



THANK YOU!

**WEST BAY
ELEMENTARY**

THE WOLF

WOLF WEEK BEGINNING 15 DECEMBER

West Bay Website

2026-27 KINDERGARTEN AND CATCHMENT GR 1-12 REGISTRATION



WEST BAY INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT HERE



**LEAVING EARLIER THAN 19 DEC
ARRIVING BACK LATER THAN 5 JAN**

The office needs to know, email
sbarrie@wvschools.ca

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME

CLICK HERE FOR FIND OUT



LUNAR NEW YEAR AND MOTHER TONGUE 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.

BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

The PAC will propose adding a \$20,000 "Wish List" fundraising category for unexpected school needs arising mid-year, such as iPad replacements and increased Experts-in-Residence costs. This amendment enables fundraising without requiring new votes for each unplanned need. This proposal was presented in November and will be voted on in January.

Click HERE for more information.

GR 7 BASKETBALL

**First Girls Practices will be 9 Jan @ 08:00
Weds at Lunch and Friday at 08:00**

**First Boys Practices will be 8 Jan @ 08:00
Mon at Lunch and Thursday at 08:00**

**Permission Slips to follow first week
back to school**

COZY SWEATER DAY TOMORROW



TERM 1 LEARNING UPDATES

Access MyEducation HERE
to access your child/ren's Term One
Learning Update.

On December 12th, you will receive an email from

"sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca"

with details about accessing the Term One Learning Updates.

If you are new to West Bay, you should have received an email from the email address

"sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca"

with instructions for how to create a MyEd. Family Portal account.

STEPS

- Use a desktop or laptop the first time to activate a new account.
- Enable Pop Ups
- MyEducation works with these browsers the best – Chrome, Safari or MS Edge

If you did not receive this email, please search your junk folder and if it didn't land there, please contact Ms. Barrie (sbarrie@wvschools.ca) before 19th December.

The Learning Updates provide information of the progress your child has made this year in all areas of learning as well as suggestions for further growth and development.

Families are encouraged to download these reports and save them. Reports will only remain on our system until 25 September 2026.

If you need further help click HERE.

DECEMBER

12 **Cozy Festive Sweater Day**
Deadline for Gr 6 Consent Forms
Last Kung Fu Class After School
Term 1 Learning Updates Published

16 **Decorations Day**

17 **Last Hot Lunch of First Term**

19 **Winter PJ Day**
Holiday Sing along @ 10:45 AM
Early Dismissal at 12:15

20 **HOT LUNCH TERM 2 OPENS**
30 **DEADLINE FOR 5 JAN HOT LUNCH**

JANUARY

5 **First Day Back to School**
VB After School, 3-4 PM - CLASS FULL
Steamoji, 3-4 - K and Gr 1 - CLASS FULL

6 **Grade 6 Vaccinations - Dose #1**
Steamoji, 3-4 Gr 2 and Up - CLASS FULL

8 **First Reading in Library Before School**
08:00 First Boys Basketball Practice

9 **First Chess in the Mornings**
First Farsi After School, 3-5 All Grades
First Kung Fu After School, 3-5 PM

12 **First Math in the Mornings**
Week of Wheelchair Basketball
All Grades

15 **First LightsUp After School - CLASS FULL**
PAC Bingo in Gym, 5-7 PM

16 **PAC Meeting**

20 **Basketball Game #1**

23 **09:15 What Education Looks Like at**
At West Bay - Learning Commons

27 **Basketball Game #2**

27 **Parent Ed Evening - Cari Wilson @**
Caulfeild, 7:00 PM

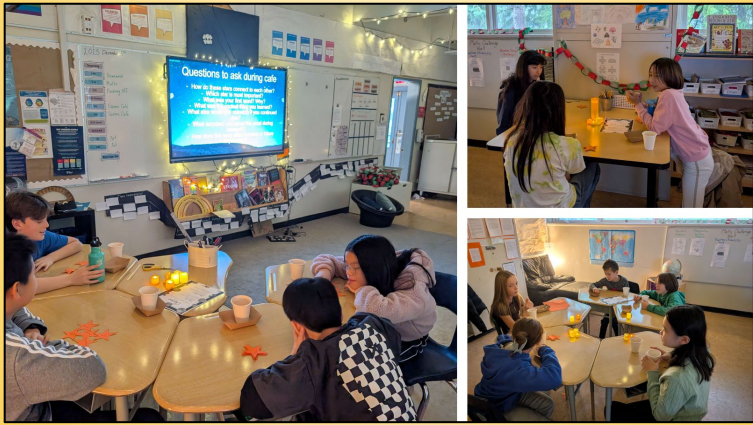
30 **Professional Development Day**

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

GRADE 6 COSMIC CAFE

Students researched their own BIG question about space, and then shared it out in our Cosmic Cafe over a drink and a snack.



SHARING THE PLANET

As part of our Unit of Inquiry, Sharing the Planet, Div 8 Gr 4 students wrapped up their coral reef case study by participating in a lab activity to monitor coral health. They collected and recorded data by comparing coral colours to a health chart. Together we learned that brighter colours indicate healthier reefs while whiter colours signal coral bleaching. This activity helped students understand how coral reefs change over time, and how environmental and human factors impact living systems. We are now expanding our learning about environmental complexity by exploring biomes around the world and researching how animals survive in different environments.



HOW THE WORLD WORKS IN ACTION

*Rube Goldberg Machines
Complex Machines for Simple Tasks*



Gr 5 Div 6 students have had an amazing first week of building—our learners have been incredibly creative, patient, and thoughtful problem solvers every step of the way. It has been so much fun watching their ideas come to life, and we are having an absolute blast so far. What will they build next!

KINDNESS ADVENT CALENDAR - WHO WE ARE

For the next 10 school days, Gr 3 classes will be doing a “10 Days of Kindness” activity. Each day, a pair of students will visit a primary class to share a simple act of kindness. This connects to our **Who We Are** unit as we learn how our choices, actions, and relationships help build a caring community. It also gives students a chance to practise leadership in a real and meaningful way. Here is our “advent calendar” to share our ideas with the rest of the school.



HOW THE WORLD WORKS

Grade 7 students have been researching at the local library and using their recently acquired lab skills to explore how water molecules break apart sugar. Periodic Table next!



HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES

Div 11, Gr 2 students made a mystery picture by listening to number clues to colour a pattern of numbers. e.g., colour 3 tens and 5 ones or colour all the even numbers between 42 and 50 etc. This turned out to be a Christmas Tree!



THIS WEEK’S LEADERSHIP MOMENTS - WK 8 DEC



UPCOMING SPIRIT FRIDAYS AND DECORATIONS DAY

**TUESDAY 16 DEC
DECORATIONS DAY**



**FRI 19 DECEMBER
WINTER PJs**

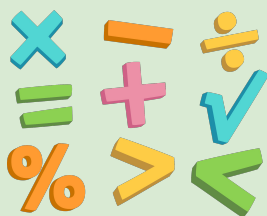


**FRI 19 DECEMBER
SING A LONG**



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 - BOTH STEAMOJI CLASSES, VOLLEYBALL AND LIGHTSUP NOW FULL - WAITLISTING

FRIDAY - 6 SPACES 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.

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

FRIDAY - SPACES AVAILABLE

**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 (5 spots left)
Grades 2-7 Intermediate Wolves
3:45-5:00 PM (12 spots left)
Click [HERE](#) for more details.**



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

**HOT LUNCH ORDERING
Ongoing Ordering [Here](#)**

**FOR LUNCH WEEK BEGINNING 5 JANUARY
ORDERING OPENS 20 DECEMBER
CLOSES 30 DECEMBER**

**HOT
LUNCH**



PAC NEWS, EVENTS, HIGHLIGHTS & RESOURCES



**WEST BAY HOLIDAY OUTREACH
THANKS FOR SUPPORTING EDMONDS**

THAT'S A WRAP! With your incredible support & matching from Moms Against Poverty Canada, we sponsored over 60 students & raised \$13,450 in total.

All the winter clothes have been delivered, grocery gift cards are ready for the families & this week our *Outreach Team* wrapped every gift – from Lego & books to dinosaurs, arts & crafts, jerseys, soccer & basketball sets, clothing & so much more – with every item purchased directly from each child's wishlist.

Your generosity shows how deeply our community cares. Together, we're sharing more than gifts – we're sharing compassion, inclusion, and the spirit that connects us all.



**Digital Citizenship
PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**

We see West Bay as a partner with families in helping children learn how to be safe, responsible & thoughtful digital citizens. In term 2, our West Bay PAC is partnering with Caulfeild Elementary & Cypress Park Primary to host two parent-education sessions. **SIGN-UP TODAY**

TUES, JAN 27 @ 7PM | Caulfeild Elementary

Meet Cari Wilson our District Vice-Principal of Innovation and Technology, and learn practical tips on *Social Media, Screen Time, and Setting Boundaries*.

MON, FEB 2 @ 7PM | West Bay Elementary

Join Dr. Odion Kalaci a youth mental health expert for a Parent Session focused on *Understanding the Mental Health of Young People*.

Thank you for partnering with us to support safe, healthy, and responsible screen and social media habits.



CARI WILSON



DR. ODION KALACI

Pediatrician, Workshop Leader

MARCH 8 2020 • UBC



SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

WISHLIST – \$3,900 RAISED SO FAR...

The [WISHLIST SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM](#) helps us bring new resources, equipment & enrichment to West Bay. We're also hoping to raise over \$200,000 over the next 2 years for our Playground enhancement initiative. Check our [website](#) and help shape our school's future by [sponsoring today](#).



80%

CROCHET CLUB
CAD\$20.00



63%

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS IN DECEMBER
CAD\$50.00



\$2,200

PLAY FOR ALL – NEW PLAYGROUND FUND
CAD\$100.00



33%

NEW ENTRANCE RUG
CAD\$250.00

— THANKS TO ALL THE FAMILIES THAT HAVE SPONSORED —



Sharing Ideas, Sparking Learning PODCASTS YOU MIGHT LIKE

Here are some recommend [podcasts](#) to explore on parenting, education, wellness, and more.

ED-TECHNICAL

LEARNING SPACE



Candice Odgers, asks is social media really destroying teen mental health?



Dr Becky: Building a growth mindset means learning to move from “not yet” to “can do.”



School Events & Fundraisers GIVE BACK & STAY ENGAGED

Stay connected with our school community through upcoming events and opportunities to participate:

HOT LUNCH

BINGO NIGHT



TERM 2: Ordering opens Sat, Dec 20. Order by Dec 30 for Jan 5 delivery.



SAVE THE DATE: Jan 15 @ 5:30-7:30 in the gym. More details to come!



NEXT PAC MEETING: PAC General meeting Fri, Jan 16.

DECEMBER/JANUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Matinées | 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](#).



LITERACY AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

27 January - Parents of Gr 4-7 Students

Parent Literacy Workshops

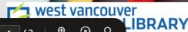
Supporting Readers Today for Academic Success Tomorrow

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 session will share strategies, local resources, and ideas to help foster a lifelong love of reading.

Presenters:

- Mary Parackal, 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



JANUARY 2026

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](#)

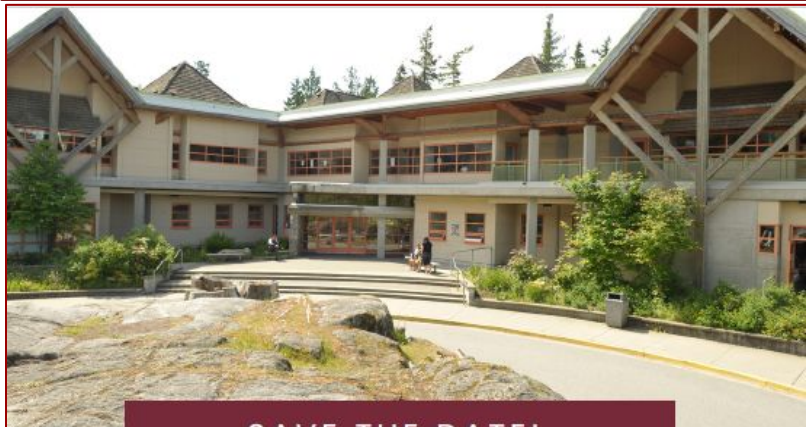
HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

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

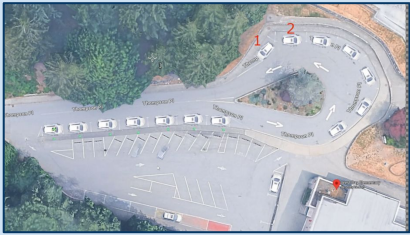
A PROBLEM WITH SOLUTIONS

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

- 1.Please pull up as far as you can to pick up you 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).

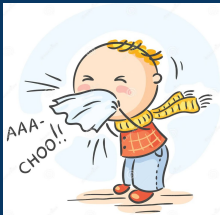
Families may email their child's teacher(s) to see if there is other work their child can do, however, our teachers' energy and focus continues to be on the learning of students within the classroom

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.



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



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



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.

DPAC	EXECUTIVE MEETINGS	PAC MEETINGS
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.