

Thursday, September 7, 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 Week at Westcot We have joyfully welcomed 408 students back to Westcot this week. It has been a wonderful opportunity for our staff and students to create Grade Group connections. Our new Kindergartens began their Gradual Entry began to make friendships and connections with our staff. This specialized work, Gradual Entry, preparing our youngest learners continues into next week. Mr. Mee and Ms. Marshall will begin begin Music and PE classes next week. Ms Hunt and Ms McKay are welcoming students back into our library next week. Ms Fulton will be meeting with students in Grades 4 - 7 wishing to join choir on Monday. Interested students in Grades 3 - 7 will bring home Cross Country and Caribou Math Club permission on Friday. What a week!

When school staff return in September, changes to school enrolment often occur. Changes include new families registering and other families informing the school that they will no longer be returning. This often means that new class configurations and placements need to occur across all West Vancouver Schools. **Learners at Westcot, as is the case for all West Vancouver students this fall, can expect to officially meet their new teacher(s) for the 2023-2024 school year on Friday, September 8th.**

Factors that Westcot considers for classroom configuration and placement include, but are not limited to:

- Unique individual and diverse needs
- Learning styles, self-regulation and executive function strengths and challenges
- Ministry class size and composition requirements
- Enrollment demands
- Social/emotional needs
- Past friendships and possibilities for new friendships, with a focus on what is best to support each child in ensuring their studies are positively impacted

Thank you for quick drop offs and respecting the flow of traffic. Thank you for arriving and picking up on time. **Thank you for organizing appointments outside of school time. Mid day arrivals and departures are disruptive to classes and taxing for office staff.** At this time our playground is open after school for students directly supervised. This means that parents and caregivers are onsite, on the the playground. This is a great opportunity to meet other Westcot families.

School Photos Thursday, September 14, 2022.



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.

A Message From our Teacher Librarian Mrs. Hunt Westcot, we hope you read many wonderful books this summer. Mrs. McKay and I are looking forward to hearing about your favourites. As expected, we read a number of new titles and this one kept Mrs. Hunt turning the pages long after she should have been sleeping. How did you make out with your summer reading goals? There is still time to finish your 50 days of reading if you were registered in the Summer Reading Club. Also, don't forget to check in with the West Van Memorial Library to mark your completion of the program (even if you were registered elsewhere - North Van, for example). The medal ceremony is not far away and is a much-celebrated event in West Vancouver.



Westcot Wednesdays: Next WW September 13 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 available for \$10.00 cash at the office.



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 5th**.



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 \(Grade 5/6/7 BOYS\) \(google.com\)](#)

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.

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.schoolcashionline.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



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.

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. There are many different voluntary plans that provide coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. Families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider.

September	6	Kindergarten Gradual Entry Begins
	13	Westcot Wednesday
	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)
	19	Shake Out BC
	20	Provincial Professional Development Day (No school for students)



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