



THE WOLF

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 6 JANUARY

[West Bay Website](#)



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

FESTIVE PJs

20 DECEMBER

HOLIDAY SWEATERS



EARLY DISMISSAL TOMORROW @ 12:15 PM

The field will be open for parking for the last day of school.



Happy Holidays Everyone!

If you are returning to school in 2025 later than 6 January (first day back) please email sbarrie@wvschools.ca with details.

WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

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



TERM ONE LEARNING UPDATES

Term One Learning Updates have been published to the MyEducation BC Family Portal. To log on to the Family Portal please use this link: <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>.

If you have any questions or need support with the Family Portal, please go to this link: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/family-portal>.

Learning Updates, AIPs, and IEPs will appear as PDFs under the 'Published Reports' tab and **remain on the Family Portal until July 31, 2025**. We recommend you save a copy for your records before then.

If you have specific questions about your child's Learning Update and progress, please contact your child's teacher(s).

GRADE 7 BASKETBALL SEASON

Permission slips will come out week 6 January. Practices will take place week 6 January and they are :

Girls - Thursday Lunch and 08:00 on Fridays
Boys - Wednesday Lunch and 08:00 on Thursdays

HOT LUNCH NEXT TERM

REMEMBER TO ORDER HOT LUNCH FOR NEXT TERM OVER THE HOLIDAYS

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

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

CLICK [Here](#) TO ORDER

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

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](#).

FORGOTTEN ITEMS INCLUDING LUNCHES

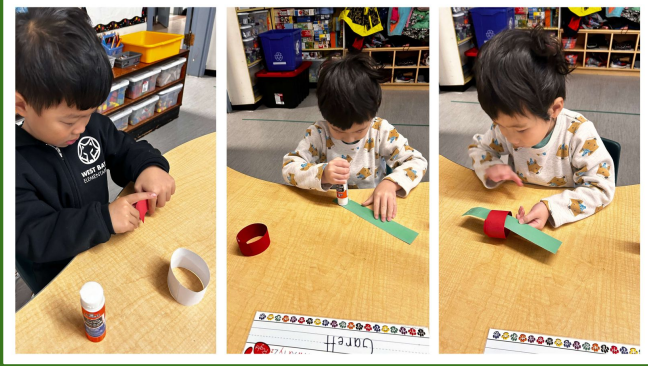
Need to be labelled with child's name and left at the drop off area by the office.

JANUARY

6	First Day Back to School First Kung Fu After School K-Gr 2, 3:00-3:40 PM Gr 3-7, 3:45-5:00 PM
9	Rockridge Open House for Grade 7 Families, 6:00 PM First Steamoji After School, 3:00 PM
10	First Chess Club Survey Deadline for 25-26 School Start Up and End Times
13	First Math Club Before School
14	How Learning Works at WB 08:45-10:15 AM
14	First Robotics Before School
15	Out of Catchment and Out of District Registration Opens Online Div 8 Museum of Anthropology by School Bus
16	Div 7 Museum of Anthropology Field Trip
21	#1 Basketball Game @ 3:30 PM
22	First Debate Club Before School
24	K Dental Screening @ 9:00 AM
24	Rockridge VP Visits Gr 7s @ 09:00
27	Professional Development Day
28	#2 Basketball Game @ 3:30 PM
30	Gr 6 Field Trip to Sea to Sky Gondola
31	Lunar New Year Celebrations

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.



COMPETITION BUILDING FOR THE DOOR DECORATING CONTEST - WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED TOMORROW.....



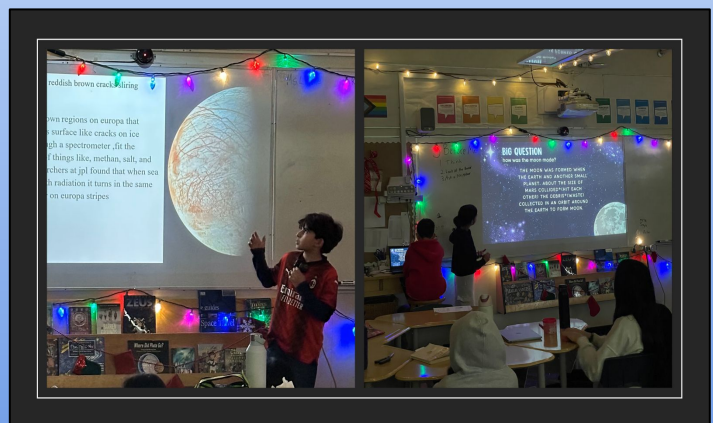
SHARING THE PLANET

The Grade 3s had a wonderful trip to Science World for our "Sharing the Planet" Unit of Inquiry. The students participated in a workshop called "Forest Stories" where they collaborated to create a story about the plants and animals in an ecosystem. After the workshops, students had time to follow their curiosities and explore various exhibits around Science World.



WHERE WE ARE IN SPACE AND TIME

Division 3 students in grade 6 completed their unit **Where We Are in Place and Time** with space presentations last week. Students chose a topic of their choice and conducted detailed research that they shared out in a Cosmic Café, and a digital presentation. It was incredible to see their detailed information come through in their creative presentations. They demonstrated how they were excellent Inquirers and Knowledgeable learners.



STUDENT LEARNING CONTINUED

GRADE 7 STUDENTS AT CLIMB BASE 5

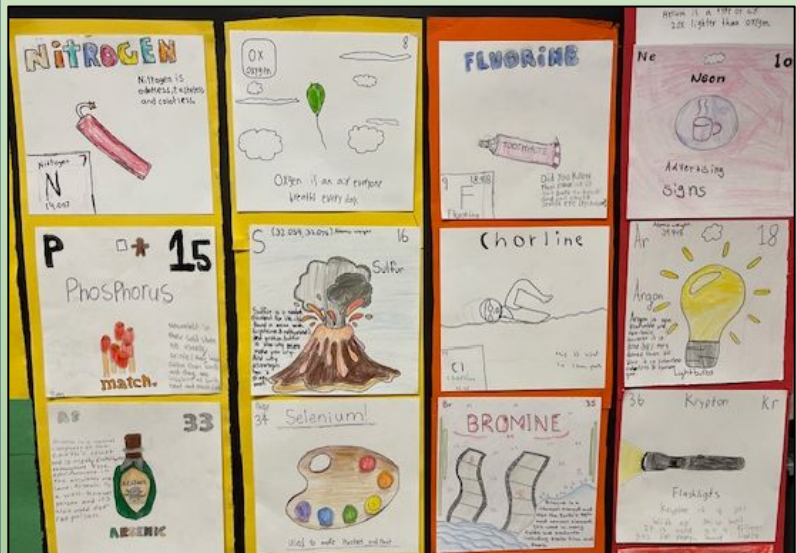
As a connection to their novel study "PEAK" by Roland Smith, students scaled the walls of Climb Base 5.



HOW THE WORLD WORKS

Understanding the foundations of Chemistry

Grade 7 students have been learning the periodic table song and building their own periodic table display in advance of visiting SFU's chemistry lab to learn more about chemical reactions and participate in some experiments.



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](#)



Dear West Bay Families,

In the last few weeks, we've shared a number of links for families to engage with. To keep it simple, and in the hopes you might have some downtime over the holidays, we are putting them all in one place here.

Item	Description	Link	Submission Date
2025-26 Intentions Form	To help us plan for 25-26 Enrollment please complete the link so that we know your plans for September 2025.	HERE	January 24, 2025
Memory Book For Miss Mimi 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.	HERE	January 17, 2025
Donation to Commemorate Miss Ross	Donations will be used to enhance and dedicate our garden; print copies of the Memory Book for the library and family members; a scholarship for graduating Secondary students.	HERE	July 1, 2025
School Start & Finish Time	Share your opinion on whether to keep our school day from 9-3 or change it to 8:50-2:50.	HERE	January 10, 2025
How Learning Works at West Bay	RSVP if you are interested in attending a presentation on the IB Primary Years Program at West Bay, Literacy, Numeracy, and AI.	HERE	Event occurs Jan. 14. Please RSVP before then.
PAC Hot Lunch	Hot Lunch Ordering for Term Two	HERE	11:59, January 1, 2025
Miss Ross Sweatshirt	Online link goes live 6 January	HERE	11:59, 17 January

BEFORE SCHOOL CLASSES, JAN-MARCH 2025 (LC = LIBRARY)

Monday Before School in LC	Tuesday Before School in LC	Wednesday Before School in LC	Thursday Before School in LC	Friday Before School in LC
Math Begins 13 January 	Robotics Begins 14 January <i>(ends 4 March)</i> 	Debate Club Begins 22 January 	Reading Begins 9 January 	Chess Begins 10 January 

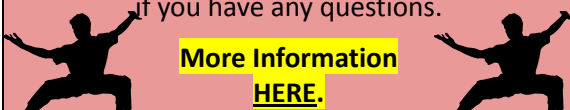
AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES, JAN-MARCH 2025

KUNG FU
Mondays After School Begins 6 Jan
 Register [HERE](#)

3:00 PM for K to Grade 2
 3:45 Gr 3-7

Contact James Chang
james@westcoastkungfu.ca
 if you have any questions.

More Information
[HERE.](#)



steamoji
 WEST BAY ELEMENTARY



INTRO TO MAKE & CODE
 ROBOTICS, CODING, 3D PRINTING AND MORE!
 Intro to MAKE & CODE allows students to explore the worlds of robotics, coding, and design. Apprentices will learn basic robotics and coding concepts, while also creating and building with tools such as 3D pens, 3D printers, and laser cutters. Through a variety of hands-on projects, they will develop problem-solving and prototyping skills in a fun and engaging environment.



STEAMOJI - FR GRADE 1-7
Thursdays @ 3:00-4:00 PM, starting 9 Jan

Apprentices will learn basic robotics and coding concepts, while also creating and building with tools such as 3D pens, 3D printers, and laser cutters. Through a variety of hands-on projects, they will develop problem-solving and prototyping skills in a fun and engaging environment.

Complete registration form [here](#) and email back to westvancouver@steamoji.com

**West Vancouver Schools Registration Opens
January 15th, 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!

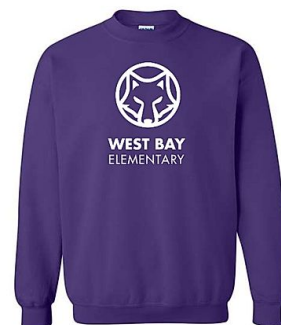
MISS ROSS

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**

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, text 604-839-8114.

SCO ONLINE - DUE FOR PAYMENT, CLICK [HERE](#)

Grade 4 Students

Museum of Anthropology by School Bus
Division 7 - 16 January
Division 8 - 15 January
Payment due 8 January

Grade 6 Students

Sea to Sky Gondola Field Trip - 30th January
permission slip and online payment to follow after holidays
- payment will be due by 17 January -

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

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

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

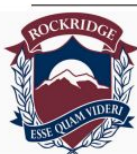
**LAST ORDERING DATE
WILL BE 15 MAY 2025 LAST
LUNCH 20 JUNE 2025**



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

MOUNTAIN WEST PHOTO ORDERS

As the Canada Post strike continues, any orders placed prior to December 3rd were sent home last week with students. Any orders placed after December 3rd will be delivered after the holiday closure; Mountain West Studios closes on December 20th and reopens on January 6th. Any questions contacts below :

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: help@mountainwest.ca

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 9th and 16th

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.

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

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](#)



West Bay Mandarin Speaking



West Bay PAC
WhatsApp group

VOLUNTEERS ARE A GIFT TO OUR COMMUNITY

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



**WEST VANCOUVER FIELD HOCKEY CLUB
TEACHING THE
"FUN" DAMENTALS OF HOCKEY!**

Our students recently learned the "FUNdamentals" of field hockey during an indoor session with West Vancouver Field Hockey Club.

After trying out their hockey skills and games, the children received a certificate and a WVFHC wristband. If your child/ children enjoyed the experience and is interested in playing more, contact info@wvfhc.com



Registration for
Spring League 2025
is now open
All levels welcome



www.wvfhc.com

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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.