



**WEST BAY  
ELEMENTARY**

# THE WOLF

WOLF WEEK BEGINNING 20 OCTOBER

[West Bay Website](#)



[2026-27 KINDERGARTEN AND CATCHMENT GR 1-12 REGISTRATION](#)



[WEST BAY INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT HERE](#)



## 2026-27 KINDERGARTEN AND CATCHMENT GR 1-12 ONLINE REGISTRATION

Opens 15 October @ 08:00 AM

Click [HERE](#) to register

Have all your documents ready to upload in pdf format before you go online. [HERE](#) are document requirements and you have 2 weeks to upload them [HERE](#).

*Admissions for Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students opens on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 08:00 AM*

## LEARNING CONFERENCES

[Booking Closes 21 October](#)

*Learning Conferences are  
22 and 23 October  
Early Dismissal on both days at 11:20*

[To register for a conference please click here](#)

1. Register for an account by clicking the "REGISTER" menu tab and filling in the online form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "Register Now" button.
2. Add your children into the system by clicking the "Add a Student" button. Click "Insert New" button to add more children.
3. Click the "date" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with and the "View Calendars" button. Use the "Ctrl" or "Command" key to select multiple staff to view at the same time.
4. Click on available time slots to book your appointments and then click the "Book Appointments" button to save your bookings.
5. Any questions please contact your child/children's teacher. All appointments are expected to be in person but reach out to your child's teacher if you prefer an virtual conference

**HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OUT OF LEARNING CONFERENCES [CLICK HERE](#)**

## LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Will be on display in the upper corridor during Learning Conferences. Please reclaim your lost items.



## OCTOBER CALENDAR

22/ 23	Learning Conferences 11:20 Early Dismissals
24	Professional Development Day
27	Retake Photo Day
28	Gr 7 Volleyball Game BYE
30	K Field Trip by Bus
31	West Bay Celebrates Halloween

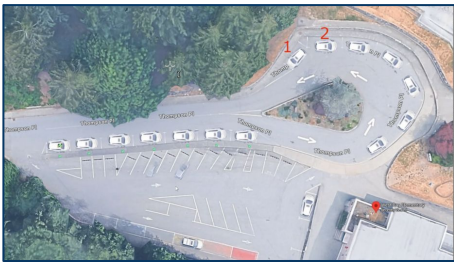
## DIWALI FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS WVML - 18 OCTOBER



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

## DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Please ensure you pull as far forward as possible to avoid a backlog behind you. If you need to get out to look for your child, wait until you are in spots 1 or 2.



## 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.*

## GRADE 7 VOLLEYBALL SEASON

*Girls Practices*

*Mondays at 08:00 and Friday 08:00*

*Boys Practices*

*Tuesday at Lunch and Thursday at 08:00*

*Games*

[21 October Game vs Westcot  
Boys at Home, Girls Away](#)

*Other Games 4 and 18 November  
Jamborees : 26 and 27 November*

*Permission Slip [HERE](#)*

*Return to office as soon as possible with your jersey deposit cheque. \$10 Activity Fee on SCO*

## PHOTOS ONLINE

Please visit this link to access the gallery [HERE](#).

## ORDER DEADLINE: 27 OCTOBER

All orders will be shipped to the school. *If you miss the deadline, it will take longer and there will be an extra charge.*

## NEED A RETAKE

Sign up [HERE](#) before 23 October for retake on 27 October.

## NEED HELP (LOST YOUR CODE)

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: [help@mountainwest.ca](mailto:help@mountainwest.ca)

## 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

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR COMING SOON ...

Parents please mark your calendars for our upcoming **Scholastic Book Fair. It will take place November 17th, November 19th, and November 20th.** It is a time of great excitement in the school and to make that happen we will need a full crew of volunteers. Shifts are available mornings 8:45-12:30, afternoons 1:00 - 2:50 and for the one afterschool event, Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:50 - 4:00 **(lots of people for this one please).**

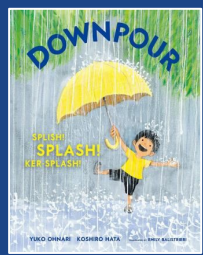
Please email Mrs. Hunt if you are available to help and indicate when you can come. [Jhunt@wvschools.ca](mailto:Jhunt@wvschools.ca)

Looking for books, checking out books, reading books - oh the fun we have with books when we are in the library!

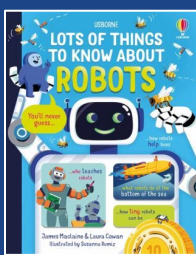
### DIVISION 14 LOVE LIBRARY TIME!



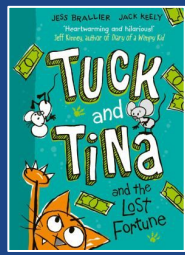
### WVML STAFF PICKS FOR KIDS



A young boy celebrates a refreshing storm in this joyous multisensory picture book about experiencing a cloudburst of rain on a hot summer day. It is a hot summer day. But soon dark clouds roll in. A boy looks up at the sky and smells the air as the first raindrops hit the ground. He listens as it begins to pour, observing all the symphony of sound this welcome downpour makes. He feels the water...



You'll never guess how tiny robots are helping bees, where giant robots are stopping traffic, what kinds of intrepid robots are exploring outer space and how clever robots learn to beat chess champions. Discover all this and lots more things to know about what robots can do, how they are designed and programmed and the part they will play in our future.



Meet Tuck and Tina, two mice pals on a quest to save their elementary school! This is the first book in an all-new, adorable, and colorful series that's perfect for young readers who are ready to make the leap from picture books to chapter books, from bestselling creators Jess Brallier and Jack Keely. Tina and Tuck are two unlikely class pets who are ready for adventure! Tina lives at Boone...

## IB UNIT OF INQUIRY/LEARNER PROFILE

### CREATIVE THINKERS

Kindergarten students have been busy working on their IB Learner traits. See their creations below. What can you do if you find a leaf? Students used their imagination to come up with new ideas and solve problems in their own unique way.

**Can you guess what they created using loose parts and leaves?**



### SHARING THE PLANET

*Ecosystems require diversity and balance*

Having investigated biodiversity in their local environment Gr 3, Div 9 students are now looking at how energy moves through our ecosystem.



### HOW THE WORLD WORKS *How Evidence is Collected*

Gr 2 students gathered natural specimens from the outside and then brought them inside to look at with magnifying glasses and then draw, colour and label information that we knew already, e.g., pinecones hold seeds. Ethna found a partially decomposed leaf, so we talked about the changes that leaves go through from falling off the deciduous tree to turning back into soil.

This unit is all about asking questions to find out new information, so we are off to a great start!



### LEADERSHIP MOMENT

**Elsa S,  
Gr 7  
Leading  
Crochet  
Club**



## Did you know that we have our very own Little Library at West Bay?

This library was an action project of the Grade Ones from 2022/2023! This year we are hoping to give it a bit of an update. We are looking for some book donations for our re opening. We will be collecting gently used books in a labeled bin at the front of the school until Nov 17<sup>th</sup>. Keep checking back for the next Little Wolves Little Library update! If you have any questions, you can contact Ms. Millhouse at [cmillhouse@wvschools.ca](mailto:cmillhouse@wvschools.ca)



# LITTLE WOLVES LITTLE LIBRARY

*Can you spare a book?*

WE ARE GIVING OUR CHERISHED LITTLE LIBRARY AN UPGRADE AND ARE LOOKING FOR BOOK DONATIONS

Books will be collected in a labeled bin at the front of the school until NOVEMBER 14th.



**Stay tuned for our our  
Grand Re-Opening !**



# HOW LEARNING WORKS @ WEST BAY

## INQUIRY, LEADERSHIP & THE IB JOURNEY

JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIVE SESSION EXPLORING OUR INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) APPROACH TO EDUCATION — A GLOBALLY RECOGNIZED PROGRAM THAT OPENS DOORS TO FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD AND HOW WE TAILOR THIS TO OUR WEST BAY LEARNERS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, [PLEASE REGISTER HERE](#) TO HELP US PREPARE AND SHARE ANY ADDITIONAL TOPICS YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE.

WEST BAY LEARNING COMMONS, NOVEMBER 7TH 9:15 - 10:45 AM.  
COFFEE AND COOKIES PROVIDED.

# 1

WHAT IMPACT HAS RESEARCH IN LITERACY INSTRUCTION AND BRAIN SCIENCE HAD ON READING EDUCATION?

# 2

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NUMERACY AND MATHEMATICS, AND WHY, WITH THE IMMENSE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS HUMANS HAVE MADE, ARE WE TEACHING MATH DIFFERENTLY?

# 3

WHY DID WEST BAY CHOOSE LEADERSHIP AS OUR SCHOOL GOAL AND WHAT ARE WE DOING TO DEVELOP OUR STUDENTS' LEADERSHIP SKILLS?

# 4

WHAT IS THE IB PATHWAY AND WHAT DOES IT OFFER MY CHILD?



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[LINK here](#)

## HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS COMING UP

As students and families start to think about costumes, to ensure the day is fun for everyone, please observe the following dos and don'ts:

- Feel welcome to dress in a costume or not
- Continue to avoid costumes that promote cultural stereotypes.

If you're looking for information on cultural appropriation vs. cultural appreciation, click [here](#) for a CBC video; and for a great list of questions to ask about whether a costume is appropriate or not, click [here](#) to see information from UBC's Equity & Inclusion Office.

- Avoid masks, beyond, of course, medical masks worn for health reasons
  - Do not bring any item that resembles a weapon
- Wear something comfortable that can be worn all day and can withstand being outside in any weather
  - Students should be able to put on their costume and take it off to use the bathroom by themselves
    - Avoid scented items that might irritate others (e.g. some hair colouring products)
- Come to school in your costume; students won't be able to visit the washroom for the purpose of costume updates
- Students should avoid bringing in Halloween candy as eating high sugar foods, and the idea of eating high-sugar foods, often distracts students from learning. Candy may be held for students and returned at the end of the day but is best avoided to begin with.

### QUICK, HEALTHY SNACKS TO CONSIDER FOR HOMEROOM CELEBRATIONS

- Yoghurt
- String Cheese
- Low-fat microwave popcorn
- Canned fruit or applesauce in single-serving containers
- Raisins and other dried fruit
- Whole wheat crackers
- Pretzels
- Flavored rice cakes
- Unsalted nuts
- Baby carrots
- Cherry tomatoes



### 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](#)

### PAYMENTS DUE ON SCO [HERE](#)

**\$10 Activity Fee for Volleyball**  
(will be added when PSlip is returned)

**\$35 Kindergarten Field Trip**  
**(Saving the Planet) - Click [HERE](#)**  
Richmond Country Farms - 30 October

**\$37 Gr 3 Field Trip**  
Aquarium - 6 November

## 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](#).

## WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL

[CLICK HERE FOR FIND OUT](#)



## 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

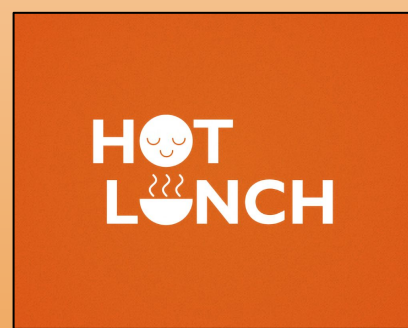
## HOT LUNCH ORDERING

### Ongoing Ordering [Here](#)

(1 week window  
- this is a change)

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

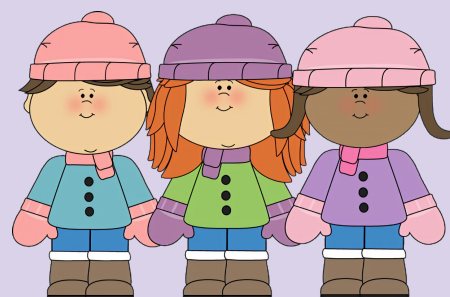
Any questions - email [hotlunchwb@gmail.com](mailto:hotlunchwb@gmail.com)



## NO SUCH THING AS INCLEMENT WEATHER JUST INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Please ensure your child/ren are dressed in appropriate outdoor clothing for the inclement weather ahead and have a change of clothes in their backpack.

**If you have any clothing to donate we are looking for boys sweatpants all grades and girls gr 1 and up leggings.**



## 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.

## 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>



# WEST BAY ELEMENTARY

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



## PAC NEWS, EVENTS, HIGHLIGHTS & RESOURCES

**DPAC** *parent evening with*  
Dr. Molly Lawlor

Equipping the Whole Child for Life: Helping kids build strong friendships, manage big feelings and bounce back from challenges—using brain science and mindfulness to support learning and growth.

**Monday, October 20th**

Join us for an evening with Dr. Molly Lawlor—who helps children and teens learn how to understand their feelings, build confidence and form healthy relationships. She is the lead author and Principal Scientific Advisor for MindUP—an evidence-based program that teaches kids how their brains work and gives them tools to manage emotions and thrive in school and life.

**REGISTER HERE**

What You will Gain From This Evening

 **Understand**

Parents will gain an encouraging new view of adolescence as a time of opportunity and growth, not just stress or risk





Parents will leave with simple, everyday strategies to help their child handle stress, big emotions, strengthen friendships and feel more ready to learn.

**KAY MEEK THEATRE 6:30 -  
1700 MATHERS AVE 8:00 PM  
WEST VANCOUVER**



 **THANKS – \$1 046 Raised!  
HARVEST APPLES**

Together we raised \$1006 for **new library books & physical education equipment.** Thank to all those that ordered apples!  
**Pick up is Thurs, Oct 16.**

 **TEACHERS & SUPPORT  
STAFF GIFTS**

Our class reps are collecting **\$40 per family (e-transfer)** for holiday and year-end gifts for our teachers and amazing School Support Staff (about 30 people including EAs, custodians, librarian, music, and French teachers).

Reps will purchase gifts on behalf of the class. **Please e-transfer by Wed, Oct 15.**



**VISIT OUR PAC WEBSITE**

For up to date info, tickets, ordering & volunteer opportunities, visit our **website**



# SCHOOL EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS GIVE BACK & STAY ENGAGED



## HOT LUNCH

## WHATSAPP

## CRAFT FAIR



**ORDER** your Hot Lunch today.

**JOIN** our WhatsApp to stay connected.

**SAVE THE DATE** Fri, Nov 28, 3-5 PM



## WORLD TEACHER DAY

Thank you to [The Graze Company](#) for generously providing the beautiful (and delicious!) snack boxes for our amazing teachers. Along with the PAC volunteers, their contributions helped make World Teachers' Day extra special — a perfect way to show our gratitude for everything our educators do each and every day!



## Sharing Ideas, Sparking Learning PODCASTS YOU MIGHT LIKE

### SHARE YOUR PODCASTS

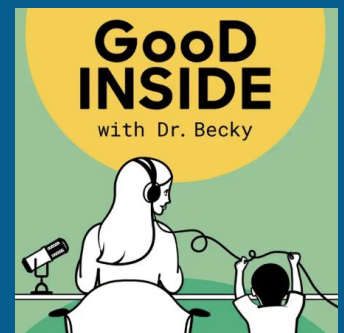
At West Bay, we believe learning is lifelong. Here are some recommend podcasts to explore on parenting, education, wellness, and more. Add **YOUR FAVORITES** to our growing library. *Note: These resources & community-shared & reflect a variety of viewpoints.*

### RAISING HUMANS

### UNPLUGGED

### HAPPINESS LAB

### GOOD INSIDE

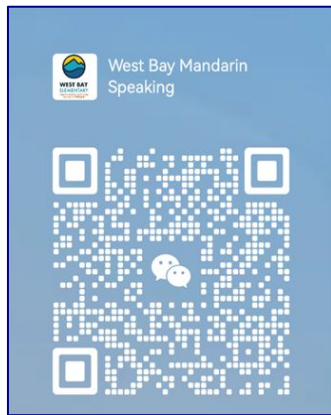


**Dr Aliza Pressman** talks about the bigger picture of raising good humans.

**The Ugly Truth about Smartphones & Embracing Childhood.**

**Dr. Laurie Santos** studied the science of happiness & found that many of us do the exact opposite.

**Good Inside – Dr. Becky** features **Jonathan Haidt** author of the **Anxious Generation.**



**2026-26 MEETING DATES**

DPAC MEETINGS	EXECUTIVE MEETINGS	PAC MEETINGS
5 November	7 November - 1 PM	12 November
3 December	5 December	No Meeting
7 January	9 January	16 January
4 February	6 February	20 February
4 March	6 March	No Meeting
1 April	10 April	17 April
6 May	8 May	22 May
3 June	<b>TBD</b>	9 June

**2025-26 WEST BAY PAC EXECUTIVE**

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

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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.*