



**WEST BAY
ELEMENTARY**

THE WOLF

WOLF WEEK BEGINNING 9 FEBRUARY 2026

West Bay Website

2026-27 REGISTRATION OPEN NOW



WEST BAY INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT HERE



STUDENT RELEASE DRILL

Next week, our school will participate in a Student Release Drill from 1:35-2:50 PM on Thursday, February 12.

Families are involved in this drill so please read the document [HERE](#) carefully to learn about this drill and what families might need to do in the event of an actual emergency.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES CONTINUE AT REGULAR TIMES

SIGN UP HERE, 18 FEB @ 5:15 PM

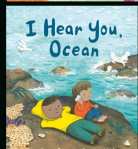
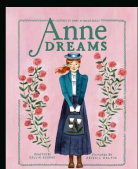
KALLIE GEORGE

AUTHOR EVENT

PRIMARY STUDENTS AND PARENTS-18 FEB @ 5:15-6:15 PM

Thanks to the West Bay PAC we are able to offer a special author presentation to primary students and their parents.

Join Kallie George on February 18th at 5:15 PM to hear about her writing journey, what inspired her to be an author/illustrator, and a behind-the-scenes look at some of her books.



ON SCHOOL CASH HERE

ALL PAYMENTS DUE 13 FEBRUARY

Grade 3 Cheakamus Fee

Permission Slip [HERE](#)

Grade 5 Vancouver Museum Fee

Permission Slip [HERE](#)

Grade 1 Firefly Project

PAYMENTS DUE 17 FEBRUARY

Grade 6 Birdhouses

Grade 2 Soapstone Carving

2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

If your child/ren are not returning to West Bay in September please let the school office know as soon as possible - sbarrie@wvschools.ca. We currently have families waiting to hear about placement for the 26-27 school year

BASKETBALL vs IRWIN PARK

Our girls' team played hard and demonstrated clear growth in their skills against strong competition. Their teamwork and perseverance paid off with a well-earned win at the end of the game! Next week the teams are off to Bowen for their next game!



The boys played their third game this week against a strong Irwin Park team. The boys showed improved determination and put their practice into action as they used the screen and roll from practice to score a number of points.

BOTH TEAMS PLAYING AT BOWEN ISLAND ON TUES 10 FEB

Thank You to parent volunteers who have signed up for Nowruz



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

6	09:00 PAC Exec Meeting Disney's Elio Movie Night, 3-5 PM WB Gym
9	Wear Red & White to Support Team Canada at the Olympics!
10	Both Basketball Teams at BICS
12	Student Release Drill @ 1:30 PM
13	Reading Break
16	Family Statutory Holiday
17	Gr 5 Students to Vancouver Museum
18	Kallie George Author Event 5:15 PM for Primary Families
20	PAC Meeting
25	Pink Shirt Day Girls Basketball Tournament, 1-4
26	Boys Basketball Tournament, 1-4

CLICK HERE TO PLACE ORDER

ORDER YOUR SPRING CHOCOLATE NOW

COLLECTION 12 MARCH, 2:40-3:15 PM

WEST BAY GYM



PERFECT GIFT

FOR NOWRUZ

AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS

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

HOW THE WORLD WORKS IN GRADE 3

Inquiry into how the earth's surface gets its shape

Students explored landforms from around the world - what did they discover?



I SEE

It looks like a shark skate-boarding

It also looks like a camel looking up at the sky

I WONDER

Where is this place? And why is it this shape? How long has it been there? Was it made by humans or nature?

I INFER

I think it formed that shape because the ocean was pushing up rocks with its waves.

HOW THE WORLD WORKS IN KINDERGARTEN

Students were invited to work together to design and create the best obstacle course they could. This provocation encouraged them to explore how things move, balance, and change while testing their ideas through play and experimentation. Throughout the activity, students used their thinking skills to plan, problem-solve, and make decisions about their obstacle course.



They also practiced important communication skills by sharing ideas, listening to others, and working collaboratively as a team. This experience helped students understand that scientists ask questions, try out ideas, work together, and learn from what happens. Parents, ask your budding scientist how they got their ball to move.

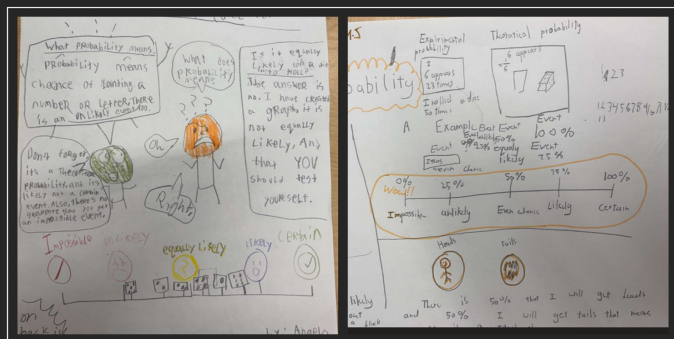
100 DAYS SMARTER

On this 100th Day we had so much fun... our Grade Ones didn't even realize they were still learning building their literacy and numeracy skills! Mrs Hunt hid 100 ducks of many shapes and sizes in the Library! 9 were hidden so well we couldn't find them. but, we had so much fun looking!

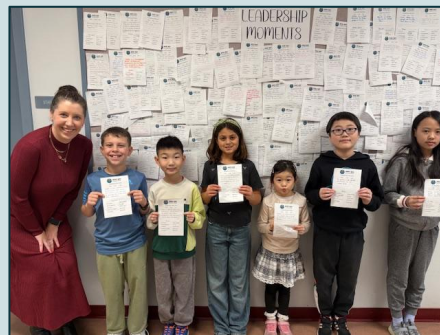


COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Gr 5 students used their understanding of probability to create themselves a sketch note. Students are developing both their communication skills and thinking skills.



LEADERSHIP MOMENTS Week Beginning 2 February



WV MEMORIAL LIBRARY FEBRUARY EVENTS



Get into the Olympic spirit this February at West Vancouver Memorial Library. Explore the stories, sports, and moments that define the Winter Olympics with curated reading lists and special watch parties to celebrate and support Team Canada.

Olympic Watch Parties - Come and Cheer On Canada!



Olympic Opening Ceremony Watch Party:

Friday, February 6 | 2 – 5 p.m. | Welsh Hall

Women's Hockey Gold Medal Game Watch Party:

Thursday, February 19 | 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Welsh Hall

School's Out! Movie Matinee: The Incredibles

Friday, February 13, 1 – 3 p.m.



As Mr. Incredible and Elastigirl, Bob and his wife Helen were among the world's greatest crime fighters. Itching to get back into action, they get their chance to return when a mysterious communication summons Bob to a remote island.

Register [HERE](#)

Gallop into Spring! Lunar New Year Celebration

Saturday, February 21, 2 – 4 p.m.



Learn more about Chinese and Korean Lunar New Year traditions through stories, art, calligraphy, and games.

Festive treats will be provided.

[Learn More](#)



MAKING GREAT PROGRESS! WISHLIST & PLAYGROUND

So far we've raised \$46,500 for the [Playground](#) & \$2,200 for [Wishlist](#) items – funding enhancements to school resources, workshops, programs & more that directly impact our students. **Help shape the future by [sponsoring](#) today!**

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WISHLIST INQUIRY WORKSHOP KATH MURDOCH (\$200)

Help bring Kath Murdoch, the #1 world renowned leader in inquiry-based learning to West Bay! Kath will spend a full day working alongside our teachers – planning and modelling inquiry-based lessons and strengthening teaching practices that spark deeper, more meaningful learning for our children. This is a unique opportunity & lasting investment in our classrooms & our students' future. **LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN & THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS SO FAR!**

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WISHLIST LITERACY PROGRAM FIREFLY STORYTELLING (\$100)

FireFly is a storytelling program for **Grade 1s** that builds confidence, creativity & early literacy through fun, drama-based activities led by **Linda Carson**. Students create their own stories, culminating in a published class book they'll treasure. **Thanks to our amazing sponsor for making this possible!**

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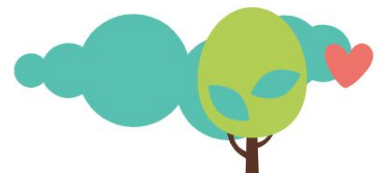
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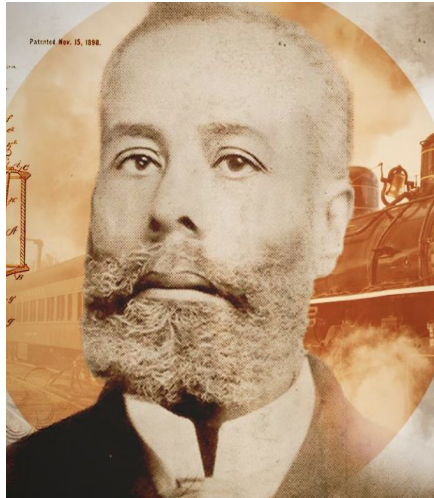
BLACK HISTORY MONTH FAMOUS BLACK CANADIANS



February is Black History Month — a great time to start celebrating and teaching our child about Black leaders, past and present! Explore the scientists, politicians, activists, artists, and more who have shaped Canadian history, and spark your child's curiosity about their contributions and achievements



VIOLA DESMOND was a Canadian businesswoman who bravely challenged segregation in 1946 by refusing to leave a at a movie theatre in Nova Scotia.



ELIJAH MCCOY overcame racism & limited schooling to become a mechanical engineer & inventor of 57 devices, including a lubricator so reliable people insisted on using "the real McCoy!"

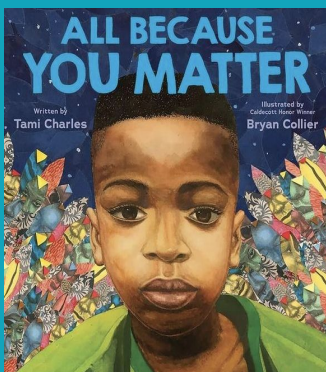


MICHAËLLE JEAN is a journalist, author & community leader who became Canada's Governor General & is known for her strong commitment to inclusion & youth.

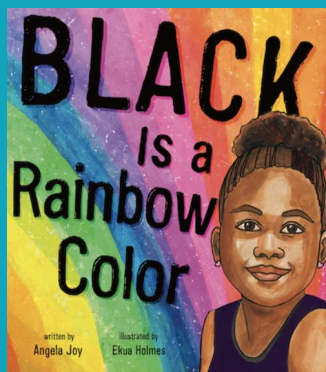


Student Learning BOOK CLUB

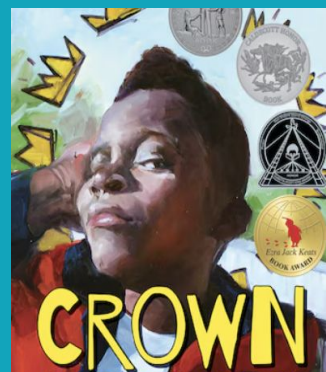
Children's Books to Celebrate Black Culture



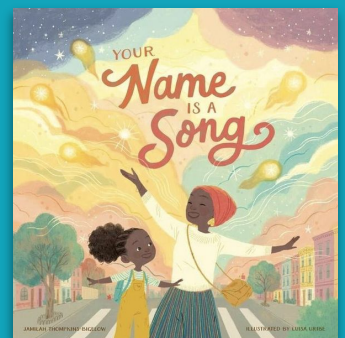
ALL BECAUSE YOU MATTER is a poetic story of a mother affirming her son's worth and belonging, even when the world makes him feel unseen.



BLACK IS A RAINBOW COLOR explores what it means to be Black through a child's perspective, celebrating everyday moments, culture & identity.



CROWN: AN ODE TO THE FRESH CUT celebrates the barbershop as a joyful space where a fresh haircut restores confidence, pride, and a sense of self.



YOUR NAME IS A SONG tells how a little girl learns to help others pronounce her name using beats for syllables and melodies for vowels.



WISHLIST AUTHOR WORKSHOP KALLIE GEORGE (\$50)

NEW

Bring **Kallie George**, celebrated children's author, editor, and Master's of Children's Literature, to West Bay! She will lead hands-on creative writing and **primary reading** activities that nurture imagination, confidence, and literacy skills—help us give our students this inspiring, skill-building experience!



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NEW



WISHLIST RESOURCES IPADS (\$560)

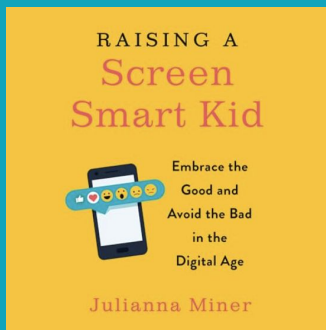
When staff returned after summer break, it became clear that 16 **iPads** were no longer usable, as they're too outdated to support current learning needs. The PAC is raising funds to replace them with 16 new iPads and protective cases. **Sponsor today & help our students learn with up-to-date tools!**

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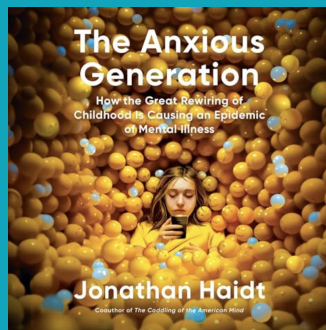


Parent Learning BOOK CLUB

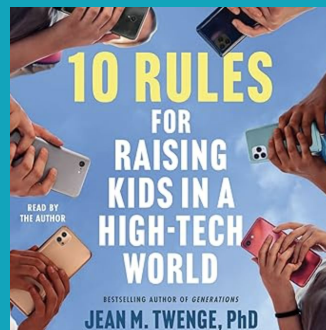
Recommended books by our Digital Info Sessions Experts.



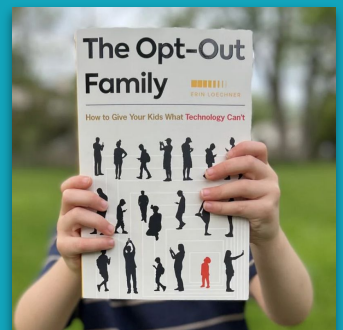
**RAISING A
SCREEN-SMART
KID** by Julianna Miner



**THE ANXIOUS
GENERATION**
by Jonathan Haidt



**10 RULES FOR RAISING KIDS
IN A HIGH-TECH WORLD**
by Jean M. Twenge, PhD



**THE OPT-OUT
FAMILY**
by Erin Erin Loechner

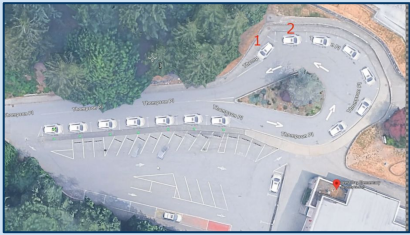
A PROBLEM WITH SOLUTIONS

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.

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.

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

USEFUL LINKS

[MYEDUCATION BC](#)

[VCH VACCINATION PROCESS](#)

[DOCUMENT UPLOAD LINK](#)

[MYED BC FAMILY PORTAL PAGE](#)

[PARENT IT GUIDE](#)

[WINTER WEATHER AND CLOSURES](#)

[2025-26 YEAR IN A GLANCE CALENDAR](#)

[CODE OF CONDUCT](#)

[SCHOOL CASH ONLINE](#)

[SCHOOL CASH ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS](#)



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.

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.

DPAC	EXECUTIVE MEETINGS	PAC MEETINGS
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 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](#)

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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.

School Year 2026 - 2027 (August 2026 - June 2027)											
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