

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

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

### MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

Tomorrow in their Den groupings students will observe International Mother Language Day to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism.

**Students are encouraged to dress up in clothing that might represent cultures they are connected to.**

[HERE](#) is a link to books in other languages to read with your child



**ITEMS DUE FOR PAYMENT**  
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**COMING SOON THIS TERM**  
GRADE 3s TO 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](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**

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

Gr 4 Students will be presenting To K-Grade 3 Classes



### BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

We wish our teams good luck on Wednesday (Girls) and Thursday (Boys) at their tournaments, 1-4 PM at WVSS. **GO WOLVES!**

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



**Date: Monday Feb 24th**

**Time: 6-7pm**

**Location: Online [Meeting Link](#)**

The PYP Exhibition is a Grade 7, 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 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.

### 2025-26 BELL SCHEDULE CHANGE

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



### 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.

### FEBRUARY

21	International Mother Tongue Day
24	Gr 7 Online PYP Exhibition Meeting
26	Girls BB Tournament @ WVSS, 1-4
26	<b>PINK SHIRT DAY</b> <b>LET THE KINDNESS GROW</b>
27	Boys BB Tournament @ WVSS, 1-4

### MARCH

4	Last Robotics Class <b>Will not continue for 3rd Term</b>
6	Nowruz
11	Floor Hockey for K-Gr 4s
12	Gr 4 Field Trip by School Bus
12	Last Debate Club <b>Will not continue for 3rd Term</b>
13	Floor Hockey for K-Gr 4s
13	Grade 7 Band to RR by P/Bus - 1:30
13	Last Steamoji Class <b>Will continue after Spring Break - flyer coming soon for SCRATCH</b>
14	Last Day of School Learning Updates will be published on MYED
17-30	<b>Spring Break Holiday</b>
31	First Day Back to School

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>

### 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.

## STUDENT LEARNING

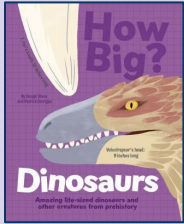


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**TAKE A PHOTO OF A CARING ACT**  
 Email your photos [HERE](#)

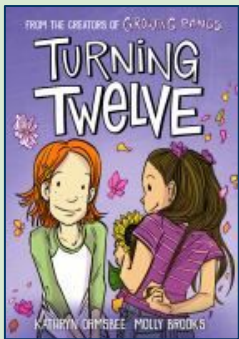
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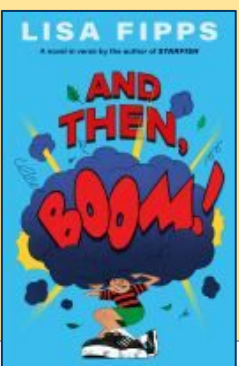
Can Read Comics is an early reader line that familiarizes children with the world of graphic novel storytelling and encourages visual literacy in emerging readers. Meet Chip, a lively penguin with big ideas, created by Maddie Frost, one of the funniest author-illustrators around! Chip doesn't want to go to bed, so he has a great idea--switching...



A unique angle on the ever-popular children's fact book. An eye-opening book which brings the huge scale of dinosaurs to life. Arcturus has sold over 2 million dinosaur themed titles.



Turning twelve means big changes--first bra, first time babysitting, and a first crush not everyone will approve of . . . a pitch-perfect coming-of-age graphic novel from the creators of Growing Pangs. "Twelve cheers for Turning Twelve! Readers will root for Katie as she navigates seventh grade and stays true to her own heart."



A gripping new novel in verse by the author of the Printz Honor-winning Starfish, featuring a poverty-stricken boy who bravely rides out all the storms life keeps throwing at him Joe Oak is used to living on unsteady ground. His mom can't be depended on as she never stays around long once she gets "the itch," and now he and his beloved grandmother find themselves without a home. Fortunately, Joe...

### TRADITIONAL CHINESE KUNG FU

Sifu James Chang and Sifu Andrew Lu from @westcoastkungfu have been teaching students core elements of Kung Fu - thank you to West Bay PAC for supporting this learning opportunity for our students.



### WHEN RAVEN STOLE THE SUN

Thank you to our Grade 6 and 7 students who volunteered to showcase their improv skills and explore the power of laughter in storytelling and the importance of respecting the people and the environment around them.



### WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD AWAY FROM SCHOOL



[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)

### PARKING DOS AND DON'TS

[CLICK HERE FOR 13 FEBRUARY UPDATES](#)

### 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

### VOLUNTEERS ARE A GIFT TO OUR COMMUNITY

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



### 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

### 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.**

### [CODE OF CONDUCT](#)

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

### [SPECIAL EVENT PARKING](#)

### [WEST BAY WEBSITE SCHOOL NEWS](#)

### [SCHOOL CASH ONLINE](#)

### [MYEDUCATION BC](#)

### 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.

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.



**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](#)

**LET'S PLAY BALL**

**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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