

Thursday, August 31, 2023

Westcot Weekly Bulletin

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**Daily Health Check** It is important that parents **continue** to do a thorough **DAILY HEALTH CHECK**. At school we have always followed the same procedures regarding student illnesses - when children are sick and not well enough to be at school and participate **fully in all aspects of the day**, for any reason, parents will be contacted and asked to pick up their child. The purpose of this has always been to ensure the child receives the care they need and that the illness is not spread at the school.

**Student Absent from School? Please Call the Callback Line 604-981-1276. (Not the Office) before 8:00 am** As part of the Westcot safety program all students are accounted for each day as either absent or present. A Call Back program is in place to check on students who are absent if no contact with the school has been made. We will continue to carefully monitor all absences and ask that you use this central communication rather than or as well as emailing individual classroom teachers. Parents can help with the overall efficiency of this process by informing the school if your child is going to be absent. Simply call the callback line at **604-981-1276**.

## Opening Day and Week for Grade 1 – 7 students.....

### The schedule on September 5:

Similar to last year, our students will make their way to the gravel field **independently** where they will be greeted by our Westcot staff. Students will line up and enter with their grade group for a welcome and orientation to the new school year.

- 9:00 - 10:00 Grade 1 -7

Students will be walked out to meet their families at the end of the day.

### September 6th and onwards, Grades 1-7 scheduling will look as follows:

- 8:40 am - 2:40 pm Grades 1 - 4
- 8:50 am - 2:50 pm Grades 5 - 7

**Kindergarten students will follow the Gradual Entry plan shared in July.**

**Students** will continue to line up **at the start time** on the **gravel field**. They will be walked out at the end of the day. Please establish a meeting location offsite for your children to connect with you. Children **directly supervised by an adult** are welcome to play on the playground at the end of the day.



**Courtyard Cafe** Our Westcot Parent Advisory Council (WPAC) invites all Westcot parents to the courtyard on Opening Day, Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Bring a mug and stay to enjoy some coffee and conversation. Meet some new friends, connect with old friends and celebrate the start of a new year at Westcot.



**Westcot Wednesdays: September 13 Start Date** Let's continue to show Westcot spirit and pride each Wednesday Tigers - special announcements, jokes, schoolyard beautification... Join staff and students in wearing of the green and gold. Westcot tshirts will be available for \$10.00 cash at the Courtyard Cafe.

**Opportunity to purchase your WESTCOT Athletic Hoodie** Thank you **WPAC** for providing an opportunity to purchase a Westcot Hoodie. Click [HERE](#), login and Go to Fundraising Open to order and make your payment. The first round of orders **will open on Sept 8<sup>th</sup>** once all of our students are placed in their classrooms.



**Lights Up Musical Theatre Sing Dance Act Shine!** At Lights Up After School. Your child can experience the joys and benefits of musical theatre by taking part in our afterschool programs led by our talented and experienced Lights Up Musical Theatre Schools staff. These classes are a unique introduction to our weekend musical theatre programs and provide students with an enriching, rewarding, and most of all, fun afterschool activity right at the bell! **FALL SHOW! THE LITTLE MERMAID This Fall we will be putting on a version of the musical "The Little Mermaid," created for our after school students!**

Students are supervised from the bell. No need to pick up your child until 5pm! Performance for parents on last day of classes! <https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/westcot/>



After School Thursdays  
**Oct 5 – Nov 30 (9 SESSIONS)**  
**3-5PM (K-4 students supervised from 2.40pm)**  
**Fee: \$345\* (\*plus GST)**



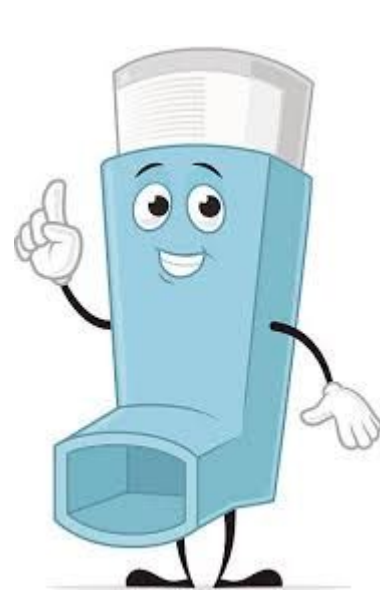
**FUNdamental Basketball** with Mr. B is back for the Fall session. If you need more information or would like to register, please click the links below. Spaces are limited, the form will no longer accept responses once it is full.

[FUNdamental Basketball with Mr. B \(Grade 5/6/7 GIRLS\) \(google.com\)](#)

[FUNdamental Basketball with Mr. B \(Grade 5/6/7 BOYS\) \(google.com\)](#)

**Medication at School** It is most important that you inform the school about serious medical conditions or allergies that may affect your child. For your child's safety, please don't assume we've already been told about your child's medical condition. Remember you must:

**At the beginning of each school year** (or when medication is to start), complete and return to the school a medication administration card signed by the physician. **Cards are available from the school from Mrs. Satchell.** Please contact her if you require a Medication form. [rsatchell@wvschools.ca](mailto:rsatchell@wvschools.ca). Provide the medication in a container clearly labeled with child's name, medication name, dosage and medication's expiry date.



## District Events



**IMPORTANT**

**District On-line Release Forms** All Parents in the district are asked **annually** to complete a West Van District Policy and Procedures online form for **each** of their children within the district. This form covers many areas including use of school internet, use of privately owned electronic devices on school networks and media parental consent form. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access this Policy and Procedures form. **It is very important these forms are completed promptly.** Those students with incomplete forms will not be able to use electronic devices in class, access their google classroom, go on walking field trips, plus more. Google classroom is the platform teachers will use to communicate with their students and parents.

**School Cash Online** We are very excited to announce that our school will continue to offer School Cash Online, which provides you with the convenience of paying online for school items such as trips, club/athletic fees, and spirit wear. **If you registered in a previous school year you will not need to reregister.**

Please follow the link below to register online (it takes less than 5 minutes!). Once you have registered your child, you will be able to see when they have a new item posted online for purchase. You also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school expense due, so you don't have to worry about missing the deadline.

**New users** - To set up an account and explore the system, please follow the instructions below. **You will receive the PIN referred to in Step 3 in a separate email sent by R. Satchell**

### Register Online:

Step 1: Please click on this link: [westvancouver.schoolcashonline.com](https://westvancouver.schoolcashonline.com)

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps.

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the "click here" option, login in and add each of your children to your household account. To do this, you will need your student's **PIN number, last name, and date of birth**. This will be emailed to you separately.

## Community Connections

**Optional Accident Insurance for Families** Each year the school district reminds families that they have the option to purchase insurance coverage against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. One option is *The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) provided by Industrial Alliance*. This voluntary plan provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. As always, families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider. Learn more here:

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc> Phone: 1.800.266.5667

September	5	Opening Day Grade 1 - 7 (9:00 - 10:00) WPAC Courtyard Cafe
	6	Grade 1 -4 (8:40 - 2:40) Grade 5 - 7 (8:50 - 2:50)
	6	Kindergarten Gradual Entry Begins
	13	Westcot Wednesday Show your Westcot Spirit!
	14	Individual Student Photos
	15	Family Friday 2:15 pm
	19	Terry Fox Run Toonies for Terry Wear your Red and White
	22	District Professional Development Day (No school for students)
	27	WPAC I Meeting 9:00 am
	29	Orange Shirt Day 115 pm Assembly with The Eagle Song Dancers
October	2	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Schools Closed)
	4	Parent Teacher Interviews 12:00 Dismissal
	5	Parent Teacher Interviews 12:00 Dismissal
	9	Thanksgiving Day Holiday (Schools Closed)



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