



THANK YOU!

**WEST BAY
ELEMENTARY**

THE WOLF

WOLF WEEK BEGINNING 8 DECEMBER

West Bay Website

2026-27 KINDERGARTEN AND CATCHMENT GR 1-12 REGISTRATION



WEST BAY INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT HERE



PURDY'S AND PLANT COLLECTION

2:45-3:15 PM 10 DECEMBER
AFTER SCHOOL FROM GYM
FIELD OPEN FOR PARKING UNTIL 3:15 PM



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL JAMBOREE

Our Gr. 7 girls volleyball team wrapped up the season with an exciting tournament where the girls played impressive volleyball and showed amazing team spirit. They have come incredibly far this year, growing their skills, confidence, and connection as a team. Their perseverance, positivity, and willingness to learn made every practice and game a joy to watch. We are so proud of how hard they have worked and all they have accomplished. We want to extend a big thank you to our parent volunteer, Mari, for providing such amazing coaching support throughout the season. Congratulations on a fantastic season!



Huge thank you to coaches Sabiston and Rochfort for volunteering their time before and after school to coach the girls!

SPIRIT HAT 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.

WARM CLOTHING DRIVE THANK YOU

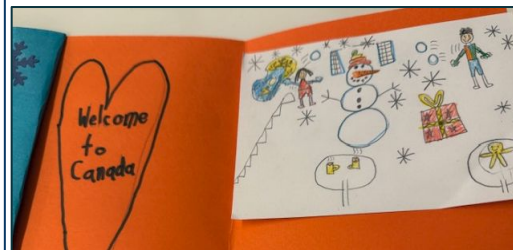
"Can you please tell all the parents and students that were involved in the Warm Clothing drive a very big thank you from our families here at Edmonds! We are truly grateful, and also thank the ladies for dropping them off yesterday! It was lovely to see some of the people involved in this wonderful connection. Dave and I are in the midst of sorting through all the clothes and seeing what child/ parent needs what. Some of the clothes still have tags on them! So generous, thanks again".

Lawna London, Edmonds



WEST BAY ELVES

Will be wrapping gifts for Edmonds' families in the Library on Tuesday 9 December from 09:00 AM. Students have been busy making cards.



DECEMBER

4	Last LightsUp Class After School - Gym
5	Spirit Hat Day Staff vs Student Volleyball Game
9	Edmonds Wrapping of Gifts - 09:00
10	Collection of Plants and Chocolates 2:45-3:15 PM Field Open for Parking
12	Cozy Sweater Day - Spirit Day Deadline for Gr 6 Consent Forms Last Kung Fu Class After School Term 1 Learning Updates Published
16	Decorations Day and Door Prizes
17	Last Hot Lunch of First Term
19	Winter PJ Day - Spirit Day Holiday Sing a Long @ 11:30 AM Early Dismissal at 12:35
20 30	HOT LUNCH TERM 2 ORDERING OPENS DEADLINE FOR ORDERING HOT LUNCH

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

WHERE WE ARE IN SPACE AND TIME

After their inquiry into the **Systems in Space** Grade 6 students visited H R Macmillan Space Centre to find out more about **How Space Exploration has evolved**. Students attended a workshop where they learned about gravity in space, and the habitability of different planets. Students also got to explore the space museum and learn about meteors, constellations, and space technology.



THANK YOU FROM GRADE 7 STUDENTS

Yesterday's grade 7 garage sale boutique was a huge success. They raised over \$1000 and sold out of everything in 45 minutes -thank you to Leslie T and her crew for supporting students' fundraising efforts and all who participated.



MOTHER TONGUE READING: SPANISH

Our Grade Ones has a very special visitor this week. Not only did we have another story read to us in Nicola's families mother tongue (Spanish). Our reader was his Grandma and she was the author of the 2 books she read to us! Nicola's Grandma writes a special book for each grandchild! Nicola's story was about soccer! Our Grade Ones were captivated by this new language and were able to make some great connections to the story! We are very grateful for our visits with families sharing special stories with us!



COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN KINDERGARTEN

During our holiday coding activity, the kindergarten students demonstrated strong communication skills as they worked together to solve challenges in the game. One student took on the role of the "guide," using clear verbal instructions, gestures, and encouraging language to help a classmate get to the end with the least amount of moves.



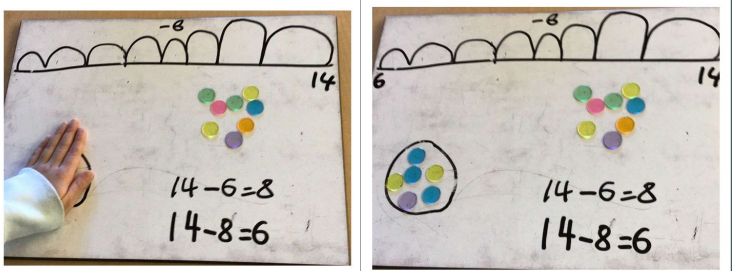
THE ROLE OF A SCIENTIST IN GRADE 2

Grade 2 students learned about how scientists collect evidence. The students used observation to help them figure out what different hidden objects were. They also use tools like rulers and magnifying glasses to collect data about the plants growing in our tower. Lastly, the students experimented with different ways of folding an airplane to see how far it could fly.



THINKING SKILLS AND SUBTRACTION IN GRADE 2

"I was a thinker when I showed how to subtract starting with the target number. My number was 14 and I hid some. I counted how many were left. There were 8 left. I think of what number and eight was able to make 14. I also used a number line to hop backwards. I hopped backwards eight times and found the answer. It was six. I made two different equations. One and then it's flip flop" - Gr 2, Ethna



THIS WEEK'S LEADERSHIP MOMENTS
Week 1 December



UPCOMING SPIRIT FRIDAYS AND DECORATIONS DAY

FRI 12 DECEMBER
COZY SWEATERS



TUESDAY 16 DEC
DECORATIONS DAY



FRI 19 DECEMBER
WINTER PJs

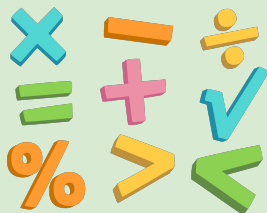


FRI 19 DECEMBER
SING A LONG



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 - CLASS FULL

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

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 - CLASS FULL

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

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!

DATES
Tuesdays at 3-4pm
January 6th
January 13th
January 20th
January 27th
February 3rd
February 10th
February 17th
February 24th
March 3rd
March 10th

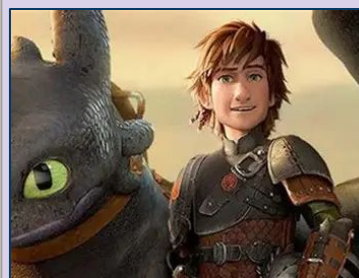
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THURSDAY - CLASS FULL

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 - SPACES

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 (6 spots left)
Grades 2-7 Intermediate Wolves
3:45-5:00 PM (14 spots left)
Click [HERE](#) for more details.



MONDAY- 4 SPOTS LEFT

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

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



FRIDAY - 7 SPOTS LEFT

Farsi - All Grades
3-5 PM, 9 Jan - 13 Mar
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

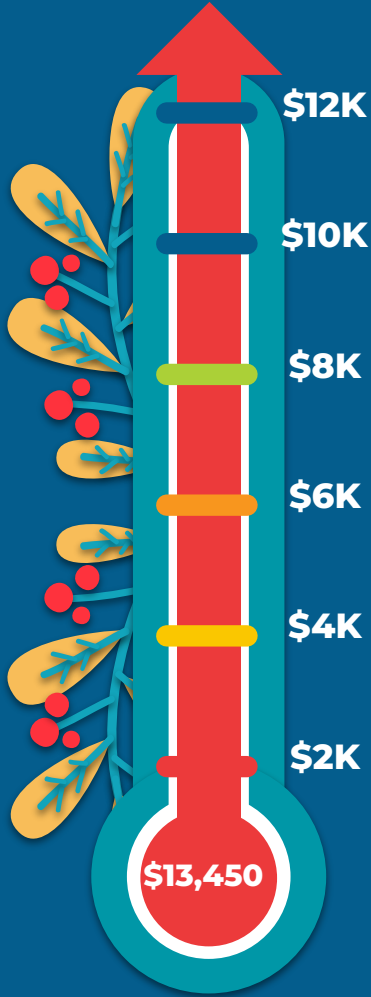
Our interactive approach makes language learning exciting through arts, music, storytelling, and hands-on crafts.

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

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



PAC NEWS, EVENTS, HIGHLIGHTS & RESOURCES



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

We did it! With your support, we sponsored over 60 students and raised \$13,450 in total.

- **WINTER CLOTHES:** Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, we collected dozens of giant bags filled with warm clothing — including beautiful handmade scarves — all delivered to the families.
- **GIFTS:** Every gift has been carefully selected from each student's wishlist, and next Tuesday our team will be wrapping them with care before delivering them to the families.
- **GROCERIES:** With the support of Moms Against Poverty Canada, we purchased \$150 in grocery gift cards per student and set aside additional cards to support families in need throughout the year.

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.

BINGO NIGHT



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

SPEAKER SERIES



Join Dr. Odion Kalaci, a youth mental health expert for a Parent Session – Mon, Jan 19 @7PM, Learning Commons

HOT LUNCH



TERM 2: Ordering opens Fri, Dec 19. Order by Dec 29 for Jan 5 delivery

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

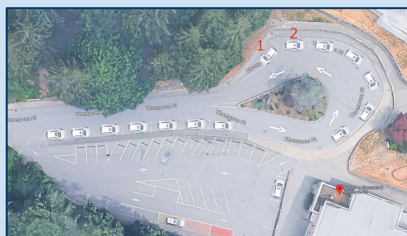
A PROBLEM WITH SOLUTIONS

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.

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.

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](#).



WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME

[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

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.

HOT LUNCH ORDERING Ongoing Ordering [Here](#)

(1 week window
- this is a change)

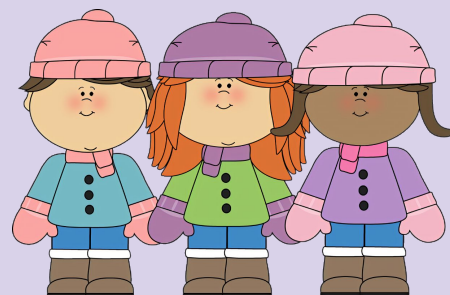
Monday - Fresh Bay Pizza
Tuesday - Aburi
Wednesday - Well Fed
Friday - Panago and Well Fed

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.



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



SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

WISHLIST – \$3,850 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



56%

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 —

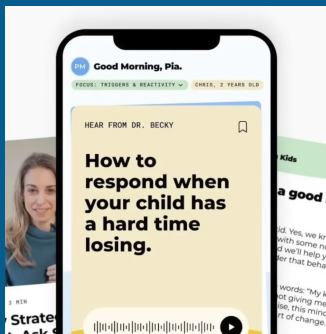


Sharing Ideas, Sparking Learning PODCASTS YOU MIGHT LIKE

[SHARE YOUR PODCASTS](#)

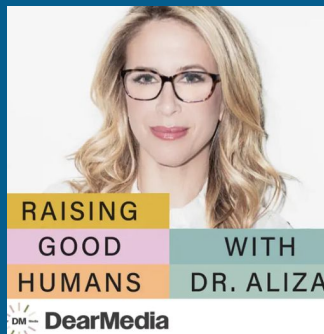
At West Bay, we believe learning is lifelong. Here are some recommend [podcasts](#) to explore on parenting, education, wellness, and more. Add [YOUR FAVORITES](#) to our growing library. *Note: These resources & community-shared & reflect a variety of viewpoints.*

A BIT OF OPTIMISM



Simon Sinek & Dr. Becky on parenting, boundaries, and sturdy leadership.

RAISING HUMANS



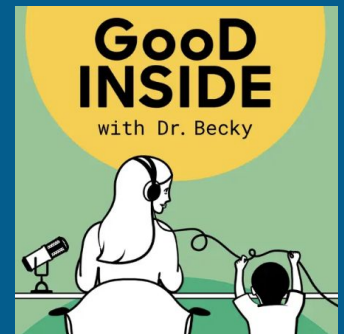
Dr Aliza Pressman talks about the bigger picture of raising good humans.

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*.



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

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 session 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.