



# THE WOLF

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY

[West Bay Website](#)



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

## FEBRUARY IB LEARNER PROFILE TRAIT CARING

Email your photos to  
[emiller@wvschools.ca](mailto:emiller@wvschools.ca)

## Photo Contest

IB LEARNER PROFILE  
TRAIT OF THE  
MONTH - CARING

Take a photo of a caring act

Send the picture and a story about  
the photo to Ms. Miller at  
[emiller@wvschools.ca](mailto:emiller@wvschools.ca)

Winners will be chosen and posted  
here each Friday for the month of  
February!

See below for more details



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INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT [HERE](#)



A special thank you to Mr. Yang Bai for coming to West Bay with his snow blower early and helping with our snow clearing efforts this week! This is not the first time Mr. Bai has helped in this way.

Our IB Learner Profile Trait of the month is being "Caring" and we are grateful that Mr. Bai has been so caring of our school community.

## 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](mailto:sbarrie@wvschools.ca)

We currently have families waiting to hear about placement for the 25-26 school year.

## WHEN NOT TO SEND YOUR CHILD/REN TO SCHOOL.



[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)

## POPCORN SALE

\$2 per bag  
Morning Recess, 13 Feb



## 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)

**IT IS A STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO GET THEMSELVES TO THE OFFICE ON TIME FOR THEIR EARLY SIGN OUT BY PARENTS AT THE OFFICE**

NEXT BASKETBALL GAME  
GAME #4 TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY  
@ 3:30 PM VS CAULFEILD

Girls Away Boys At Home  
GO WOLVES!



## PAC MEETING

13 FEBRUARY @ 7:00 PM ONLINE

Agenda [HERE](#) for Meeting

Minutes [HERE](#) from 16 January Meeting

Click [HERE](#) to join Meeting

Link Meeting ID: 884 9357 3760 Passcode: 759862

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

## Text Messaging

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

WINTER WEATHER INFO [CLICK HERE.](#)

## BAND HOODIES Order Link [HERE](#)

Ordering Online Closes at  
11:59 PM on 13th February



## FEBRUARY BLACK HISTORY MONTH

11-13	Kung Fu for all students during PE (18, 19 and 27 Feb)
11	Gr 5 Field Trip 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 LET THE KINDNESS GROW
27	Boys BB Tournament @ WVSS, 1-4

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

**COMING SOON THIS TERM**  
GRADE 4 CLIMB BASES  
12 MARCH BY SCHOOL BUS

GRADE 3 CHEAKAMUS CENTRE  
1 APRIL BY SCHOOL BUS

## WEST BAY'S 2023-2026 SCHOOL GOAL - FESL (Framework for Enhancing Student Learning) PLAN SUMMARY IS [HERE](#)

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.

WHO WE ARE

*People's experiences in the world influence their wellness*

Grade 6 students' inquiry into their identity as individuals and as part of a collective kicked off with a Field Trip to the Sea to Sky Gondola to participate in the Backcountry Leadership program. Students learned about leadership skills, leading a balanced lifestyle, and exploring our mental well being as our bodies change and develop.



ASK THE EXPERT

HOW THE WORLD WORKS

*Natural Forces Create Change - Ask An Expert*

Grade 3 students were fortunate last week to have an expert speaker visit - Sheila U, a Geologist. She taught us about the three different kinds of rocks, how they are formed and how they change. We also learned how use our observation skills to determine what kind of rock we are observing. Sheila brought in dozens of interesting rock samples for us to look at and classify.



In connection with their unit of inquiry on *How we express ourselves*, the Grade Sevens attended a field trip to Congregation Har El where they learned about Jewish rituals and traditions.



BUILDING CHARACTER ONE STEP AT A TIME ...

GRADE 3 STUDENTS

*(Mario, Div 9)*

HOW TO SHOW YOU ARE PRINCIPLED

*"I show being principled when I do the right thing even when nobody's looking. Like if I have a piece of garbage and nobody is looking I don't throw it on the street, I throw it in the garbage can".*

THE CHALLENGES OF BEING PRINCIPLED

*"It's hard to be principled when your friends and other people are playing soccer and you only want to play with your friends. I overcome this challenge by playing one recess with my friends and the other with other people".*

DOES BEING PRINCIPLED MAKE YOU A BETTER LEADER AT HOME, AT SCHOOL AND IN YOUR COMMUNITY

*"Being principled makes me a better leader in my community because if I am principled other people will follow me."*

WHO I WANT TO BE?

*(Div 8, Gr 4 Students)*

HOW DO I SHOW THAT TO SOMEONE ELSE.

DEPENDABLE

*Give something back when you use it*

*By going somewhere when someone wants me to be there*

CARING/KIND

*Bringing someone hurt to the office*

*Holding the door open for someone*

*Helping someone with a problem*

ENCOURAGING

*Helping others and cheering them up*

*Saying "YOU CAN DO It"*

INDEPENDENT

*Figuring stuff out without help*

TRUSTWORTHY

*Keeping secrets*

*Telling the truth*

*Doing what I say I am going to do*

RESPONSIBLE

*Staying on task*

*Being careful with things*

FAIR

*Treat everyone the same*

*Follow the rules of the game - if tagged sit down or be it*

HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES

HOW THE BUTTERFLY GOT SMARTER TO MIGRATE

*Legend by Isla A, Division 11*

*"Once there was a butterfly who loved adventures. The only thing was she did not know how to migrate so she was thinking and thinking. She was sad and she just could not find a way. She once saw some birds migrating. Now she had an idea. She would follow the birds. So she went to go follow them. Then she was a little tired, but she did see some of her friends along the way. She saw Misha the rabbit, Logan the bear and Elaine the whale. Then she said, "I made it!" She was so excited. After that she ended in Mexico with all her bird friends. Then she knew how she would get home"*



# LUNAR NEW YEAR - YEAR OF THE SNAKE

A heartfelt thank you to Bill Sun and the many members of the Lunar New Year Organizing Committee! It was a magical day; literally at times with the "Bian Lian" (变脸), in English, "face changing" performance. Thanks to the efforts of volunteers, students and families had a great opportunity to learn about Chinese culture, listen to wonderful music, watch the Dragon Dance, participate in fun activities, contribute to a beautiful piece of shared art, and have a joyful time together.

*Gung Hay Fat Choy* - wishing the West Bay Community great happiness and prosperity for the year head - Scott Slater

**CLICK [HERE](#) FOR SOME NOTABLE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ASSEMBLY HELD ON 31 JANUARY.**



## 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  
Faculty of Education  
Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy



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



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>

## 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.

## 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!

# 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 Mar, 09:00 AM		
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](#).

**Substance Use Prevention, Part 2: Mental Health & Decision-Making Information Sessions**

In partnership with adolescent clinical psychologist Dr. Hayley Watson from [Open Parachute](#), the ministry will host three, [free virtual sessions](#) for parents, guardians and caregivers that will focus on practical skills you can teach your child and youth (ages 0-19) to prevent substance use and mental health challenges. These sessions will build on a [previous presentation](#), which focused on practical conversation tools for speaking about substance use prevention with your children/youth. The previous session is not a pre-requisite for this one.

**erase Organized Crime and Exploitation Prevention Information Series – Significance Quests and Resilience Building**

As part of their *erase* Organized Crime and Exploitation Prevention Information Series, the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (PSSG) is hosting a presentation on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 10:30 am-12:00 pm PST about the practical applications of Significance Quest Theory and ways to build resilience in youth. Presenter Saed Abu-Haltam, Manager of Collaborative Public Safety Programs at PSSG, oversees initiatives such as Situation Tables, Intervention Circles and Shift BC, the Province’s program for countering hate-motivated violence and violent extremism. Committed to fostering collaboration in public safety and service delivery, Saed also serves on the Board of Governors for Wraparound Canada. Saed will explore the theoretical perspective of Significance Quest Theory and how it can be used as a lens to understand why youth may be drawn towards exploitative situations such as gang involvement or radicalization to violence. He will examine evidence-based and practical approaches to supporting youth that are at risk, with a focus on building resiliency. Additional time will be set aside for questions and discussion. If you have questions you would like to send in advance, please reach out by email to [SOC.hub@gov.bc.ca](mailto:SOC.hub@gov.bc.ca).

**Registration for this session is now open.**



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**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**

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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