

UPCOMING DATES

February 1 @ 7-9 pm

White Hatter: Online Parenting for Family Leaders & Teachers

LINK

February 4

K-12 Report Cards Issued

February 9

High school Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences (No HS live classes)

February 15

White Hatter: Gaming Concerns, Balance, and Addiction (see registration info below)

February 17 @ 4-5:30pm

High School (9-12) Games Night Organized by Grade 11 Class

February 21

Family Day - No School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

February is here, West Coast! January is always a busy month at West Coast, and I hope your spirits are good as you dive into the second half of the school year.

I don't know about you, but I find February to be a particularly hard to get through on the coast of British Columbia. The weather is mostly rainy and overcast, cold, and generally leaves me feeling sort of melancholy. Every year, I do a bit of "California dreamin'" during this time. I adore the sun and heat—I'm a southern Okanagan summer girl at heart. And yet, every year this time of the year comes, doesn't it? Whether I want it to, or not.

When I stop and consider the love that I have for sunshine and all things dry, I realize that I wouldn't have much of an opinion on any of this if I didn't live where I live. The fact that I experience vast differences in seasons every year means that I can appreciate the very distinct elements of each time of the year more fully. As much as I might wish I lived somewhere that was sunny all the time during the darkest times of the year (sorry, Vancouver!), I realize that without the rain, I wouldn't appreciate the sun quite as much. Not only that, but knowing that the sun is coming makes the darker times of the year easier to bear somehow. Life can be like this, too. When we experience hard times, knowing that God has brighter days planned for us can comfort us. Additionally, keeping in mind difficulties we or others we know have experienced allows us more fully appreciate the blessings we do enjoy. Ecclesiastes 3:1 says

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven."

As we each experience another season of life, may God make us truly grateful for the purposes He has for us in this moment in time. And if we are facing darker skies, may He remind us daily that brighter days are ahead—the Son is always waiting behind the clouds.

As always, I am keeping you all in my heart and praying for you as you continue on your educational journeys, West Coast families! Thanks for being a special part of this amazing community. —Mrs. Kartik



Announcements



Online Parenting for Family Leaders & Teachers | Part 1

Tues Feb 1, 7-9pm | Zoom

The White Hatter, internet safety and digital literacy education specialist, will present how parents and teachers can proactively understand the enabling power of technology and mobile communications. Attendees will also learn how to mitigate the consequences of high-risk or challenging online behaviour.





Gaming Concerns, Balance, Addiction & Opportunities | Part 2

Tues Feb 15, 7-8:45pm | Zoom

In this session, The White Hatter will help advise families & teachers on how to create healthy gameplay while delving into the research, stories, and firsthand examples of the positives and negatives in this industry. We will also examine the research surrounding the debate around addiction.

Click the link below to register for this FREE event.

To register for PART 2, click <u>HERE</u>.



2022/2023 REGISTRATION

It's coming to the time when registration will be opening to the public for the 2022/23 school year. We foresee another busy year ahead. Many parents are already submitting applications and getting their plans in place. We will be opening our pre-registration up on **February 17, 2022** and giving existing West Coast families the opportunity to reserve their seats for next year before officially accepting any new students. **The deadline for pre-registration will be April 14, 2022**. After this date passes, we will begin to accept applications from other families who are interested in pursuing online education with our school. The assignment of spots will be determined on a first come first serve basis. As we continue to provide a high level of teacher-to-student support, spots in each grade are limited.

For information and returning student documents, please visit this LINK.



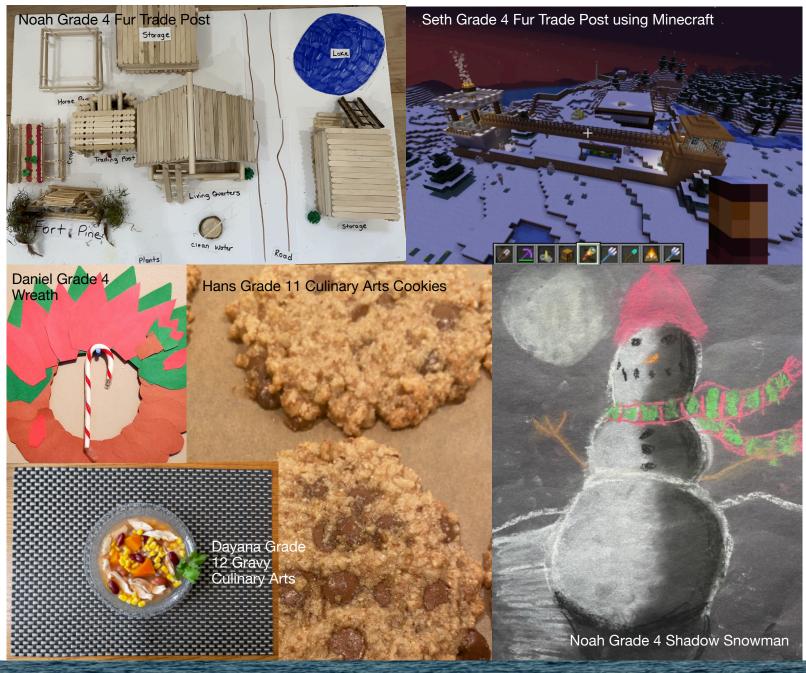




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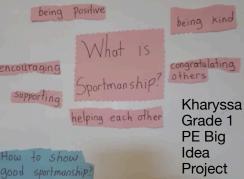
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Encourage your Cassmates

FAIR PAIR PRINCIPLES

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