



**WEST BAY
ELEMENTARY**

THE WOLF

WOLF WEEK BEGINNING 27 OCTOBER

West Bay Website

2026-27 KINDERGARTEN AND CATCHMENT GR 1-12 REGISTRATION



WEST BAY INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT HERE



HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

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.
- 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

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

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 15th, 2026 @ 08:00 AM

GRADE 7 VOLLEYBALL SEASON

The grade 7 boys volleyball team played their first game this week against Westcot. They impressed coaches and parents with their teamwork and sportsmanship as well as how strong their passing was this early in the season.

What a game! The Grade 7 Girls Volleyball team brought amazing energy and teamwork to the court this week. Even though the score didn't go our way, the girls showed incredible sportsmanship and learned a ton for next time.

We're so proud of their positive attitude and can't wait to see them spike their way to success in the next match! Go team!

Thank you to coaches Sabiston, Rochfort, Dignum and Atkinson and parent M Friend.



No Game on 28 October

A PROBLEM WITH SOLUTIONS

It takes way too long for parents to pick up their children after school. Fortunately, this problem is solvable. Currently, the most helpful actions are:

1. Please pull up as far as you can to pick up your child so cars behind you can do the same.
2. If you absolutely have to get out of your car, please wait until you are in the furthest spot forward so you are not in the way.
3. Please remind your child (we'll do the same) to be ready for you: they are looking for your car and have their backpack ready.

Thank you!

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 17th 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

OCTOBER CALENDAR

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

NOVEMBER

4	VB Game #3 vs Hollyburn
6	Grade 3 Field Trip by Bus
7	Parent Ed Session, 09:15 PAC Exec Meeting, 1:00 PM
10	Remembrance Day Assembly
11	Remembrance Day Stat
12	PAC Meeting in LC - 09:00
17-20	Scholastic Book Fair
18	VB Game #4 vs Pauline Johnson
24	Professional Development Day
25	ELL Tea at 09:00-10:00 in LC
26	Boys VB Jamboree - 1:30 PM
27	Girls VB Jamboree - 1:30 PM
28	Craft Fair, 3-5 PM in Gym

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



RACE TO 100

Development of computational, fluency in addition and subtraction with numbers to 100 requires an understanding of place value. Div 12, Grade 2 students played a game with a partner to practice grouping 1s into 10s to fill their boards.



THESIS STATEMENT AND ESSAY WRITING

(The what/how/why in one to two sentences gives your writing a precise focus).

What Gr 7 students discovered below :

I learned how to organize my essay and now I know when to use transition words. Moving forward I would like to improve my detailed transitions and also conclusion sentences after each paragraph.

Great learning tool for the future, super useful when I don't know how to start. Moving forward I would love to improve my word choices and add better facts in my sentences.

THINKING, SELF MANAGEMENT AND SOCIAL SKILLS!

Playing a simple game of Memory helps Kindergartens develop a lot of important skills all at once. It boosts their thinking by making them pay attention, remember where cards are, and spot matches. When they play with others, they also learn how to take turns, share, and be patient. Plus, the game teaches them to stay focused and keep trying, even if they don't find a match right away. So, what looks like a fun game is actually helping kids practice paying attention, working with others, and managing their emotions.



GRADE 3 FOCUS - RECOUNT WRITING - MY FALL ADVENTURE

This month, students are learning how to write a recount — a true story about something that already happened. Students are practicing how to organize their ideas into three parts: a beginning (when, where, who), a middle (what happened in order), and an end (how it finished and how they felt).

EXAMPLE OF A STUDENT'S FALL ADVENTURE PLANNER



EXAMPLE OF A FINISHED FALL STORY

HOW THE WORLD WORKS

Forces and Ideas Generate Movement

What do Scientists Do? Ask a Gr 6 student

Gr 6 students were happy to share their knowledge with their younger buddy class, division 12. They taught their younger buddies about inventions and discoveries scientists have made in the past and how they made these new findings.



Newton's Laws of Motion - Balloon Cars

Students designed and created balloon powered cars. Cars were tested based on speed, travel distance and safety. When the balloon deflated the escaped air pushed out the back of the balloon and pushed the cars forward.



THIS WEEK'S LEADERSHIP MOMENTS

Throughout the year, we will be recognizing students for seizing leadership moments and demonstrating aspects of the IB Learner Profile for the benefit of their group or classmates. At the end of every week, students are called to the office for recognition. The goal is for students to recognize the skills and Learner Profile attributes they possess that allow them to take on leadership roles in various situations. We're proud of our students who make the learning and school experience better for their classmates.



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Leadership Moment

I did. I can. I am.

Danial was a leader when he modeled how to quietly sit on the carpet coming back to the classroom after library. His classmates followed and all sat in a line!

- Danial is
- an Inquirer
- Open-Minded
- Knowledgeable
- Caring
- a Thinker
- a Risk-Taker
- a Communicator
- Balanced
- Principled
- Reflective



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Leadership Moment

I did. I can. I am.

Amy always follow instructions right away and is a model to show other students what they should be doing.

- Amy (Div 9) is
- an Inquirer
- Open-Minded
- Knowledgeable
- Caring
- a Thinker
- a Risk-Taker
- a Communicator
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7 November @ 09:15-10:45 in Learning Commons

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.

HOW LEARNING WORKS

@ WEST BAY

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](#)

Registration for Tables Now Open!

28 November, 3-5 PM in Gym

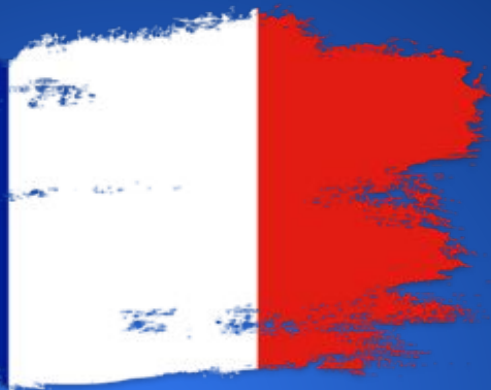
Support our Grade 7 Graduation and showcase your creativity at West Bay's Craft Fair!



Tables are \$20 each (one per family) and available first come, first served.

Don't forget to stop by our Bake Sale for some sweet treats!

👉 Sign up now using the link [HERE](#).



Grade 5 and 6 Students

Extra French during DEAR time for interested students

Meet Ms Oancea in Music Room on stage

Gr 6s - Wednesday, 1:10-1:30

Gr 5s - Thursday, 1:10-1:30

ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY
(for current Grade 7 Students)

TOURS OF THE ROCK
12:00 - 1:00 PM on following dates :

Monday 17 November

Monday 8 December

Monday 19 January

Monday 9 February

Monday 9 March

Monday 13 April

Monday 11 May

Monday 8 June

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

USEFUL LINKS

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

[CODE OF CONDUCT](#)

[SCHOOL CASH ONLINE](#)

[SCHOOL CASH ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS](#)

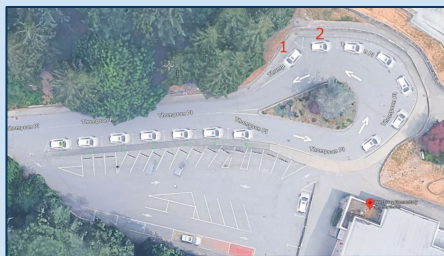
[MYEDUCATION BC](#)

[VCH VACCINATION PROCESS](#)

[DOCUMENT UPLOAD LINK](#)

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.



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

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.

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

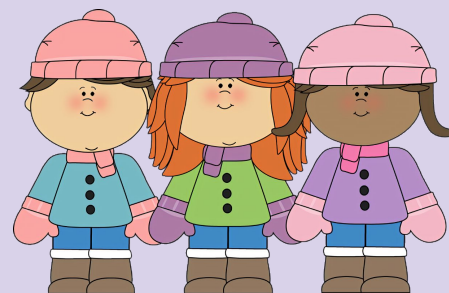
hotlunchwb@gmail.com

HOT LUNCH

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.





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 PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



PAC NEWS, EVENTS, HIGHLIGHTS & RESOURCES



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NEW ENTRANCE RUG

First Impressions Count — Have you noticed our dingy grey entrance rug with our old West Bay logo? We can do better!

Why This Rug Matters: The entrance to our school is more than a common space — it’s the first welcome our students, staff, and visitors experience. A clean (!), inviting rug sets a tone of care, pride & belonging.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK
FUNDING FUTURES

OUR MISSION: The Funding Futures mission is to raise funds that bring meaningful enhancements to West Bay — from new equipment and experts-in-residence programs to cultural enrichment opportunities and more. When people ask, “What does the PAC pay for?” — these are just some of the items on our list! Throughout the year, we’ll spotlight key initiatives that need funding. Help shape the future of our school community by [sponsoring one of these items today.](#)



NEW ENTRANCE RUG
 CAD\$250.00



HOLIDAY DECORATIONS IN DECEMBER
 CAD\$50.00



RAINY DAY – GLOW LIGHT DANCE PARTY
 CAD\$100.00



SCHOOL EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS GIVE BACK & STAY ENGAGED



PAC MEETING



SAVE THE DATE
Wed, Nov 12 @ 9AM

HOT LUNCH



ORDER your
Hot Lunch today.

WHATSAPP



JOIN our WhatsApp
to stay connected.

CRAFT FAIR



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



PLAYGROUND FUND UPDATE

At next month's PAC meeting on Wed, Nov 12, we'll be putting forth a motion to **move \$100,000 from our GIC into the District Trust Account for a new Playground Fund.** This account earns better interest & helps protect the money for future use. These funds are from the 2016 Gala, which raised an incredible \$500,000! The PAC wants to ensure that part of those funds continue to serve as a lasting legacy from that amazing community effort. [Read Oct PAC Meeting Minutes to Learn More...](#) Click [here](#) for details about the Fund Transfer Proposal.



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



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

UNPLUGGED



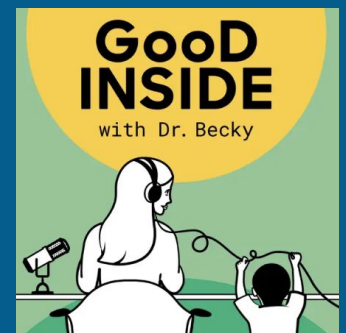
The Ugly Truth about Smartphones & Embracing Childhood.

HAPPINESS LAB



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


GOOD INSIDE



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



West Bay PAC
WhatsApp group



West Bay Mandarin Speaking

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	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	TBD	9 June

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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.

Remembering the Early Years

A 75TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER



**Friday, November 7, 2025
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.**

West Vancouver Memorial Library Main Hall

Did you know that the West Vancouver Memorial Library was founded because of a community movement? Because a devoted group of volunteers shared a belief that libraries are places of learning that are open and welcoming to all?

Join us on November 7 to celebrate this effort, recognize how much this library has delivered over the last 75 years, and contribute to its continued success.

You'll hear the compelling story of the library's beginnings in the 1920s, 30s, and 40s, against a backdrop of music by Piano Heist's Nico Rhodes and Patrick Courtin.

There will also be a silent auction of local artwork and donated gifts for guests to bid on.

TICKETS: \$75*

BUY TICKETS [HERE](#)

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.

Your child's class may be participating in a Christmas Card Contest with the West Vancouver Police Department. Details are below. Submissions are due November 14, and all students can participate whether their class is engaging or not.

Guidelines

1. The artwork must be on 8 ½ x 11 size white paper. Oversized artwork cannot be accepted due to printing requirements.
2. Artists are encouraged to be creative interpreting the Christmas theme.
3. Cards may be horizontal or vertical.
4. A "short" positive message may be written on the artwork, but it is not required. The less words the better. If used, the words must be spelled correctly.
5. The use of pencils, pencil crayons, watercolours, paints, markers, ink, pastel, chalk and charcoal may be used. Bold and bright art is preferred.
6. Artwork must be original. No traced, trademarked, or copyrighted characters such as Disney, Superheroes, Cartoons etc. can be accepted. Artwork should be truly authentic, and it should represent the age, grade and skill of the student.
7. Do not sign or mark the front of the artwork. The students name should be submitted separately and taped on the back of the centre of the poster.

Example

