



FRIDAY 23 JANUARY, 09:15 - WEST BAY LEARNING COMMONS - REGISTER [HERE](#)

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, January 23 from 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?



registration [LINK here](#)

WEST BAY INTENTIONS FOR 26-27

CURRENT KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 6 STUDENTS ONLY

It might seem early to be asking parents whether they expect to have their children at West Bay next September, however, we have already begun to project our enrolment for the 2026-27 school year.

These predictions determine whether we will have room for new learners who are anxious to join our community and informs our class configurations. While we hope to see your family back at West Bay in September 2026, we understand that job transfers happen, plans change, and relocations can occur without much notice.

We are therefore asking that you please indicate on this online form, to the best of your knowledge, whether your child will be continuing at West Bay in September 2026.

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE FORM](#)

Please complete this online form by Friday, January 23rd 2026. There are options in the survey to complete it for more than one child.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Rockridge Secondary School

8 January
@ 6:30 PM

GRADE 7 BASKETBALL
Girls Practices
Weds at Lunch and Fri at 08:00

Boys Practices
Mon at Lunch and Thurs at 08:00

Permission Slips
[HERE](#)

Please return to office by 14 Jan when you will be set up on SCO for your \$10 Activity Fee



WEST BAY PAC General Meeting
16 January 2025
09:00 - West Bay Learning Commons

Zoom [LINK HERE](#)

Agenda [HERE](#)

Budget Amendment Proposal [HERE](#)
November 28, 2025
Meeting Minutes [HERE](#)

Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District Registrations OPENS

Thursday, January 15th @ 08:00

Click **[HERE](#)** to register.

If you have students in your family or network who are looking to join our district, please help spread the word about this important date.

West Vancouver Schools offer a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community that values excellence in education. Our schools take pride in creating meaningful learning experiences and providing opportunities that support the growth, well-being, and success of every student.

To learn more about registration expectations and processes, please visit our admissions page:

[West Vancouver Schools Admissions](#)

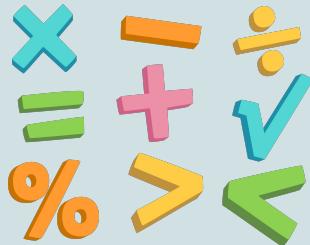
We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our vibrant and supportive school community!

JANUARY

9	First Chess in the Mornings 08:00 First Girls Basketball Practice First Farsi After School, 3-5 All Grs First Kung Fu After School, 3-5 PM
12	08:00 Mother Tongue Meeting in LC First Math Before School - Div 5 Week of Wheelchair Basketball
15	First LightsUp - FULL PAC Bingo in Gym, 5:30-7:30 PM
16	PAC Meeting
20	Basketball Game #1 vs
23	09:15 What Education Looks Like at At West Bay - Learning Commons
27	Basketball Game #2 vs
27	Parent Ed Evening Cari Wilson @ Caulfeild, 7:00 PM
30	Professional Development Day School Not in Session

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



Celebrating Cultures at West Bay

If you are keen to help with planning West Bay's Nowruz celebration, please [contact the school](#) and we will forward your name to the organizing group.

If you are keen to help with **International Mother Languages Day**, please email Mr. Slater as the group is meeting on Monday, January 12 at 8 AM for our first planning meeting - sslater@wvschools.ca

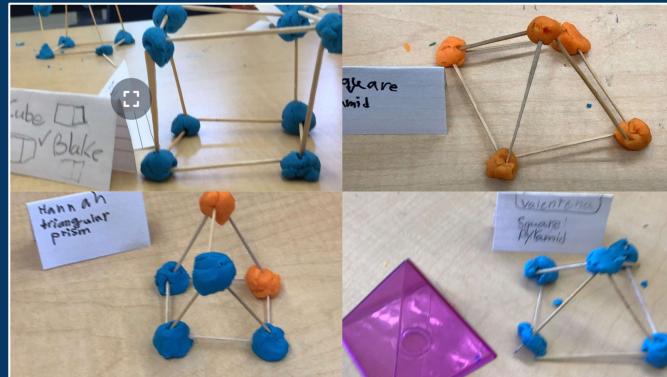
THIS WEEK'S LEADERSHIP MOMENTS

Week 15 December



HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES IN GRADE 2

Perspective Inspires Creativity - Structures and Shapes/3D Solids



3D PAPER SCULPTURE



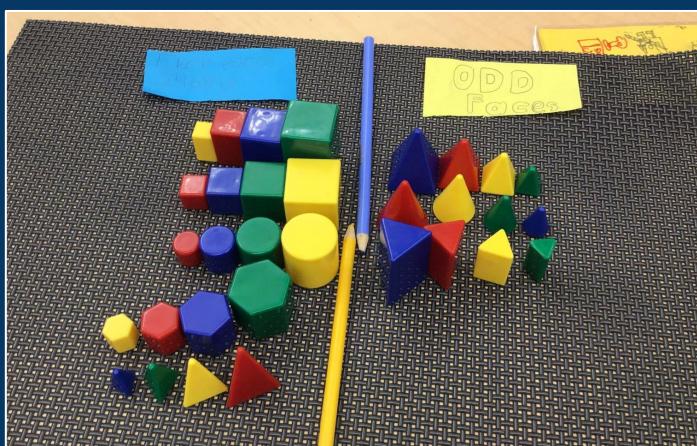
TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Recognize 3D Solids and Sort According To A Rule

Try the first game to recognize name and attributes of 3D Solids. Then move onto the second game where you sort them according to a rule. The solids are transparent so it is easier to see the edges and vertices (points). Grade Twos need to practise sorting solids with a rule , e.g., 5 or more vertices/less than 5 vertices or 6 or more edges/less than 6 edges.

[ACCESS GAME 1 HERE](#)

[ACCESS GAME 2 HERE](#)



SORTING SOLIDS

I showed my knowledge of how to sort the 3D solids with a rule. We chose even faces and odd faces. I put the cubes on the even faces and the pyramids on the odd faces side.

Mark B, Division 11

COMING SOON

TUES 27 JAN | 5:30-6:45 PM
Welsh Hall, West Vancouver Memorial Library
Parent Literacy Workshops
Grades 4-7

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 sessions 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 Ozirny, Head of Youth Services – West Vancouver Memorial Library



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REGISTER HERE FOR SARAH WARD
Wednesday 28th November @ 6:30 PM

DPAC parent evening with Sarah Ward on Executive Functioning

Sarah Ward is an internationally recognized expert in executive function. Her practical, research-informed strategies are widely regarded as groundbreaking in supporting student learning and independence.

Drawing from executive function coaching approaches used with elementary, secondary, post-secondary students and adults, this session will help build academic success by exploring time management, task prioritization, long-term project planning and the development of independent learning habits.

Wednesday, January 28th
\$20 per ticket



REGISTER HERE

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

What Parents will Gain From This Evening

Understand

Parents will gain a clear, reassuring understanding of how executive function skills develop over time, why children may struggle with organization and time management, and what is developmentally typical at different ages.

Learn

Parents will learn practical, easy-to-use strategies they can apply at home to strengthen their child's time awareness, organization, study routines and follow-through for academic success.



DISTRICT DIGITAL EXPECTATIONS

As we begin the new year, we are asking all students and families to recommit to reducing mobile phone use and to the school district's Personal Digital Device expectations. Consistent routines after the break help students re-engage quickly, keep instruction on track, and reduce distractions in shared spaces.

Expectations at a glance:

Elementary (K-7): Mobile phones are not used during the school day, including before and after school and at recess and lunch times. Laptops may be used to support learning during instructional time, only with explicit staff permission.

Family actions that make a difference:

- Minimize adult mobile phone use in and around school
- Refrain from sending your child texts or calls during the school day; contact the office for urgent needs only.
- Review the school district's guidelines for personal digital device expectations, particularly if they received a smart phone or watch over the holidays
- Help your child understand that when schoolwork requires technology that they need to choose a laptop over a phone as it helps to reduce distractions and support learning

Thank you for working with us to uphold these important expectations.

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Parent & Guardian's Guide to Personal Digital Devices



Laptops are the preferred device for school use.

While digital devices can enhance learning in many ways, allowing students to collaborate, create and communicate, it is important that they are used in a mindful and meaningful way.

Personal digital devices should only be used with the permission of a teacher or administrator. Additional considerations will be made to provide for student's health and accessibility needs, and accommodation requirements.

Elementary

Cell phones should NOT be used in elementary school.



Secondary

Cell phones should only be used in class if specifically required for a learning task



- Understand the digital device expectations at your child's school
- Support and encourage your child's appropriate use of digital devices
- Refrain from contacting your child during the school day. If it's an emergency, contact the school office
- Personally model and encourage digital device boundaries





WEST BAY ELEMENTARY

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

PAC NEWS, EVENTS, HIGHLIGHTS & RESOURCES

Bingo Night
Get your card ready & shout... BINGO!

RSVP HERE

Come with your friends & family to enjoy prizes, laughter & good company

Thursday, January 15 @ 5:30-7:30 | Gym



**Thurs, Jan 15 @ 5:30-7:30 PM
FAMILY BINGO NIGHT**

Join us for a night of fun, prizes & family-friendly bingo! This is a parent-supervised event — no drop-offs. **Spots are limited, so RSVP NOW**

- **Entry:** Bring a new or gently used toy, book, game, or gift card (\$10 or under) — everyone who brings a prize goes home with one!
- **Food:** Pre-order pizza, snacks, and drinks via [Munchalunch](#) under "Fundraising Open"
- **Want to help?** [Volunteer here.](#)



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 | Caulfield
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

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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%



63 %



\$2,200



33 %

CROCHET CLUB
CAD\$20.00

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS IN DECEMBER
CAD\$50.00

PLAY FOR ALL – NEW PLAYGROUND FUND
CAD\$100.00

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 recommended [podcasts](#) to explore on parenting, education, wellness, and more.

ED-TECHNICAL



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

LEARNING SPACE



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



TERM 2: Forget to order Hot Lunch? There's still time! Hot Lunches are always available 1 weeks from your order date

WHATSAPP



JOIN our WhatsApp to get timely updates, learn about new volunteer opportunities, events, initiatives & more.



PAC GENERAL MEETING: Fri, Jan 16 @9AM, Learning Commons

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.

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

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.



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.



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



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
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

West Van Memorial Library: Professional Development Day 30 January, 2026

Build a Spirograph with VEX | Grades 5 – 7

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Family Art: Labubu Craft Time! |

Ages 7+ with caregiver

12 – 1 p.m.

Movie Matinée: The Smurfs | All Ages

2 – 3:45 p.m.

REGISTER NOW HERE

West Van Run! March 7th and 8th

We invite students and families to take part in this fun, community run and enjoy special discounted registration. Parents and students can register for \$45 using the code **WVSCHOOLS**, and children can join the Kids 1K for \$15 using the code **WVKIDS**. These codes can also be used by other family members who would like to participate. Whether you prefer walking, jogging, or running, this event welcomes all ages and abilities. It's a great way for families to be active together and supports our shared commitment to health and well-being across West Vancouver Schools. Register [HERE](#)

Scott Slater

Principal

West Bay Elementary | Cypress Park Primary

IB World Schools

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.



Immigrant Service Centre



Workshop Highlights

Tuesday, January 13

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

We invite parents to explore a Core Competency central to BC's K-12 curriculum and assessment system.

Guest speakers:

West Vancouver Schools Clinical Counsellor, Registered Occupational Therapist & Psychologist

Details:

This workshop will be presented in English with support in Mandarin. This workshop is open to newcomer and immigrant parents & guardians.

In-Person:

Inglewood Learning Centre, 1735 Inglewood Ave, West Vancouver, BC V7V 1Y8

To participate in this workshop, you must be registered as a client with Impact North Shore.

This program is government-funded and free of charge.



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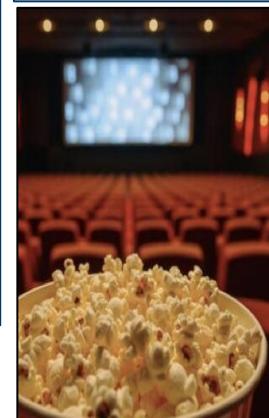
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WEST BAY MOVIE NIGHT!

SAVE THE DATE!

Lights, camera, action!

Cozy vibes loading... Students Only!

Friday, February 6th | 3:00-5:00 PM | In the Gym

Kids get pizza, popcorn, treats, and surprises...

Parents get: 2 hours to finish last-minute errands!

Wear your fave PJs + pillows/stuffies welcome!

Tickets: \$20

