



**WEST BAY
ELEMENTARY**

THE WOLF

WOLF WEEK BEGINNING 1 DECEMBER

West Bay Website

2026-27 KINDERGARTEN AND CATCHMENT GR 1-12 REGISTRATION



WEST BAY INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT HERE



PAC MEETING - 28 NOVEMBER PLAYGROUND FUND UPDATE

(Learning Commons at 09:00)

At the next PAC meeting on November 28, PAC will be putting forth a motion to move \$100,000 from our GIC into the District Trust Account for a new Playground Fund.

OCTOBER PAC MINUTES HERE

FUND TRANSFER PROPOSAL HERE

CRAFT FAIR - 28 NOV, 3-5 PM FIELD OPEN FOR PARKING CASH ONLY



Thank you for making our school's Scholastic Book Fair a huge success. There were many happy children clutching new books and excited to share their reading with others. As well, our classroom had generous donations and the library is the beneficiary of about \$2900 in new titles, mostly from the fair itself. We have an additional \$770 to add to our library account for non-Scholastic titles.

All that book joy wouldn't be possible without your support and without Mrs. O'Handley and the volunteers from our school community. We are very grateful to our helpers: Amanda, Amy, Divya, Elmira, Erica, Frances, Hilda, Jen, Ksenia, Lauren, Lily, Mani, Marianne, Mehri, Naoko, Wenlan, Yan and Yasaman.

Happy Reading! - Mrs Hunt, Librarian



BOYS VOLLEYBALL JAMBOREE

The boys team finished their season with a really strong second place finish at the volleyball Tournament at Rockridge. They demonstrated hard work, determination, and teamwork and should be proud of their efforts this season! Huge thank you to coaches Dignum and Atkinson for volunteering their time before and after school to coach the boys!



LUNAR NEW YEAR + MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

The Lunar New Year group is looking for additional members to help plan this year's event, including Korean and Vietnamese families, or anyone with an interest.

Please email westbay@wvschools.ca if interested.

West Bay wants to recognize as many cultures in our school as we can. If you would like to help plan International Mother Language Day for February 2026, please email Principal Slater - sslater@wvschools.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

WINTER WEATHER
Click HERE for more

DECEMBER

1	Grade 6 Vaccination Consent Forms Go Home - Need to be returned by 12 December
2	K Hearing Test Last Steamoji Class After School
3	Boutique Sale - Student Shopping, 12:30-1:30 PM
4	Last LightsUp Class After School - Gym
5	PAC Executive Meeting @ 09:00 AM
5	Holiday Hat Day - Spirit Day
9	Edmonds Wrapping of Gifts - 09:00 in LC
10	Collection of Plants and Chocolates
12	Holiday Sweater Day - Spirit Day Last Kung Fu Class After School
12	Term 1 Learning Updates Published
15	Last Basketball Class After School Delivery of Gifts to Edmonds Community School
16	Decorations Day and Door Prizes
19	Holiday PJ Day - Spirit Day
19	Holiday Sing a Long @ 11:30 AM Early Dismissal at 12:35

OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO SHOP



WEST BAY'S BOUTIQUE SALE

Come and do your gift shopping for all the members of your family at West Bay's

Boutique Sale.

All proceeds go towards Grad

Celebrations for

Edmonds and

West Bay

3 DECEMBER

12:30-1:30 PM

GYM

All Items less than \$5

Cash but

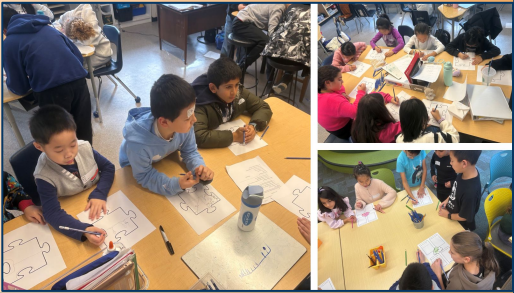
Tap Available

See you there!

DEN GROUPINGS

Yesterday afternoon we held our first Den Group time of the year, and it was a great opportunity for students to connect as newly formed groups. Students took part in activities focused on one of our IB Learner Profile traits and discussed the “small moments of leadership” they notice in themselves and others.

These cross-grade groups will continue meeting throughout the year to build community, strengthen leadership skills, and support our school goals. We’re excited to see these relationships grow and to watch students take on leadership in meaningful, everyday ways.



HONING THOSE GROSS AND FINE MOTOR SKILLS

Gr 1 students brushing up on important skills with Ms Atkinson in the gym.



IS IT A BEE? TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ...

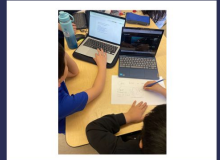
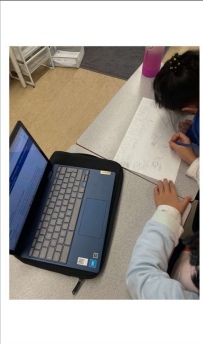
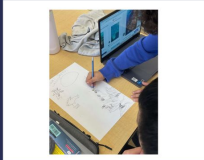
Have you taken the Bee Quiz, recently created by Mrs. McGrath on the wall alongside the West Bay Hive?



Bee flies are small insects that look like fuzzy brown or yellow bees. They have hairy bodies, see through wings with dark stripes and a long mouthpart for sipping nectar. They don’t sting, or produce honey.

SHARING THE PLANET RESEARCHING LIKE SCIENTISTS

Gr 4 students explored how animals depend on coral reefs. Their central idea, humans contribute to environmental complexity, helped guide their thinking as we learned about interdependence, behaviour, and survival in this vibrant ecosystem. Students practised being scientists and are developing research skills such as questioning, analyzing information, and communicating their findings. Students created connection maps to investigate the form and function of coral reef systems and explore how living things are interdependent within an ecosystem.



HOW THE WORLD WORKS

The connection between curiosity, design and needs
How humans identify and solve problems
How experimentation works

LEVER LEARNING LAB

Gr 5 students embarked on their Simple Machines Bootcamp last week with the Lever Launch Challenge.

SHARE YOUR PROCESS

“First, my team experimented with putting the meter stick in the middle of the block. When I jumped on it, it went to the roof and the stick partly snapped. Then we put the stick like 10% on one side and 90% on the other. This was very successful with the ball getting to the roof”. - Max Z



TAKING ACTION IN GRADE 4

Students in Divisions 7 and 8 having finished their research and are now accepting food donations for these two organizations - **Harvest Project** and **Lookout Shelter** in their homerooms for the next two weeks. Their inspiration for this student outreach that supports the unhoused on the North Shore was their book study of

“The Night Bus Hero” by Onjali Q Rauf



THIS WEEK’S LEADERSHIP MOMENTS
Week 24 November



UPCOMING SPIRIT FRIDAYS AND DECORATIONS DAY

FRI 12 DECEMBER
COZY SWEATER DAY



TUESDAY 16 DEC
DECORATIONS DAY



FRI 19 DECEMBER
Winter PJs

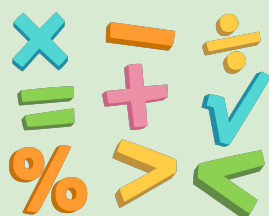


FRI 19 DECEMBER
SING A LONG



TERM 2 BEFORE SCHOOL - ALL DROP INS NO SIGN UPS

MONDAYS - 08:15 - ALL GRADES
MATH CLUB - STARTS 12 JAN



THURSDAYS - 08:15 - ALL GRADES
READING - STARTS 8 JAN



FRIDAYS - 08:15 - GR 2-7
CHESS - STARTS 9 JAN



TERM 2 AFTER SCHOOL - LIBRARY OR GYM

MONDAY - 5 SPOTS LEFT

Intro to Engineering, K/Gr 1
Steamoji, 5 Jan-9 March

WEST BAY ELEMENTARY

INTRO TO ENGINEERING
3D PENS, CRAFTING AND MORE!
Intro to Engineering introduces our apprentices to hands-on building through fun, age-appropriate crafting and engineering projects. Designed for Kindergarten and Grade 1, this program helps kids explore how things work as they cut, glue, test, redesign, and even create simple models using a 3D pen. Let's get building!

DATES
Mondays at 3-4pm
January 6th
January 12th
January 19th
January 26th
February 2nd
February 9th
February 23rd
March 2nd
March 9th

Click [HERE](#) to complete for registration and email to westvancouver@steamoji.com

TUESDAY - 4 SPOTS LEFT

Designing in 3D, Gr 2-7
Steamoji, 6 Jan-10 March

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DESIGNING IN 3D
Building on the foundations of our Intro to Fabrication program, Design in 3D takes apprentices deeper into the world of 3D design and printing. Throughout the term, they will plan, prototype, and bring their ideas to life—culminating in a custom tabletop game they design and fabricate themselves. Let's get building!

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January 6th
January 13th
January 20th
January 27th
February 3rd
February 10th
February 17th
February 24th
March 3rd
March 10th

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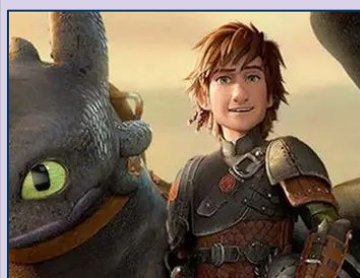
THURSDAY

LightsUp, 3-5 PM,
All Grades

How to Train Your Dragon
15 Jan - 12 March

[REGISTER HERE](#)

CLASS NOW FULL - WAITLISTING
email :
vancouver@lightsuptheatre.ca



FRIDAY

Kung Fu Classes in Gym
All Grades

Pre Register on email below
hello@westcoastkungfu.ca

Grades K-2 Junior Wolves
3:00-3:40 PM

Grades 2-7 Intermediate Wolves
3:45-5:00 PM

Click [HERE](#) for more details.



MONDAY

Volleyball All Grades
NPower Aurora VB Academy
3-4 PM, 5 Jan - 2 March
(No Class 16 Feb - Stat)

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



FRIDAY - 12 SPOTS LEFT

Farsi - All Grades
3-5 PM, 9 Jan - 13 Mar

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Our interactive approach makes language learning exciting through arts, music, storytelling, and hands-on crafts.

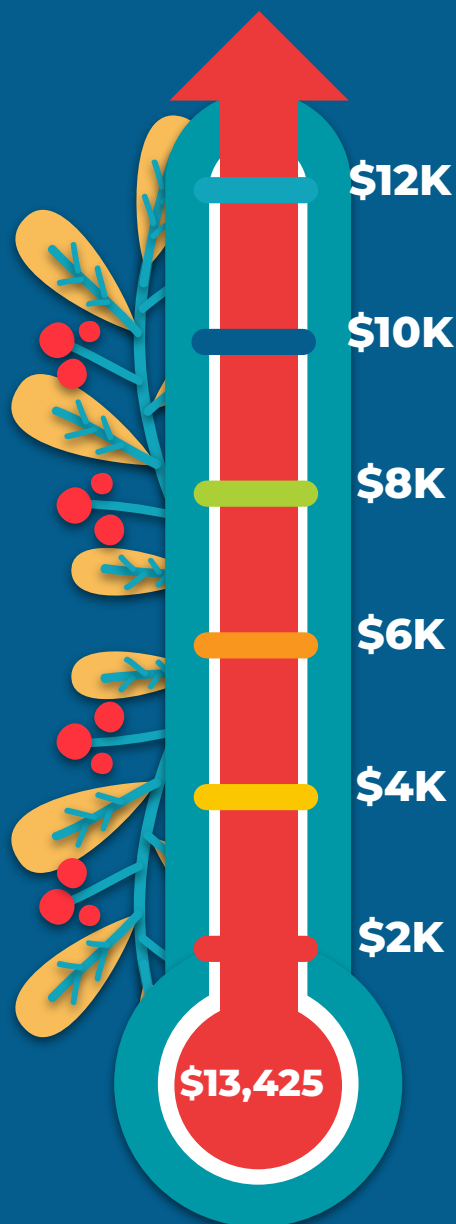
Use code **WB20** for \$20 off
(valid until December 8th)

For more information call
778-929-7014, or email
info@farsidarbc.ca



WEST BAY HOLIDAY OUTREACH SUPPORTING EDMONDS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

**THANKS FOR YOUR
SUPPORT**



Due to the overwhelming generosity of our West Bay community we are able to sponsor more children bringing our total to over 60 children sponsored!

We have now raised \$7,725 and with the donation from Moms Against Poverty Canada this brings our grand total to \$13,425!

A GIANT THANKS to our Outreach Team, who have been busy at work packaging up the winter clothing, buying toys & gifts, purchasing bulk grocery gift cards & wrapping each present with holiday paper, bows & festive tags.

Our PAC proudly supports **Edmonds Community School**, a lifeline for many newcomer families living at or below the poverty line. This year, we were able to expand our support dramatically — from 16 families to over 60 students and their families. The school also keeps grocery cards for families in need year-round.

❤️ **Family 3:** A family of four — two teens and a 7-year-old with special needs — doing their best to make ends meet. Their mom works long hours at a butcher shop to provide for them.

❤️ **Family 4:** A family with 2 sons moved here for a "better life" from Nigeria. The mom is trying to get training in the healthcare field, and the boys take the transit by themselves to school. They like to play soccer and Lego, and are very well behaved, respectful children.

We will be sharing final numbers next week once the donation link closes and we get the final gifts purchased for the additional families.



— THANKS TO ALL THE FAMILIES THAT DONATED —



Winter Pixel Art | Grades 5–7

Thursday, December 11, 3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

Calling all digital artists! In this class, we'll use Piskel to create and animate 2D pixel art with a cozy winter twist.

REGISTER [HERE](#).



Winter Puppet Show | Ages 3+

Friday, December 12, 10:30 – 11 a.m. & 4 – 4:30

Join us for a puppet show and songs to get into the holiday spirit!

REGISTER [HERE](#).



School's Out Movie Matinéés | All Ages

Friday, January 2, 2 – 3:45 p.m.

Drop in for a movie during winter break! Catch Elio on December 30 and Bad Guys 2 on January 2 at 2 p.m.

REGISTER [HERE](#).



Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District Registrations opens on Thursday, January 15th, 2026 @ 08:00

Click [HERE](#) to register. Have all your documents ready to upload in pdf format before you go online.

[HERE](#) are document requirements.

SCHOOL LOCATOR [HERE](#)

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

West Vancouver Secondary School

6 January @ 6:30 PM

Sentinel Secondary School

7 January @ 6:30 PM



SAVE THE DATE!

FOR OUR ANNUAL

INFORMATION NIGHT FOR INCOMING GRADE 8 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



Date: Thursday, January 8th, 2026

Time: 6:30* – 8:00 pm

Where: Rockridge Secondary
5350 Headland Drive, West Vancouver

*WE WILL BE WELCOMING BOWEN ISLAND FAMILIES TO TOUR THE ROCK FROM 6:00-6:30PM SO THAT THEY CAN TAKE THE EARLIER FERRY



PAC NEWS, EVENTS, HIGHLIGHTS & RESOURCES



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK
WISH LIST ITEMS

\$3,730 RAISED SO FAR...

Funding Futures is getting a new name! We're excited to introduce the **WISHLIST SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**. To learn more, join us at the PAC Meeting tomorrow — **Friday, November 28 at 9AM** in the Learning Commons — where we'll share details about the this program and provide an update on Playground Fund fundraising. Visit our [website](#) to see the latest initiatives and help shape our school's future by [sponsoring](#) an item today.

We're close on several goals, with a little more to go. Check out the latest funding percentages below.



60%

CROCHET CLUB
CAD\$20.00



56 %

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS IN DECEMBER
CAD\$50.00



21%

PLAY FOR ALL – NEW PLAYGROUND FUND
CAD\$100.00



33 %

NEW ENTRANCE RUG
CAD\$250.00



— THANKS TO ALL THE FAMILIES THAT HAVE SPONSORED —



SCHOOL EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS
GIVE BACK & STAY ENGAGED

PAC
MEETING



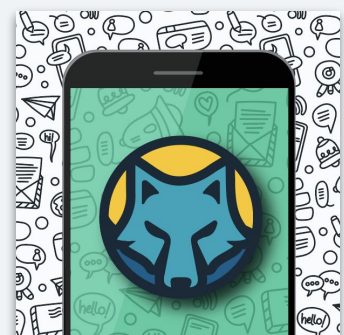
JOIN US & VOTE
Fri, Nov 28 @ 9AM

PURDY'S



ORDER your Gr7
Purdy's Chocolates

WHATSAPP



JOIN our WhatsApp
to stay connected

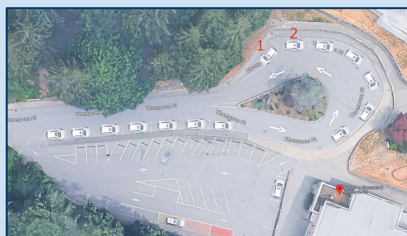
A PROBLEM WITH SOLUTIONS

It takes way too long for parents to pick up their children after school. Fortunately, this problem is solvable. The most helpful 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.

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.

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

Personal Digital Device Use at West Bay

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

7:50 AM –
8:50 AM

Student Arrival

Students can send text messages and make phone calls on their mobile phone.

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

Student
Departure

Students can send text messages and make phone calls on their mobile phone.

Students cannot play video games, use social media, take or view photos or videos, listen to music, etc. No laptop or tablet use.

WINTER WEATHER AND CLOSURES

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

MYED BC FAMILY PORTAL PAGE

PARENT IT GUIDE

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME

[CLICK HERE FOR FIND OUT](#)



HOT LUNCH ORDERING Ongoing Ordering [Here](#)

(1 week window
- this is a change)

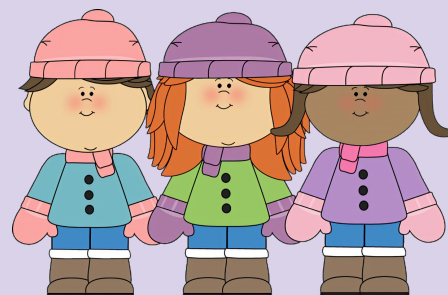
Monday - Fresh Bay Pizza
Tuesday - Aburi
Wednesday - Well Fed
Friday - Panago and Well Fed

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.



WEST BAY PAC/DISTRICT/COMMUNITY



DPAC	EXECUTIVE MEETINGS	PAC MEETINGS
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

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.

LITERACY AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT
27 January - Parents of Gr 4-7 Students

Join us for an engaging session on supporting your child’s literacy and language development.

Presented by **West Vancouver Schools** in partnership with the **West Vancouver Memorial Library**.

Sessions will include insights from district educators and library staff, highlighting local resources that help every child thrive academically.

All sessions will take place in Welsh Hall at the West Vancouver Memorial Library.

Parent Literacy Workshops

Tuesdays 5:30-6:45pm

- Nov 18: Grades K-3
- Jan 27: Grades 4-7
- Mar 3: Grades 8-12

West Vancouver Memorial Library - Welsh Hall

Supporting Readers Today for Academic Success Tomorrow

Discover practical ways to support your child’s literacy and language development at home and in the community.

In partnership with the West Vancouver Memorial Library, these engaging sessions will share strategies, local resources, and ideas to help foster a lifelong love of reading.

Presenters:

- Mary Parasakal, Vice Principal of Early Learning - West Vancouver Schools
- Michelle LaBounty, District Principal of Teaching & Learning - West Vancouver Schools
- Shannon Ozimny, Head of Youth Services - West Vancouver Memorial Library

WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS
A world of opportunity

west vancouver LIBRARY

Scott Slater
Principal
West Bay Elementary | Cypress Park Primary
IB World Schools
Pronouns: He/Him/His
Office 604 981 1260 **Direct** 604 981 1264



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.