



WEST BAY
ELEMENTARY

THE WOLF

WOLF WEEK BEGINNING 19 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.

OUT OF CATCHMENT REGISTRATION OPEN

Click [HERE](#) to register.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

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 offers 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 [HERE](#)

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

PAC MEETING - FRIDAY 16 JANUARY @ 09:00 (In Person and on Zoom),

Join Zoom on [LINK HERE](#)
AGENDA LINK [HERE](#)
BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL [HERE](#)
28 NOVEMBER MINUTES [HERE](#)

At 10:00 AM Asst. Superintendent Ian Kennedy will be sharing information about District High Schools. This would be helpful for both Grade 6 and Grade 7 families with their planning.

HOT LUNCH - VOLUNTEERS AND FEEDBACK

Looking for parent volunteers to help hand out hot lunches. The commitment is just 1-2 times per month (up to you), from 11:50 am-12:50pm on the days you volunteer.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Without parent volunteers, there is no hot lunch program

PLEASE COMPLETE SURVEY [HERE](#)

You Spoke, we listened!! We are adding ABURI on Mondays in Term 3.

**GRADE 7
BASKETBALL
vs RIDGEVIEW
20 JAN
@ 3:30 PM**

**Girls Away
Boys at Home
\$10 SCO ACTIVITY
FEE DUE ONLINE
[HERE](#) BEFORE
FIRST GAME**



JANUARY

16	PAC Meeting @ 09:00 am
20	Rockridge VP visiting Grade 7s Basketball Game #1 vs Ridgeview
23	09:15 How Learning Works At West Bay - Learning Commons
27	Basketball Game #2 vs Gleneagles
27	Parent Ed Evening Cari Wilson @ Caulfeild, 7:00 PM
30	Professional Development Day

HOW WE ORGANIZE OURSELVES

RYAN HRELJAC OF RYAN'S WELL

(*Taking Action and Effecting Positive Change in the World*)

Grade 5 students participated in a virtual presentation with Ryan Hreljac - a Canadian activist - on Tuesday in connection with the central idea of their new Unit of Inquiry - **When We Think Beyond Ourselves - Opportunities to Take Action Grow.**

Ryan's Well grew from the passion and courage of one 6-year-old boy, Ryan Hreljac. Ryan was inspired to take action as a grade one student when he learned of the devastating consequences for people without access to safe drinking water. He was remarkably determined as he succeeded in rallying his community to help him raise the funds needed to build one well in Uganda, Africa – one well that has changed everything.

[Click HERE](#)
for more
information
about Ryan's
Well



TERM 1 STUDENT REFLECTION SUPPORTING LEARNING (Developing Critical Thinking Skills)

INTERMEDIATE STUDENT REFLECTION (Grade 5)

Core Competency Reflection

I am reflecting on : Communication.

“Something I feel proud of in this area is how I listen to others and share my ideas in group projects. One way I think I could improve in this area is by asking more questions when I don’t understand.”

ATL Skill Area Reflection

I am reflecting on : Self-Management Skills.

“Something I feel confident about is organizing my time to complete my assignments. A goal I have to grow in this area is to stay more focused during independent work time”.

My Next Steps

- *“I will practice asking questions during class discussions to strengthen my **Communication** skills.*
- *I will use a checklist to stay on track during independent work time to improve my **Self-Management** skills”.*

PRIMARY STUDENT REFLECTION (Grade 3)

- *“Proud of my thinking skills – I used them during our Unit of Inquiry when planning our ecosystem diorama.*
- *I developed my communication skills when I shared my Tradition sharing when I was special helper.*
- *I learn best by being by myself and using headphones and table divider.*
- *My goal for Term 2 is to get better at Math”.*

LET'S PLAY WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL - [CLICK HERE](#)

Students were introduced to Wheelchair Basketball by Richard Peter earlier this week. One of Canada's most accomplished wheelchair basketball players for almost 20 years, Peters was a key member of the country's dominant squad that won three

Paralympic gold medals between 2000 and 2012.

Using the **Let's Play sports wheelchairs**, students learned how to improve physical literacy by supporting the development of core strength, balance, coordination, and flexibility, while being taught about wheeling, pivoting, passing, dribbling, and shooting. They also worked on game awareness, quick reactions, and teamwork — all through play. A truly inclusive sport - anyone, with or without a disability, can participate. Introducing students to this new sport challenges them in fresh ways and opens the door to meaningful conversations about focusing on people's abilities rather than their disabilities.

Alongside physical skills, we also had important conversations about empathy, perseverance, and how athletes adapt to different abilities and challenges.

Students were highly engaged and showed great curiosity, respect, and enthusiasm throughout the lessons. It has been wonderful to see them step outside their comfort zones, try something new, and reflect on the importance of inclusive opportunities in sport and physical activity. **Thank you to PAC for supporting this great learning opportunity for students.**



THIS WEEK'S LEADERSHIP MOMENTS

Week 12 January





PAC NEWS, EVENTS, HIGHLIGHTS & RESOURCES

Thursday, March 12

**NOWRUZ
LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEERS**



Contact PAC Chairs

westbay.pac@gmail.com

**Friday, February 27th
LUNAR NEW YEAR
LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

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**IF YOUR CHILD IS INTERESTED
IN GIVING A SHORT
TAEKWONDO
DEMONSTRATION**

Please EMAIL :

amyjungmihwang@gmail.com



**Current
\$39,200
Raised**

A Playground Where Every Child Belongs

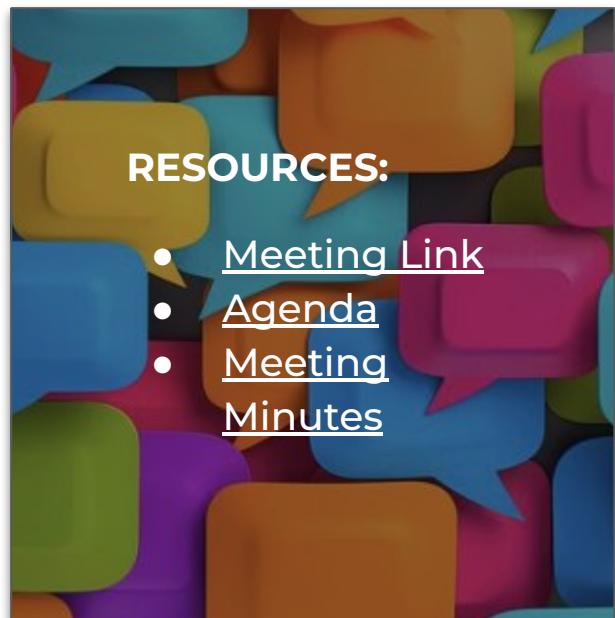
WE HAVE RAISED \$39,200 SO FAR! Over the next 2 years, we're hoping to raise **over \$200,000** for our Playground enhancement initiative. Help shape our school's future by **sponsoring**. **THANKS to all of our sponsors so far!**



**Friday, January 16 @ 9AM
IN-PERSON PAC MEETING**

Join us in the Learning Commons at our first PAC meeting of the year!

- Updates from Chairs, Treasurer, DPAC & Principal
- A vote on a Budget Amendment Proposal to add a Wish List category
- Parent questions & new business
- A presentation from **Assistant Superintendent Ian Kennedy** on secondary schools in West Van



RESOURCES:

- [Meeting Link](#)
- [Agenda](#)
- [Meeting Minutes](#)

VIRTUAL LINK



Got an hour? HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS

Hot Lunch wouldn't happen without parent volunteers! Help hand out lunches 1 or 2 times a month from 11:50–12:50 & play a small but important role in making lunchtime run smoothly for our kids.



VOLUNTEER TODAY



Digital Citizenship & Parenting Tips PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

TUES, JAN 27 @ 7PM | Caulfield Elementary

Cari Wilson – Technology Join our District Vice-Principal of Innovation and Technology, and learn practical tips on *Social Media, Screen Time & Setting Boundaries.* **FREE SIGN-UP**

Wed Jan 28 @ 6:30PM | Kay Meek Theatre

Sarah Ward – Executive Functioning Highly recommended with lots of easy practical tips for helping kids grow to be organized & functional adults!

TICKETS \$20

MON, FEB 2 @ 7PM | West Bay Elementary

Dr. Odion Kalaci – Mental Health Join Dr. Odion Kalaci, a youth mental health expert, for a parent session focused on **Understanding the Mental Health of Young People.** **FREE SIGN-UP**



CARI WILSON



SARAH WARD



DR. ODION KALACI

DASHANKO.COM



Fri, Feb 6 @ 3-5pm | The Gym WEST BAY MOVIE NIGHT Disney's Elio

Don't miss our students-only Movie Night! Wear your comfiest PJs, bring your pillows & stuffies, and get ready for pizza, popcorn, treats & surprise goodies included with your ticket!

 TICKETS \$20: Grab yours today on [Munchalunch!](#) Don't miss the fun & let's make it a movie day to remember! 

GET YOUR TICKET



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 January @ 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.

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.



DPAC

MOVIE NIGHT - PURCHASE TICKETS [HERE](#) - FRI 6 FEB
DISNEY'S ELIO



WEST BAY MOVIE NIGHT!

Lights, camera, action!
Cozy vibes loading... WB Students Only!

Friday, Feb 6th | 3:00-5:00 PM | GYM

Kids get: pizza, popcorn, drinks + sweet treats!

Parents get: 2 hrs to tackle last-minute errands!

Come comfy! Wear your fave PJs!
 Pillows + stuffies welcome!

COME WATCH DISNEY'S ELIO

Tickets: \$20
 Ticket sales close Feb 2!
www.munchalunch.com

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



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

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 Skwəwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, on whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides.

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare [Feeding Futures initiative](#), the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families.

The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their school principal or to feedingfutures@wvschools.ca if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.



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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