm-3:40pm (40 minutes)** - Using a super fun obstacle course, music, games, storytelling, and essential kung-fu patterns (basic kicks, blocks and punches) to learn about balance, coordination, reaction, and timing to develop better focus, listening, and gross motor function skills. Kids will also learn about respect, communication & understanding among their peers. Certification and graduation will be held on the last day of class.

Fee: \$16/class + GST

**Grades 3-7: 3:45pm-5:00pm (75 minutes)** - We will begin with a general warm-up, proper stretching, body conditioning and fundamental self-defence techniques in kicking, striking, blocking, and stances/footwork. The main goal is to develop speed, accuracy and power. We will use various modern conditioning and sports equipment, as well as safety gear such as mats, striking pads and kicking shields.

Skills and knowledge testing and certification will be conducted on the last day of class.

Fee: \$21/class + GST

If interested please contact James Chang ([james@westcoastkungfu.ca](mailto:james@westcoastkungfu.ca)) for questions, or to pre-register! The actual Registration Link, and Zoom Info Session details will be sent out next week.

Sincerely,

James Chang, Chief Instructor

West Coast Kung-Fu Academy

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