



WEST BAY
ELEMENTARY

THE WOLF

WOLF WEEK BEGINNING 8 SEPTEMBER

[West Bay Website](#)



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



WEST BAY INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT [HERE](#)



Off We Go!

The 2025-2026 School Year is off to a great start! Students were placed in their classrooms this morning and we thank parents for helping their children see the positives in their class placement. We are just finishing email lists so that teachers can welcome you to their classroom which will happen later today or tomorrow. I am pleased to welcome several new staff members to West Bay: Mr. Howes in Grade 6; Ms. Rochfort and Mr. McIntosh-Coffey in Grade 4; Ms. Sabiston in Grade 3; Ms. Atkinson teaching Physical and Health Education; and Ms. Pinto teaching English Language Learners. Our full staff list will be shared on our website shortly. I wish your child a wonderful school year!

Scott Slater

HOT LUNCH ORDERING OPENS ONLINE 7 SEPTEMBER

Monday - Fresh Bay Pizza
Tuesday - Aburi
Wednesday - Well Fed
Friday - Panago and Well Fed

Returning Parents Order [Here](#)
New Parents Order [Here](#)

Cutlery will be available to purchase for \$10 per kit, email westbaypac@gmail.com.

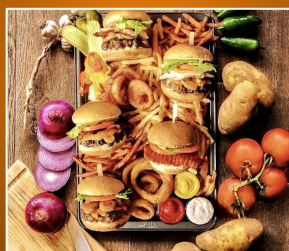
WEST BAY SPIRIT WEAR

**ON SALE NOW UNTIL
1 OCTOBER, 2025 - ORDER [HERE](#)**

**25-26 GRAD HOODIES
ON SALE NOW UNTIL
1 OCTOBER, 2025 - ORDER [HERE](#)**



**PAC FAMILY BBQ - FRIDAY 19
SEPTEMBER, 5-7 PM
ORDER TICKETS [HERE](#)**



WHITE ENVELOPES PAPER FORM FOR EDITING

Student Verification Forms will come home by end of this week - this form needs to be **edited and returned to the office by 19 September.**

Any changes involving

***address
parental responsibility
legal or medical alerts
citizenship***

***will require new documents be
uploaded [HERE](#).***

***Please sign and date your form, and
even if you have no changes, return to
the office by 19 September.***

CROSS COUNTRY SEASON, GR 3-7

**Practices Monday and Thursdays at 08:15
(Begin 8 September-30 September)
X Country Meet #1 16th September @ 3:30 PM**

Click [HERE](#) for Permission Slip that needs to be returned to school office by 12 September.

When all permission slips are returned to office you will be set up on SCO for \$10 Fee



**CURRICULUM EVENING
MARK YOUR CALENDAR
17 SEPTEMBER, 2025
@ 5:15 PM - PARENTS ONLY**

	SEPTEMBER CALENDAR
7	Hot Lunch Goes Live for Ordering
8	1st Math Before School 08:15 X Country Practice 08:15
8-12	Kindergarten Intake Interviews
11	1st Reading Before School 08:20 X Country Practice 08:15
12	1st Chess Before School 8:15 1st Kung Fu Class After School
15	1st Basketball Class, Gr 5-7
16	1st Steamoji, K-Gr 4 X Cross Country Meet @ 3:30 PM
17	Curriculum Evening - 5:15
19	PAC Welcome Back BBQ, 5-7 PM
22	First Hot Lunch
23	X Country Meet @ 3:30 PM
22/24	Grade 6 Outdoor School
26	Professional Development Day School Not in Session
29	Orange Shirt Day
30	Truth and Reconciliation Stat School Not in Session

08:45-08:50	Welcome Bell
10:50-11:10	Morning Recess
12:30-12:45	Lunch Inside
12:45-1:07	Lunch Recess Outside
1:07-1:10	Returning to School
2:50	End of the Day

WEST BAY'S 2023-2026 SCHOOL GOAL FESL (Framework for Enhancing Student Learning)

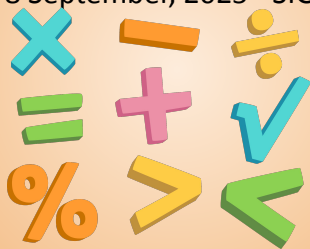
PLAN SUMMARY IS [HERE](#). West Bay students will cultivate a deep understanding of their Learner Profile attributes, empowering them to (1) become proactive leaders in their educational journey, (2) confidently navigate conflict resolution, and (3) passionately support causes they care about

BEFORE SCHOOL

BEFORE SCHOOL - MONDAYS (All Grades)

08:15 Math Club in Learning Commons

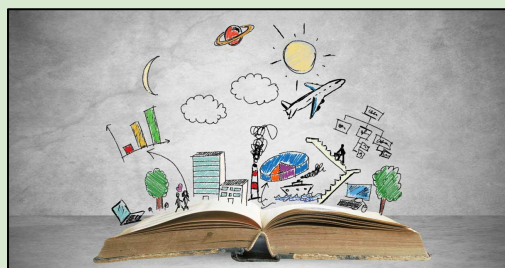
Starting 8 September, 2025 - SIGN UP [HERE](#)



BEFORE SCHOOL - THURSDAYS (All Grades)

08:20 Reading Before School in Learning Commons

Starting 11 September, 2025 - Drop In



BEFORE SCHOOL - FRIDAYS (All Grades)

08:15 Chess in Learning Commons

Starting 12 September, 2025 - Drop In



SAPLINGS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



Click [HERE](#) for more information.

AFTER SCHOOL

AFTER SCHOOL - MONDAYS (Gr 5-7)

North Shore Basketball in Gym, 3:00-4:30 PM

Starting Monday 15 September-15 December

REGISTER [HERE](#) FOR WAITLIST



Program will include skill development along with skill challenges and live game play each week. Our goal is to help participants improve their skills, have fun and get fit in an inclusive environment. All participants will receive a North Shore Basketball Academy Shirt.



AFTER SCHOOL - TUESDAYS (K-Gr 4)

STEAMOJI - INTRO TO COMPUTING

3:00-4:00 PM in Learning Commons

16 September-2 December, **REGISTRATION DETAILS BELOW**

INTRO TO COMPUTING VEX ROBOTICS

"Physical Computing is about much more than learning to code. In this Mission, apprentices will start their Physical Computing Journey by creating code that controls a vehicle they've built and tested themselves. As well as learning key coding concepts, they will work on building and problem "

DATES

September 16th
September 23rd
October 7th
October 14th
October 21st
October 28th
November 4th
November 18th
November 25th
December 2nd

Complete registration form [HERE](#) and email to

westvancouver@steamoji.com

Deadline is when maximum is reached for this class

AFTER SCHOOL - THURSDAYS (All Grades)

LIGHTS UP AFTER SCHOOL

2:50-5:00 PM in Learning Commons

2 October - 4 December, **REGISTER [HERE](#) FOR WAITLIST**



AFTER SCHOOL - FRIDAYS (K to Gr 3)

KUNG FU - Delayed Start will begin 12 September

3:00-3:40 PM in Gym - K to Grade 2 (Class Now Full)

3:45-5:00 PM in Gym - Gr 3 to 7 (Spots Remaining)

PRE REGISTER - james@westcoastkungfu.ca

[MORE INFORMATION HERE](#)

2025-26 BAND PROGRAMS FOR GRADE 6 AND 7 STUDENTS

Instrumental Playing Skills:

Students receive two lessons a week. The Band Program provides school-based instrumental instruction and is funded by supplemental fees.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Personal Digital Device Use at West Bay

At West Bay, we want students to see technology as a tool for learning and to only use it when they have permission and are under the supervision of a staff member. Our device use is explained in the table below.

We ask families to support a learning-focused approach to technology at school by refraining from using your mobile phone when on the school grounds. When children see others on phones, they are drawn to theirs too.

Further information on our School District’s policy regarding personal digital device use can be found [here](#) and parent resource infographics on social media use are [here](#).

Personal Digital Device Use at West Bay	
7:50 AM – 8:50 AM Student Arrival	<p>Students can send text messages and make phone calls on their mobile phone.</p> <p>Students cannot play video games, use social media, take or view photos or videos, listen to music, etc. No laptop or tablet use.</p>
8:50 AM – 2:50 PM + School Events	<p>Students are only allowed to use their device when given permission by a staff member and are supervised by a staff member.</p> <p>Devices are to be stored in silent mode or off.</p>
2:50-3:50 PM Student Departure	<p>Students can send text messages and make phone calls on their mobile phone.</p> <p>Students cannot play video games, use social media, take or view photos or videos, listen to music, etc. No laptop or tablet use.</p>

PARKING DOS AND DON'TS



Click [here](#) for more information.

Only Kindergarten families are permitted to park in the upper field lot at the beginning and end of the school day. Please display your K decal.

Optional Accident Insurance for Families

West Vancouver Schools reminds families each year that personal injury or accident costs are not covered by the district or its insurance provider. To help protect against expenses from accidental injury, unexpected medical costs, or critical illness, families have the option to purchase voluntary accident insurance plans. A variety of providers offer different levels of coverage, so families are encouraged to review their options carefully and choose a plan that best meets their needs.

CELEBRATING STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

We ask that families refrain from bringing in cakes and cookies to celebrate student birthdays - you are more than welcome to bring in fruit or popcorn to celebrate in class. If inviting the whole class to parties teachers will hand out invites. If you are not inviting everyone, please distribute invitations on play dates.



MEDICAL

If your child requires an **EPIPEN** to be administered during school hours because of a life threatening allergy please ensure that the school office is informed so allergy alerts can be sent to homerooms as soon as possible and **please supply the office with an up to date EPIPEN at the same time.** [FORM HERE](#).

INHALERS If your child requires an inhaler, please supply the school office with an inhaler as soon as possible. [FORM HERE](#).

2025-26 BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

We encourage students in Grades 4-7 to bring a laptop or Chromebook to school. At West Bay, we take a balanced approach to technology: we use them when they are useful and don't when they're not. We find they become more and more useful as students move from grade 4 to 7 but it is helpful for all students in this age group to have a device.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to find further details about how devices are used and some suggestions for purchasing.



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

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Local programs, events, and resources will be found in one convenient location, accessible through a [single link](#) rather than detailed in school newsletters.

[REGISTER HERE FOR DR GRAEME MITCHELL](#)



2025-26 WEST BAY PAC EXECUTIVE

Co PAC Chairs	Kelly Chesko Courtenay Payne
Treasurer	Richard Vernon
Co Secretaries	Lauren Buksevics Erin Baldwin Natalie Quilty
Members at Large	Payam Pournazari Alexis Omichinski
DPAC Reps	Nikki Hincks
Outgoing Chair	Neda Esmati

DPAC

parent evening with
Dr. Graeme Mitchell

Harnessing Hope: Reframing How Our Children See the World

Join us for an evening with Dr. Graeme Mitchell—award-winning educator and global speaker—who is transforming how we raise and teach the next generation.

In his keynote, Harnessing Hope, Dr. Mitchell explores how fear-based messages—especially on social media—shape our children's outlook, and how fact-based optimism, storytelling and connection can shift it. Drawing on two decades of classroom experience, he offers parents practical tools to foster confidence, curiosity and hope at home.

Tuesday, September 23
6:30 - 8:00 PM

Location
**KAY MEEK THEATRE
1700 MATHERS AVE
WEST VANCOUVER**

What You will Gain From This Evening

Understand
Learn how media inputs are shaping your child's mindset and motivation from industry leaders and practical knowledge to the workshop.

Learn
strategies to replace fear with fact and pessimism with possibility.

REGISTER HERE

USEFUL LINKS

[2025-26 YEAR IN A GLANCE CALENDAR](#)

[CODE OF CONDUCT](#)

[SCHOOL CASH ONLINE](#)

[SCHOOL CASH ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS](#)

[MYEDUCATION BC](#)

[VCH VACCINATION PROCESS](#)

[DOCUMENT UPLOAD LINK](#)

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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.



WEST BAY ELEMENTARY

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

SEPT 4, 2023 – PAC NEWS & WELCOME BACK!

**WEST BAY ELEMENTARY
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

OUR PAC MISSION is to engage with the West Bay community, share resources & raise funds for equipment, experts in residence programs, cultural enrichment, events & more.

LET'S GET READY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL TOGETHER

A new school year means new beginnings—and what better way to kick things off than by connecting with friends, families & teachers? Join us for coffee, learning & a whole lot of fun as we celebrate the start of another amazing year together.

Coffee Morning
Tues, Sept 2

Curriculum Evening
Wed, Sept 17

Welcome Back BBQ
Fri, Sept 19

FUN WAYS TO GIVE BACK – SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

We've got an exciting lineup this fall: spirit wear, hot lunch, cutlery, and even fresh local apples. Each fundraiser is a fun (and tasty!) way to show your school spirit while supporting programs that make our community stronger.

Show Your Spirit

Lunch Made Easy

Eat in Style

Apples for All

Welcome Back BBQ
Volunteers Needed

The West Bay PAC is committed to enriching our children's education through enhanced resources, innovative tools, cultural and social experiences, and our Experts in Residence program. Beyond these important initiatives, we love bringing our community together with events like the Welcome Back BBQ, Cultural Celebrations, Spring Fair, Grade 7 Grad, and many more — fostering connection, fun, and school spirit for everyone!

To keep you connected & informed, we're excited to launch our **NEW PAC WEBSITE**! Bookmark the page to find resources, buy event tickets, register for programs, sign up for volunteer opportunities, and stay up to date on everything happening at West Bay:
<https://west-bay-pac.square.site/>

EVENTS

Curriculum Evening

Wed, Sept 17, 5:15 PM

WELCOME BACK BBQ

Friday, Sept 19, 5–7 PM

TOP 10 PAC INITIATIVES

1. Amplification of Classroom Supplies
2. Organizing Hot Lunch & Spirit Wear
3. BBQ & Year End Family Events
4. Community & Cultural Events
5. Teacher Appreciation Lunch & Gifts
6. Partnerships & Socials
7. Outdoor Classroom & Beehives
8. Experts in Residences Program
9. Fundraisers – Fall Apples, Winter Craft Fair, Spring Fair & Car Wash
10. After School Programs – Basketball, Steamoji, Sportsball, Lights Up, & more!



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SHOW YOUR SPIRIT



West Bay Spirit Wear is here! Get ready to show your school pride. On sale now until Oct 1.

LUNCH MADE EASY



Hot Lunch Program opens Sun, Sept 7 – A delicious & convenient way to support our school!

EAT IN STYLE



Durable, reusable & full of school spirit—**West Bay cutlery** made for every Hot Lunch day!

APPLES FOR ALL



Support our school with locally grown, Canadian apples! On sale now until Oct 8. **ORDER TODAY**

GET INVOLVED — VOLUNTEERS & VOTES NEEDED

Small roles, big impact. Our school thrives because of the time, energy & spirit of our amazing parent community. Whether it's lending a hand at the Welcome Back BBQ, becoming a Class Rep, helping with Hot Lunch, or sharing your voice in the PAC Meeting survey — every bit of involvement makes a difference.



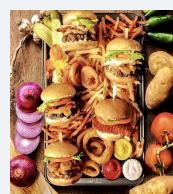
WELCOME BBQ VOLUNTEERS

Join us **Friday, Sept 19, 5–7 PM** for our Welcome Back BBQ! To make it a success, we need your help. **–Sign-up for**

BBQ–HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS

Got an hour? Hot Lunch runs on parent power! Help deliver lunches & share a few extra smiles at lunchtime.

–Sign-up for Hot Lunch–



CLASS REP SIGN-UP

Share updates, coordinate volunteers & connect families. This small role makes a big difference! **–Be a Class Rep–**



PAC MEETING SURVEY

When should the PAC meet? Have your say! Take a quick survey to help us choose the best day and time.

–Help Us Choose–

