



THE WOLF

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY

[West Bay Website](#)



REGISTRATION OPEN ONLINE NOW CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER FOR 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

WHY FEBRUARY?
 In February 2008 Senator Donald Oliver, the first Black man appointed to the Senate, introduced the Motion to Recognize the Contribution of Black Canadians

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CANADA
LINCOLN M. ALEXANDER

**WEST BAY CELEBRATES LUNAR NEW YEAR
FRIDAY 31 JANUARY**

More information from our Lunar New Year Group [here](#)

**FIELD OPEN FOR PARKING
YOUR CHILD'S SCHEDULE IS [HERE](#).**

CHINESE NEW YEAR

 -YEAR OF SNAKE-

PLEASE AVOID EARLY DROP-OFF
 Our staff begin supervision of the drop-off loop at 8:43 AM. It is important that students, **especially young children**, are not dropped off much before this time as the outside site is not supervised until then.

JANUARY	
31	Lunar New Year Celebrations
FEBRUARY - BLACK HISTORY MONTH	
4	BB Game #3 vs Gleneagles
6	Gr 7s visiting Mosque /Public Bus
11-13	Kung Fu for all students during PE
11	Gr 5 Field Trip to Vancouver Museum BB Game #4 vs Caulfeild
12	Grade 3s to Vancouver Playhouse by School Bus
13	Gr 7 Popcorn Fundraiser
13	How the Raven Stole the Sun Cultural Performance -
13	PAC Meeting @ 7:00 PM
14	Valentines Day District Wide Reading Break
17	Family Day Stat
18	BB BYE - No Game
20	Gr 3s Swimming/Public Bus
26	Girls BB Tournament @ WVSS, 1-4
26	PINK SHIRT DAY
27	Boys BB Tournament @ WVSS, 1-4

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR

Personal Project Exhibition

PRESENTED BY ROCKRIDGE GRADE 10 STUDENTS IN COMPLETION OF THEIR MYP CERTIFICATE

COME EXPLORE THEIR LEARNING JOURNEYS, DISCOVERIES AND WHAT WAS CREATED IN THE PROCESS!

FEB. 6, 2025 - 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Rockridge Secondary - 5350 Headland Dr., West Vancouver

Text 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](#).

GAME REPORT - GAME #2 vs BOWEN ISLAND

The boys travelled to Bowen Island this Tuesday for their second game of the basketball season. After a hard fought start to the game the boys bounced back in the second half and showed improved skills and a strong work ethic especially on defense.

The Grade 7 girls' basketball team put in a strong effort during their home game against Bowen Island (BICS) this week. They played with tough defense, controlled the rebounds, and showcased great teamwork through layups, passing, and second-chance points. The girls led for most of the game, keeping the score close. Congratulations on your hard work, sportsmanship, and positive attitude—we're proud of you!

**GAME #3 TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY @ 3:30 PM
vs Gleneagles, Girls Away and Boys At Home**

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR
 If your child/ren are not returning to West Bay in September please let the school office know as soon as possible sbarrie@wvschools.ca

As we have families waiting to hear about placement for the 25-26 school year.

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

BAND HOODIES
 Order Link [HERE](#)
Ordering Online Closes at 11:59 PM on 13th February

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.

2025-26 BELL SCHEDULE CHANGE
 Next school year, school will start at 08:50 AM and finish at 2:50 PM.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE - PEER LEADERS

At West Bay, as part of working towards our school goal, Grade 5 and 6 volunteer helpers are stepping into leadership roles with guidance from the **North Shore Restorative Justice Association**. Through specialized training, they are developing essential skills in active listening, conflict resolution, and fostering a caring school community. This initiative empowers our students to be compassionate problem-solvers, embodying the **IB Learner Profile** attributes of being principled, open-minded, and caring. By learning restorative approaches, they are helping to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for all. We are proud of our young leaders as they grow into positive change makers within our school!

HOW THE WORLD WORKS IN GRADE 3

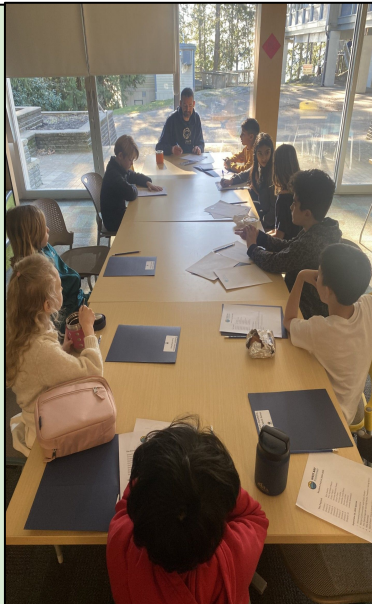
Natural Forces Create Change

Students have been investigating landforms and developing their scientific observation skills. Their curiosity has sparked deeper inquiry into different types of rocks and the processes that shape them. This week, our young "rock scientists" have been busy collecting specimens, making detailed observations, and forming hypotheses about rock formation. Keep up the great exploration, Grade 3s!



STUDENT COUNCIL

In addition, our **Grade 3-7 Student Council** is up and running! Launched last week, this group of enthusiastic student leaders is dedicated to making a positive impact in our school community. Through collaboration, creativity, and responsibility, they will help organize events, share student voices, and promote school spirit. By taking on leadership roles, they are embodying the **IB Learner Profile**, demonstrating **communication, responsibility, and teamwork**. We are excited to see their ideas come to life and the difference they will make this year!



HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES IN GRADE 2

Grade 2 Students designed their animal stuffy with indigenous shapes - crescents, ovoids, U shapes, trigons etc. They used an up and down stitch to attach details and then a blanket stitch around the edge to hold the stuffing in. Students are writing legend stories to go with their animals for their unit of inquiry **How We Express Ourselves**.



INTERNATIONAL LEGO DAY! SO MUCH FUN

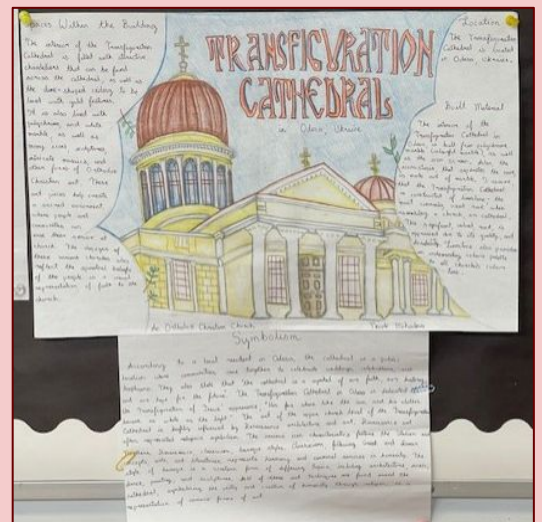
Drop everything and Lego! ...and this is just what we did on January 28th at 2pm with 80 students and thousands of pieces of lego in the primary hallway!



DROP EVERYTHING AND LEGO!

HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES IN GRADE 7

Grade 7s have been exploring religious expression through architecture and art. Grade 7s chose a place of worship and piece of religious art, researched the building and art piece and explored how it conveys meaning. They will continue with their inquiry with upcoming visits to a Synagogue and Mosque and conversation with an Indigenous Leader about spirituality.



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.

VOLUNTEERS ARE A GIFT TO OUR COMMUNITY

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



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.

[CLICK HERE](#) IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A DONATION

LINK CLOSES 1 JULY 2025

 THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
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For Curious and Inquiring Minds



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Virtual Family Math Fair

Saturday Feb 22, 2025, 10:00am - 11:30am PT

Virtual through Zoom with

UBC Faculty of Education Graduate Students and Teacher Candidates



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Hands-on Minds-on
Math Activities for all Ages!

All Welcome: Families, Teachers, Parents
Event FREE! | Registration Required

For more info and to register:
<https://tinyurl.com/UBCFamilyMathFair2025>

WHERE TO NEXT FOR WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS

If you are interested in the direction of West Vancouver Schools, you may wish to read the blogs of District leaders.

Assistant Superintendent Sandra-Lynn Shortall's blog, "[Sandra-Lynn's Spin](#)," serves as a platform for knowledge sharing in educational leadership and inclusive design. Her posts cover a range of topics including modernizing educational designs, the importance of human connection, the integration of artificial intelligence in education, and fostering inclusivity in public education. Superintendent Chris Kennedy's blog, "[The Culture of Yes](#)," explores innovative ideas in education, emphasizing the importance of new approaches to enhancing learning. Topics include insights on leadership, technology integration, physical literacy, change, and fostering a positive educational culture.

Both blogs are written for an audience of educators and parents so please consider having a read!

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

GR 3 SWIMMING/GR 2 WOODWORKING FEES - PAYMENT DUE NOW

GR 5 FIELD TRIP TO VANCOUVER MUSEUM

\$42 payment due by 3 February. Permission Slip [here](#).

GRADE 2 FIELD TRIPS TO SALMON HATCHERY

Goes live 3 February.

COMING SOON THIS TERM ON SCO

GRADE 4 CLIMB BASE 5 FEE

Wednesday 12 March, by School Bus.

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.

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
5 Feb, 09:00 AM		
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](#)

THE 2025 WEST VANCOUVER BASKETBALL CLUB SPRING PROGRAM

Registration for the WVBC's 8-week Spring Program is now open! All sessions will be held at West Van Secondary School and will be led by WVBC Head Coach, Greg Meldrum. Last year, the program completely sold out, so don't delay in signing up, as spots are limited.

Click [HERE](#) for more info.

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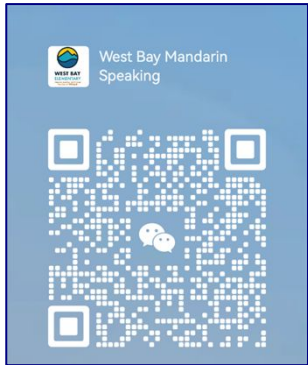
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