

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

**MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY
FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY**

We are celebrating the many languages spoken by West Bay students and families and the value of multilingualism which the IB sees as key to fostering intercultural understanding and global engagement.

On Friday 21st February, students are encouraged to dress up in clothing that might represent cultures they are connected to.



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

GRADE 4 CLIMB BASES

12 MARCH BY SCHOOL BUS

Return PS to School Office.

\$42 due by 21 February.

COMING SOON THIS TERM

GRADE 3 CHEAKAMUS CENTRE

1 APRIL BY SCHOOL BUS

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

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

SPRING BREAK

If you are leaving earlier than Friday 14 March and returning later than 31 March please let the school office know as soon as possible.

sbarrie@wvschools.ca

**PINK SHIRT DAY
WEAR PINK ON 26 FEBRUARY**




**FOLLOW US ON WEST BAY'S
INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT [HERE](#)**



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 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

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

GAME REPORT VS CAULFEILD

The girls' basketball team played an excellent game, demonstrating impressive teamwork and determination from start to finish. In a thrilling, back-and-forth matchup, they fought hard until the very end, and are looking forward to their jamboree in a couple weeks!

The boys showed massive improvement in a hard game against Caulfield this week. Their improved shooting led them to score almost 40 points while continuing to play intense defense.

Girls vs Boys Game - Tuesday 19th February @ 3:30 PM





Text Messaging

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

WINTER WEATHER INFO [CLICK HERE.](#)

2025-26 BELL SCHEDULE CHANGE

Next school year, school will start at 08:50 AM and finish at 2:50 PM.



WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD AWAY FROM SCHOOL



[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)

BAND HOODIES



Order Link [HERE](#)

Ordering Online Closes 11:59 PM on 13th February

FEBRUARY	
14	VALENTINES DAY District Wide Reading Break
17	Family Day Stat
18	Basketball Girls vs Boys at WB at 3:30 PM
20	Gr 3s Swimming/Public Bus (11:30-2:40)
20	PM Gallery Walk for Gr 7 Families in Gym
21	International Mother Tongue Day
24	Gr 7 Online PYP Exhibition Meeting
26	Girls BB Tournament @ WVSS, 1-4
26	PINK SHIRT DAY LET THE KINDNESS GROW
27	Boys BB Tournament @ WVSS, 1-4
MARCH	
4	Last Robotics Class Will not continue for 3rd Term
6	Nowruz
11	Floor Hockey for K-Gr 4
12	Gr 4 Field Trip by School Bus
12	Last Debate Club Will not continue for 3rd Term
13	Floor Hockey for K-Gr 4
13	Gr 7 Band travelling to RR by P/Bus
13	Last Steamoji Class Will continue after Spring Break - flyer coming soon
14	Last Day of School Learning Updates will be published on MYED
17-30	Spring Break Holiday
31	First Day Back to School

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.

**TAKE A PHOTO OF A CARING ACT
FEBRUARY IB LEARNER PROFILE TRAIT
CARING**

Email your photos to emiller@wvschools.ca

WE ARE CARING

K students have been working diligently on their Valentine's Day bags. The students put their knowledge of shapes to excellent use, designing their bags with colorful hearts. Creating perfect hearts proved challenging for some, but with perseverance and practice, we improved on our skills with each time. As they crafted, the children's excitement about sharing valentines with friends grew, demonstrating the importance of caring for others. Incorporating shape recognition, fine motor skills development, perseverance, and social-emotional growth, and learning valuable lessons about friendship, kindness, and the joy of giving. Excited to share!



SHARING THE PLANET

Ecosystems Require Diversity and Balance

This week grade 3 students went to the Vancouver Civic Theatre to listen to Doug Smith, a wildlife biologist talk and answer questions about his documentary, "**Wild Wolves of Yellowstone,**" a case study in wildlife conservation.



HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES

Grade 7 students attended a field trip to the **Masjid Ar-Rahman Mosque** last week to continue their inquiry into how world religions work.



Date: Monday Feb 24th

Time: 6-7pm

Location: [Online Meeting Link](#)



The **PYP Exhibition** is a student-led, inquiry-based project that marks the culmination of the Primary Years Programme. This year, our Exhibition is connected to the transdisciplinary theme "**Sharing the Planet**", where Grade 7 students explore issues related to sustainability, responsibility, and our interconnected world. Through this experience, students engage in research, take action, and showcase their learning in meaningful ways.

During the meeting, we will:

- ✓ Provide an overview of the Exhibition process
- ✓ Share how students will develop their inquiries
- ✓ Discuss how you can support your child's learning journey
- ✓ Answer any questions you may have

We encourage all Grade 7 parents to attend and look forward to working together to support our students in this exciting experience.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Best regards, Morikke Espenhain PYP Coordinator,
Miles Dignum and Caitlin Scheske - Grade 7 teachers.**

WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME

Gr 5 students went to The Museum of Vancouver this week. Students learned about past and present immigration policies while discovering the history of Vancouver through the decades: 1900 - 1970s. Students explored the history galleries through a scavenger hunt activity and examined real suitcases from 4 immigrants' personal journeys.



HOW RAVEN STOLE THE SUN CULTURAL PERFORMANCE

Indigenous storyteller Dallas Yellowfly presented "How Raven Stole the Sun" to West Bay students today. Students were brought on stage to act out the characters in the story. Using improv coaching and gentle, positive humour, Yellowfly empowers and encourages participants to add their own unique element to the story.

Today, students and staff gained a deeper understanding of Indigenous Oral Traditions, the power of laughter in storytelling and the importance of respecting the people and the environment around them.



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.

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

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.

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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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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>

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](#).

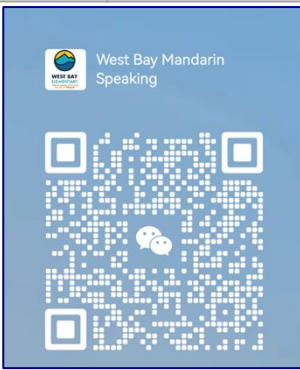
Substance Use Prevention, Part 2: Mental Health & Decision-Making Information Sessions

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 prerequisite 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.

Registration for this session is now open.



VOLUNTEERS ARE A GIFT TO OUR COMMUNITY

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

- [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](#)

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.

YOU'RE INVITED!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A LATE FRENCH IMMERSION OPEN HOUSE

What is Late French Immersion?
Late French Immersion (LFI) is designed for students wishing to start their French education in Grade 6, allowing them to study the French language and culture while following the full BC curriculum.

Why Attend?

- Learn about our school and the very popular LFI Program at P3
- Discover the benefits of learning French fluently
- Hear how parents can support their child when they do not speak French themselves
- See the fun we have at P3 and in West Vancouver Schools

Meet Our Team!
Join Ecole Pauline Johnson Principal Mme Zielinski as she hosts an informative session about the LFI program. Parents and students will have the opportunity to meet with her, the Vice-Principal, French Coordinator, and the dedicated LFI teaching team. As part of our established pathway to Sentinel Secondary School, we are pleased to welcome Principal Mike Finch, who will share insights about their French Immersion program at Sentinel and how it builds upon the foundation established at Ecole Pauline Johnson.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 25th
TIME: 3:30 - 4:00 pm
WHERE: 1150 22nd Street, West Vancouver
CONTACT: Tara Zielinski
PHONE: 604 981 1225
EMAIL: tzielinski@wvschools.ca

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](#)

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