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**On behalf of the Westcot staff...** As the school year comes to a close and summer approaches, we wanted to take a moment to wish you all a safe and happy summer. We want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our students who have shown great determination and joy in their learning. To our parents, thank you for your unwavering commitment to your child's education. Your involvement and support have played a crucial role in their success. As we enter the summer break, we encourage you to take this time to rest, rejuvenate, and create lasting memories with your loved ones. Embrace the opportunity to explore new activities, spend quality time together, and discover the joys of learning beyond the classroom. While the summer break is a time for relaxation, we also encourage students to continue nurturing their curiosity and pursuing their passions. Engage in reading ([Summer Reading Club](#)), creative projects, and activities that inspire you. We will eagerly await the return of our students in the upcoming school year, ready to embark on new learning adventures together. Until then, enjoy this well-deserved break and make the most of the warm and sunny days ahead. Once again, we wish you all a safe and happy summer filled with laughter, joy, and cherished moments.



**Opening Day in September** Our opening day will be Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am for all students in grades 1 to 7. It is a very important day because we will be confirming our school population and making any final adjustments to classes that may be required. It will be a shortened school day with dismissal at 10:00 a.m. Further information regarding school start up will be sent in late August. Parents, you are welcome to enjoy our first Westcot Parent Advisory Committee (WPAC) Courtyard Coffee Morning to celebrate the start of a new year. Kindergarten families will be welcomed on their first day Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>; further details to be shared directly with our new Kindie families. If you have not already done so, please contact us if your child cannot attend on opening day.

**Communicating Student Learning (CSL) Reports Thurs. June 29** Student CSL Final Reports will be published on the MyEd Parents Portal on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Please login and refamiliarize yourself with the parent portal. Most of you will have done this in December and March.

- Click <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/family-portal> to log into MyEd BC with your Family Portal account login information this week. It is recommended to not wait until next week.
- It is likely you will need to reset your password. This must be done on a COMPUTER (PC or laptop) and will not work on a smartphone or tablet.
- If you do not have your login information or need assistance, please email Ms. Satchell at [rsatchell@wvschools.ca](mailto:rsatchell@wvschools.ca).



**Congratulations to the Grade 7 Class of 2023**

On behalf of Westcot staff, we are wishing the Grade 7 class of 2023 all the best in their future endeavours. We congratulate you for your hard work, perseverance, school spirit, and for making us proud. You will always have a place at Westcot.



**Our Westcot Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL)** Throughout this year our school has continued to develop actions for our ambitious goal known as our FESL (Framework for Enhancing Student Learning). **Our Goal: To develop a Westcot Core Literacy Framework Document to align resources and practice to improve student achievement.** Thank you all for your continued support of literacy at Westcot through the Scholastic Book Fair, Reading Link Challenge support, Summer Reading participation, donation of books to our school and classroom libraries as well as the ongoing commitment to Home Reading Programs. **Thank you to our WPAC for the renewal of our RAZ Kids license next year to support our K - 4 Home Reading Program and the ongoing support of learning.** This year we were able to pilot UFLI, An Explicit and Systematic Phonics Program to support K - 3 classes. We continued to source resources and develop strategies to meet the needs of all readers. Stay tuned for next steps as we enter into Year 3 of our FESL in 2023 - 2024.

**WPAC Open Positions for September 2023 – 2024 WPAC Treasurer**

The Westcot Parent Group (WPAC) has an immediate need for a job shadow Treasurer for the remainder of this school year in preparation for a start early next year. This position would start as a job shadow with our current treasurer, learning the role. This role is essential to our PAC committee and requires an individual with Bookkeeping experience. Further details and necessary training will be provided. Interested? Please Contact: Ana Barreira (Current Treasurer) [anabarreira.wpac@gmail.com](mailto:anabarreira.wpac@gmail.com). Additionally, feel free to contact Mrs. Ratz with any questions, either via email [cratz@wvschools.ca](mailto:cratz@wvschools.ca) or at school.



**Westcot Staffing Updates 2023 - 2024 Farewell** We wish Ms. Lee, Ms. Gelilnik and Ms O'Reilly our best and thank them for their contributions to our Westcot community as they move on to other assignments within our District. Ms. M, Ms. Robichaud and Ms. Wright will be moving on beyond our District. Ms. Lowe will be on maternity leave next year. A special farewell to Ms Pistilli (Ms P) and Mr. Thorpe as they begin their retirement You will all be missed at Westcot. Welcome to Mr. Cullen who will be joining our Westcot team as an intermediate teacher this September and to Ms Fairfield who is returning to work in our office. We also welcome Ms. Parker as our new elementary counselor and Ms. Parsons and Ms. Stepney who will join our team of Educational Assistants.

**District Events**

2023 NORTH SHORE  
**Coed Junior Golf Tournaments**  
— HOSTED BY GLENEAGLES GOLF CLUB —

**AMBLESIDE PAR 3  
9 HOLES**  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10  
Ages 6 - 12 years  
\$30 | #148719

**GLENEAGLES GOLF COURSE  
9 HOLES**  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6  
Ages 10 - 17 years  
\$30 | #148720

Join us for two 9 hole golf tournaments and experience the fun, thrill, and challenge of golf competition! Adult caddies will accompany each group of golfers, providing guidance on course etiquette, sportsmanship, and the basic rules of golf. Prizes, giveaways, snacks, and a lunch will be provided. Entry fees include green fees, lunch, and prizes.  
**Questions?** Contact Greg or Lynne at [northshorejuniorgolft@gmail.com](mailto:northshorejuniorgolft@gmail.com)  
 Visit [activewestvanrec.ca](http://activewestvanrec.ca) to register today!

**Host Families Needed for International Students – Exciting 2024 Fee Increase**

[Apply now](#) and welcome a student for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year. Did you know?

- Hosting fees of \$1,100 per student per month. Many families will host two students which can provide up to \$22,000 per year income subsidy.
- Effective February 1, 2024 the fees increase to \$1,400 per student per month!

Open your home for this amazing opportunity for all family members. Contact the Homestay Coordinators for more information at [homestay@wvschools.ca](mailto:homestay@wvschools.ca) or visit our [web pages](#)

**Community Connections**



**West Vancouver Basketball Club Summer Camps** May is here which means that the WVBC Summer camps are just around the corner. This summer, the WVBC will be offering 4 weeks of camps beginning July 10 for players in Grades 2-10. All camps will be held at West Van Secondary School. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to <http://www.wvbc.ca>.

**Minister of Education and Child Care** Rachna Singh Year End Message to families can be found [HERE](#).

**Immunization Survey** Vancouver Coastal Health is conducting an online survey to gather feedback from parents/guardians who have experienced the school clinic immunization process. The survey takes 5-10 minutes to complete and open until Friday, June 30, 2023. For more information please visit the survey page using the link provided. <https://engage.vch.ca/your-experience-with-immunizations-offered-in-schools>

**Summer Reading Club - West Vancouver Memorial Library** Join the Club! Calling all students in grades K-6. We challenge you to read this summer for 15 minutes a day for 50 days or more! You can read whatever you want, wherever you want, and however you want! Books, comics, non-fiction, novels, audiobooks, ebooks, magazines—in any language! The Kids Summer Reading Club is for kids

Summer Reading Program is now open. Parents can register on-line or by stopping by the West Van Memorial Library.

Here are the links  
<https://westvanlibrary.ca/kids-teens/summer-reading-club/>



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## SUMMER CAMP INCLUSION PROGRAM

Did you know? Our Access Services team is available to provide support for children who may need assistance during summer camps.

If your family is not providing your own support person, our **Summer Camps Inclusion Program** offers support to children aged 5 - 15 (subject to availability and funding). Your child must be able to use the washroom as well as change and transfer independently. Your child's safety, the safety of other participants, and the safety of District of West Vancouver staff are our primary considerations.

If your child receives full or part-time support of an Education Assistant (EA) during the school year or if your child requires support to participate in recreation, please fill out a Summer Camp Recreation Inclusion (SCRI) application and let us know when you have registered or are waitlisted by calling 604-925-7279. The SCRI application is also available at any recreation facility front desk.

Children may receive a maximum of 1 - 2 weeks of support during the summer. Applications are processed on a first-come basis.

To learn more, visit [westvancouver.ca/access](http://westvancouver.ca/access).

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## SCIP PROGRAM & SUMMER CAMPS

**SUMMER DAY CAMPS** Fun for everyone!

Access Services Department of the District of West Vancouver is committed to making summer camps accessible and supportive to children of all abilities. Please complete a **2023 Recreation Inclusion Application Form** online or in person at the West Vancouver Community Centre.

**One-to-one inclusion support** If your child requires one-to-one support at camp, arrangements can be made to provide an Inclusion Support Worker for two weeks of summer camp. Inclusion Support Workers are certified:

- Standard First Aid and CPR-C
- Successful Criminal Record - vulnerable sector checks
- Receive on the job training for non-violent crisis intervention and specialized training to equip them to work with your child.

Note: It is the responsibility of the parent or organization to cover the costs of the camp; the Inclusion Support Worker is free to you (pending grant approval from Canada Summer Jobs). We are unable to provide support for campers who require transfers, toileting, changing, or are unable to administer their own medications (except for Epi Pens).

**Does your child require additional support at camp?** Participants generally require one-to-one support if:

- Extra support is required at school
- Your child is diagnosed with a disability that affects mobility, communication, comprehension, social interaction, and/or behaviour.
- Your child has difficulty participating independently in a group setting.

[westvancouver.ca/access](http://westvancouver.ca/access)

**ParticipACTION Community Challenge West Vancouver**

**HOW TO GET INVOLVED | INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES**

1. Individuals can sign up using the app here: <https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/participation-fitness-app/id1450396324>

<https://www.participation.com/en-ca/programs/app>

2. Start logging minutes for yourself or your family! This can be done three ways:

- You can log in on the website.
- You can use the app and it will track your activity.
- You can link your Garmin, Fitbit or AppleHealth to the ParticipACTION app and it will do all the work for you!

June	29	Last Day of School K - 6	Early Dismissal 12:00pm
September	5	Opening Day Grade 1 - 7	9:00 - 10:00
	6	Kindie Gradual Entry	Gr 1 - 4 8:40 - 2:40      Gr 5 - 7 8:50 - 2:50
	14	Student Photos	
	19	Terry Fox Run	
	22	Professional Development Dat (students not in session)	

**West Vancouver Schools Calendar** Planning ahead for 2023/2024? [Click here](#)



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