



**WEST BAY  
ELEMENTARY**

# THE WOLF

**WOLF WEEK BEGINNING 12 JANUARY**

[West Bay Website](#)

[2026-27 KINDERGARTEN AND CATCHMENT GR 1-12 REGISTRATION](#)



**WEST BAY INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT [HERE](#)**



**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?**



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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 15<sup>th</sup> @ 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!

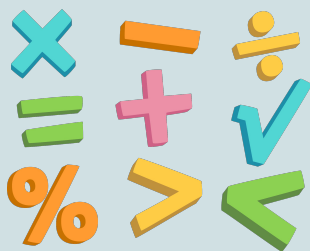
## JANUARY

9	<b>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</b>
12	<b>08:00 Mother Tongue Meeting in LC First Math Before School - Div 5 Week of Wheelchair Basketball</b>
15	<b>First LightsUp - FULL PAC Bingo in Gym, 5:30-7:30 PM</b>
16	<b>PAC Meeting</b>
20	<b>Basketball Game #1 vs</b>
23	<b>09:15 What Education Looks Like at At West Bay - Learning Commons</b>
27	<b>Basketball Game #2 vs</b>
27	<b>Parent Ed Evening Cari Wilson @ Caulfeild, 7:00 PM</b>
30	<b>Professional Development Day School Not in Session</b>

**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

**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

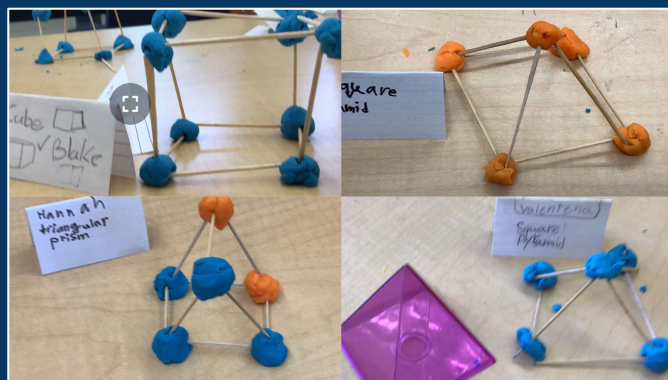
If you are keen to help with planning West Bay's Nowruz celebration, please contact the school and we will forward your name to the organizing group. If you are keen to help with **International Mother Languages Day**, please email Mr. Slater as the group is meeting on Monday, January 12 at 8 AM for our first planning meeting - [sslater@wvschools.ca](mailto: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



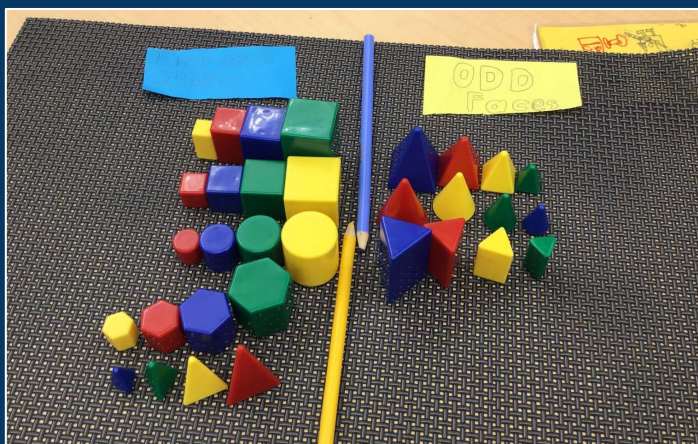
### TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

#### 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*



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 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 Ozimy, Head of Youth Services – West Vancouver Memorial Library

**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



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

# DPAC *parent evening with* Sarah Ward on Executive Functioning

Wednesday, January 28th  
\$20 per ticket

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.

**REGISTER HERE**

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

**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.

## West Vancouver Schools

Parent & Guardian's Guide to Personal Digital Devices

Personal Digital Devices include any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or to access the internet, such as cell phones, phones, laptops, tablets, smartwatches and any other portable technology device.

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.



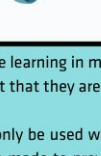

**Secondary**

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

**What can parents and guardians do to help?**

- 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 VANCOUVER SCHOOLS**





# WEST BAY ELEMENTARY

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

## PAC NEWS, EVENTS, HIGHLIGHTS & RESOURCES



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

MARCH 8, 2020 • USC





## 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

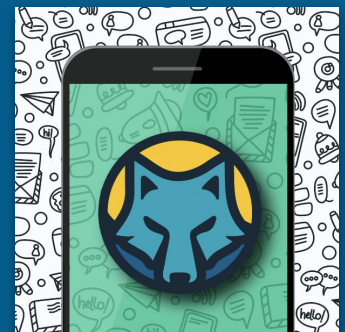
Stay connected with our school community through upcoming events and opportunities to participate:

#### HOT LUNCH

#### WHATSAPP



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



**JOIN** our WhatsApp to get timely updates, learn about new [volunteer opportunities](#), events, initiatives & more.



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

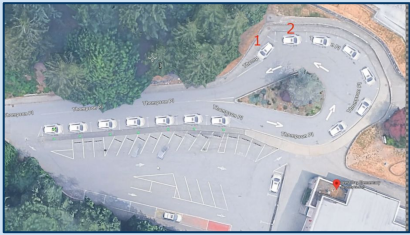
A PROBLEM WITH SOLUTIONS

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

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](mailto: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.



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[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	<b>TBD</b>	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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

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



#### BC Education Core Competency: Social & Emotional Learning (SEL)

Join this workshop for newcomer parents and guardians hosted by Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) to learn how social-emotional learning (SEL) skills will impact children's academic and personal development.

##### Topics include:

- Understanding stress and its impact on children's behaviour
- The Brain: Emotional and Self-Regulation
- Importance of Parents' Regulation of their own Emotions
- Practical strategies at home

For more information and to register, contact:

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Bonnie: [bonnie@impactnorthshore.ca](mailto:bonnie@impactnorthshore.ca)

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#### 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.

Funded by:



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Immigrant Service Centre



#### BC省教育核心能力：社交和情绪学习 (SEL)

欢迎家长/监护人参加北温/西温学校局新移民安顿项目举办的讲座，来自西温教育局的专业团队会介绍社交和情绪学习如何影响孩子的学业和个人发展。

##### 内容包括:

- 理解压力及其对孩子行为的影响
- 大脑、情绪与自我调节
- 父母调节自身情绪的重要性
- 家庭实用策略

参加讲座需要提前报名，请报上每位参会者全名。请于2026年1月6日前联系西/北温学校局中文安顿员报名。

For more information and to register contact:

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### WEST BAY MOVIE NIGHT

★ **SAVE THE DATE** 🎬

📸 Lights, camera, action!

Cozy vibes loading... **Students Only!**

📅 Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> | 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**

