

Thursday, September 14, 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**.



Family Friday - September 16 @2:20 pm We would like to invite all of our Grade 1 - 7 Westcot families to join us at the end of our first **full** week of classes. Come into the school. Meet your child in their classroom. Meet your child's classroom teacher. Check out our Library, Gym and Music Portable and say hello to our specialist teachers.

Terry Fox Run – Toonies for Terry Our annual Westcot Terry Fox Run will be held Tuesday, September 19th. Our teacher librarians have been teaching all of our Westcot students about the legacy of Terry's journey. On Thursday at 1:15 pm we will all sing O Canada and explore the history and purpose of the Terry Fox Run through a video shared by the Terry Fox Foundation. We will then have our Cross Country team lead us out to begin our School Run which for our Grade 3 - 7 students means a route around the block. Our Grade K - 2 students will have a modified route on the gravel field. **Grade 3 - 7 students who have not completed their policy and procedure forms will not be able to join the run around the block.** They will run the K - 2 route on the gravel field. Please complete your forms! All students are asked to **wear red and white** or **Westcot Spirit Wear**. Please consider making a donation of \$2 Toonies for Terry with School Cash On Line.



September Opportunities at Westcot

With just a week in school we are grateful to have these opportunities up and running for our students.

Band All Grade 6 and Grade 7 students!! Thank you parents and students who have already registered for our Westcot bands for the 2023-2024 school year. For students who are interested in joining and have not yet registered it is not too late! To register please click on the following link: [Elementary Band Program](#) page. If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Mee tnee@wvschools.ca

Choir We are excited to welcome Ms. Fulton to Westcot to lead our Grade 4 - 7 Westcot Choir. Many of you know Ms. Fulton through her work with our Westcot choir last year and the District Honour Choir. Mondays from 10:05 - 10:35 Ms. Fulton will be at Westcot to work with our Grade 4 - 7 choir. Contracts of Commitment were sent home with our students this week. More are available for students to pick up at the office.

Cross Country The Cross Country Running season is underway! The team is open to all students in Grades 3 through 7. Participation on the team includes attending practices each week and three district-wide meets at Ambleside. If students are unable to attend the meets, they may participate in the practices only, but not the reverse. Practices are on Wednesdays before school (7:45-8:15) at John Lawson Park, in PE classes and Thursday morning at 8:00 on the gravel field. Schedule of Meets at Ambleside: ● Tuesday, September 19th 3:30 - 4:45 PM ● Tuesday, September 26th 3:30 - 4:45 PM ● Tuesday, October 3rd 3:30 - 4:45 PM On race day, please wear a Westcot t shirt and please arrive by 3:30 to check in with our coaches to get a race sticker. Each school will have a designated space for spectators and runners.

Caribou Math Once again Westcot will providing the opportunity for students in **grades 4 – 7** to participate in a series of **Online Mathematics Contests** called the [Caribou Cup](#). **Our first contest will be October 19th available at 7:30 a.m. for students to complete independently from home before school begins.** Forms were handed out to interested students in grades 3 – 7 classes this week. If interested return the bottom portion of the form to classroom teachers. Access codes will be sent home so students can begin to practice and enjoy the games online. Students without access codes will not be able to participate. Please contact Mrs. Ratz cratz@wvschools.ca if you have any questions.

Dynamo Fencing in Schools is returning to Westcot WESTCOT FRIDAYS October 6, 13, 27 November 3, 10, 17, 24 Dec 1 **Grade 2- 7** 7:45-8:35 AM **Cost:** \$179 per child (all fencing equipment provided). FREE brand new fencing mask and glove with each NEW registration (value of \$130) Returning students please bring your equipment. Call 604- 990- 8889 to register.

Please contact us at admin@dynamofencing.com or (604) 232-9100 after registration to schedule a pick up of your FREE fencing mask and glove if you are new to the program. Pants, jackets and other fencing equipment is available at our pro shop



Westcot Parent Advisory Council (WPAC) Meeting Sept 28th 9:30am (Virtual) Save the Date! Please join us for the first Westcot Parent Advisory Committee Meeting of the 2023 – 2024 school year. Meet our WPAC Executive. Share your ideas. Hear from our Principal Mrs. Ratz about plans for the upcoming school year and learn more about our staff, enrolment and learning goals moving forward. We will review the WPAC budget and learn about Hot Lunch for the first term. We will share the link next week.

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 **is now open!** Sweatshirts will be delivered in late October.



GARMENT MEASUREMENTS				
Size	S	M	L	XL
Chest - <i>Half Measure</i>	16"	17"	18"	20"
Chest - <i>Full Measure</i>	32"	34"	36"	40"
Body Length from HPS	20 1/2"	23"	25"	26 1/2"
Sleeve Length-CB	25"	28"	30 1/2"	33"

Finished measurements in inches. Refer to "How to Measure" guide for detailed information on measurement instructions.

YOUTH General Sizing Guide				
Size	S	M	L	XL
Numeric Size	6-8	10-12	14-16	18-20
Chest	26"-28"	28"-30"	30"-32"	32"-36"
Waist	23"-24 1/2"	24 1/2"-25 1/2"	25 1/2"-27"	27"-29"
Sleeve Length-CB	25"-26"	26"-27 1/2"	27 1/2"-29"	29 1/2"-31"

District Events



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.

Community Connections



Summer Reading Club Medal Ceremony Attention all summer readers! Completed your 50 day reading challenge (reading 15 minutes or more for 50 days or more)? You are invited to the SRC Medal Ceremony! **Friday September 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Drop-in, no registration required** Visit the West Vancouver Memorial Library anytime between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to receive your medal, enter the 50 days of reading grand prize draw, take a photo with the mayor, meet a fire fighter, and more! Can't make it to the ceremony? No problem! Collect your medal anytime September 16–30 at the Youth Desk.

Fall Program Registrations are open: West Vancouver Community Centre & Gleneagles Community Centre [Click here to view the programs and activities available](#)

Indigenous Arts & Culture workshops

Including beading, cedar weaving and wool weaving

Want to learn languages, science, Lego, chess..., visit

<https://westvancouver.ca/learning>

Live! Music Series, Thursday, October 19, 4-5pm, Free

Come enjoy the musical hour with Gergana Velinova Jazz Trio in the Atrium

[Event info](#)

Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us:

<https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers>

September	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 Meeting 9:30 am (Virtual)
	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)
	19	Shake Out BC
	20	Provincial Professional Development Day (No school for students)
	23- 27	Bollywood Workshops
	25	WPAC Meeting 9:30 am (Virtual)



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