



THE WOLF

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 9 DECEMBER

[West Bay Website](#)



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

FESTIVE FRIDAY
6 DECEMBER - HOLIDAY HATS



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Payment and Permission Slips due tomorrow 6 December

Div 2, Gr 7 - 13th Dec - Field Trip

All Gr 7 - 18th Dec - Field Trip

Div 1, Gr 7 - 19th Dec - Field Trip

Climb Base 5 P Slip [HERE](#)
SFU P Slip [HERE](#)

Payments Due by 8 January (Opens online on 7 December)
Div 7 - 15 Jan Field Trip to UBC
Div 8 - 16 Jan Field Trip to UBC

PERMISSION SLIP [HERE](#)
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 PM.

PLEASE EMAIL
sbarrie@wvschools.ca

GIRLS JAMBOREE

Congratulations to our girls team - an almost undefeated season followed by second place in the district jamboree, losing by 1 point. Way to go Wolves!



WEST BAY'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Friday 13 December - 3:00 PM in Gym

FIELD WILL BE OPEN FOR PARKING

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

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



LOST AND FOUND

On display in the upper corridor from 10-13 December. Come and reclaim your lost items.

TERM ONE LEARNING UPDATE

On Friday, December 13th, you will receive an email from 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).

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.

DECEMBER

6	Festive Friday - Hats Holiday Hamper Wrapping in LC
10	Robotics Class Cancelled Back Tuesday 14 January
11	Grade 3s to Science World by Bus
12	LAST READING in LC - CANCELLED FOR 19 DECEMBER
13	Festive Friday - Sweaters Last Chess Class First Report Card Published Div 2 to Climb Base 5 Craft Fair After School 3 PM in Gym
16	Last Math Before School Back Monday 13th January Last Kung Fu
17	Decorations Day in PM
18	Last Debate Club Back 22 January Gr 7 Field Trip to SFU by Bus
19	Reading Before School Cancelled Div 1 to Climb Base 5
20	Festive Friday PJs Holiday Singalong @ 11:00 Last Day-12:15 Dismissal

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.

WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

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



LEARNER PROFILE TRAIT - OPEN MINDED

Students recently brainstormed in their den groupings as to what this looks like and how this trait builds leaders. Some thoughts below :

"I know I have been open-minded in meeting new people and playing with other people. Sometimes they have different ideas and plans. I listen to them so I can learn".

Mario - Grade 3 Student



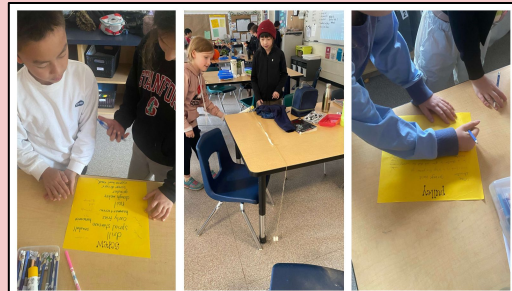
"It's hard to be open minded when someone has an idea and I have one too and then they share their idea and everyone agrees and no one agrees with mine. To make it better I try to use some of my ideas and some of the other ideas.

Ronica - Grade 3 Student

HOW THE WORLD WORKS

Humans use their understanding of machines to solve problems

After watching a video, Grade 5 students spent time brainstorming examples of simple machines that they have seen in the world. They were then challenged to move a marshmallow from the table to the floor using only the materials provided (pencil, string, plastic cup, tape, ruler).



WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME

Civilisations of the Past Influence Those of the Future

Grade 7s making connection between their unit of inquiry and the performing arts. Students were risk takers and communicators last Friday when they performed "DIG IT", a musical tale about ancient civilizations. Everyone helped to design and make the sets, created their own costumes, memorized speaking lines and songs, choreographed dances, and demonstrated incredible leadership. Bravo grade 7s, next stop Broadway!



FIELD HOCKEY

This week, students had an exciting opportunity to develop their field hockey skills during a special coaching session. They learned fundamental techniques with coaches from the West Vancouver Field Hockey Club. It was great to see the learners' enthusiasm



SELF-MANAGEMENT SKILLS

Kindergarten students illustrate below how they stay calm and persevere when tasks are challenging.

They don't give up!



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

Coming soon!

Our students will be learning 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 will receive a certificate and a WVFC wristband. If your child/children enjoyed the experience and is interested in playing more, contact info@wvfhc.com



Registration for Spring League 2025 opens November 4th 2024 All levels welcome



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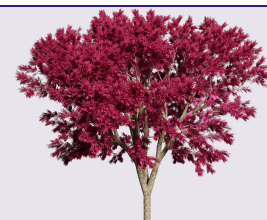
VOLUNTARY ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

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



Dear West Bay Families,

This letter is a follow-up to my letter sent on October 31st, when I shared news of the passing of beloved West Bay Teacher, Mimi Ross. My intention today is to share information with you related to ways we will commemorate Ms. Ross in our community. All decisions to commemorate Ms. Ross are guided by her family. As a community, West Bay School will be engaging in the following initiatives to honour Ms. Ross.

1. We will plant a memorial tree, such as an Eastern Redbud, that wows us with its beauty, and reminds us of Ms. Ross' vibrancy. The garden in front of the library will be enhanced and dedicated to Ms. Ross.
2. West Bay sweatshirts, in Ms. Ross' favourite colour purple, will be added as a special order in January with the link shared in our weekly newsletter, The Wolf.
3. A Scholarship in Ms. Ross' name will be created, beginning June 2025. The scholarship will be given to West Bay alumni who demonstrated kindness, compassion, and a commitment to the value of inclusion that Ms. Ross held dear. Our hope is for the scholarship to run for 10 years.
4. A Memory Book will be created honouring Ms. Ross. The idea is to include pictures and text from students, staff, families, and friends, that share positive memories of Ms. Ross or the lasting impact Ms. Ross has had. [Click here](#) to contribute to the Memory Book. The book will be printed and available in the library to be taken out by students, staff, and families.

If you would like to donate to the ways above to commemorate Ms. Ross, you may do so [here](#). All donations are eligible for a tax receipt. We plan to use the funds for three purposes: (1) the tree and garden enhancements (approximately \$1000); (2) printing copies of the memory book (approximately \$500); and (3), all remaining funds will go to a scholarship for graduating secondary students. If you are not able to use the link above, please email me and I can share other ways to donate.

Ms. Ross' Celebration of Life will occur in Ontario for family and close friends. We encourage families to honour Ms. Ross within their family in a way that makes sense for the relationship their family had with Ms. Ross. Some ideas that families have shared include planting flowers in their gardens; going for a walk in a beautiful place and sharing reflections of Ms. Ross; and contributing writing reflections either for the Memory Book, or for personal reflection as a keepsake.

We thank families for their kind wishes and support, and know that grief is shared by people in all parts of our community – children, staff, and families. Please feel free to share this letter.

Scott Slater - Principal, sslater@wvschools.ca

KINDERGARTEN AND CATCHMENT GR 1-12 REGISTRATION

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

Click [HERE](#) for requirements.

JANUARY 15 @ 08:00 AM

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★ Out of District Registration Opens Online

[CODE OF CONDUCT](#)

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

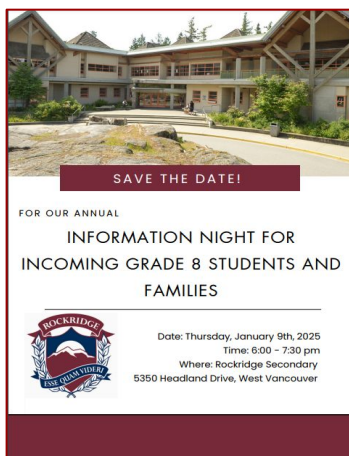
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HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

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



DPAC	24-25 EXEC	24-25 PAC
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

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](#).



Scott Slater

Principal

West Bay Elementary | Cypress Park Primary

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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) 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

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"Encourage. Inspire. Grow."

