

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Westcot Weekly Bulletin

School Website

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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**.

Good Luck to our Westcot Volleyball Teams. The District Jamborees are next week.

Go Tigers!

Sounds of the Season Concert K - 3 and Choir Save the Date: Our Westcot choir and Kindergarten - Grade 3 classes will be performing 2 shows on **Thursday, December 14th**, one at 9:15 am and a repeat at 1:15 pm. Further details and ticket information will be coming soon.

Annual Christmas Sing a Long: Mr. Mee and Ms. Kwan's Grade 4 class will lead us in all of the Seasonal Favourites **December 22nd** at 11:00 am. Throw in a Pyjama Day and Early Dismissal and we have a perfect way to kick off the holidays.



LIGHTS UP MUSICAL THEATRE AFTERSCHOOL AT WESTCOT ELEMENTARY

Sing Dance Act Shine! At Lights Up Afterschool, 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!

WINTER SHOW! TOY STORY

This Winter, we will be putting on a musical version of "Toy Story," created for our afterschool students!

Students are supervised from the bell. No need to pick up your child until 5pm! Performance for parents on the last day of classes!

After School Thursdays

JAN. 18 - MAR. 14 (9 SESSIONS)

3-5PM (K-4 students supervised from 2.30pm)

GRADES: K to 7

Fee: \$345* (*plus GST)

<https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/westcot/>



Winter Weather and School Closures West Vancouver Schools endeavours to keep schools open on regular instructional days, including those with accumulating snowfall ([Weather Closures and Procedures](#)). Any decision to close schools will be made by the Superintendent and will be based on the safety of students and staff. We aim to communicate any decision to close schools by 6:00 am.

Please check the [school district website](#) for the most current information on school closures.

School closures may also appear on several local news sources including:

News 1130	http://www.news1130.com/
CKNW 98	http://www.cknw.com/news/
Global TV	http://globalnews.ca/live/bc/
CBC	http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia



CSL Reports/Family Portal (GR K-7) In December, First Term Communicating Student Learning Reports will be posted on the Family Portal. NO COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING DOCUMENTS WILL BE SENT HOME IN PAPER FORM. (please be sure to print a copy for your records.) Our hope is to ensure that you are ready to access these documents by setting up your MyEd BC Family Portal now. To date an email with information about how to set up your Family Portal account was sent out to new families from systemadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca. Further information about the Family Portal and your My Education BC Password was sent to new families earlier this month from Westcot school. The district has provided a great deal of useful information and has answered frequently asked questions about the Family Portal at this link: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/family-portal>

Troubleshooting Tips:

1. The portal will not work with a cell phone or tablet. You will need to use a PC or laptop.
2. The portal works best if you are using Google Chrome.
3. Don't copy and paste your username and password. You will need to type it in.
4. Enable pop ups.
5. [Video](#) instructions (4 min)
6. Families who have an existing Family Portal -When you log in it will say "Your password has expired. Please create a new password". Hit OK and follow the instructions on how to create a new password.
7. Click "I forgot my password" if you cannot remember your password – a reset link will be sent to your email as with other secure sites.

Please contact Ms. Satchell at rsatchell@wvschools.cs if you need further assistance.

MyEd: Parent Student Login - BC Services card Login Option

There is now a new option for MyEd Logins. This change will give parents and students the option to login to their MyEd accounts using their BC Services Card. The hope is that this will remove the need for updating or resetting forgotten passwords for those who choose this option. Please note that this is not available for staff who are also parents. Please see these attachments for more information: [BC Service Card Login Parents](#) and [BC Service Card Login Students](#)

Fun Lunch Fun Lunch ordering at Westcot is now open for hot lunch orders that will be delivered to school every Monday ~ Thursday with a rotating menu in each week. To order, click [HERE](#) After making your selections please go the very last menu > click 'Finished' > Next > Submit. Then follow the steps to make your online payment. **Please note that only paid orders will be processed.** Please only create an order if you are prepared to pay at the same time. Please note there is a 10 day window between an order and when lunch will begin at school.



If you have any questions, please email westcotlunch@gmail.com Please remember to send all necessary cutlery with your child. Cutlery will not be provided. Thank-you for supporting Westcot PAC!

Bringing Your Own Cutlery Please make sure your child is bringing their own cutlery. We also want to remind you that the "pack-it-in/pack-it-out" policy is in effect which means that students are expected to pack out their lunch waste, such as leftover food and lunch containers. Students must bring their own food and drink at the start of the school day; this includes snacks, lunch, and water bottles. There will be no sharing of food or drink and there will be no mid-day drop offs and deliveries of food items (or any other items). **We are a Nut Aware school. Please do not send nut based foods in students snacks or lunches.**

District Events

Kindergarten and In-Catchment Gr 1-7 Registration For 2024-25 School Year If you, or anyone you know, has a child born in 2019, please note that registration for Kindergarten 2024/25 opens at 8:00am, Monday October 16th. Registration also opens at this time for any in-catchment families with children going into Grades 1-7. The online registration application can be found [HERE](#). Please note out of catchment Grade 1-7 registrations and out of district applications for secondary schools are not accepted until January 15, 2024.

For Westcot Grade 7 students and families, if your first choice for Grade 8 is **West Vancouver Secondary School** or **Sentinel Secondary School** (Westcot is a dual feeder school) you are not required to complete an online application regardless of where they live. West Vancouver Secondary School and Sentinel Secondary School counsellors will be visiting in late winter/early spring and distributing transfer forms at that time. HOWEVER, if your first choice for secondary school is **Rockridge Secondary**, you must complete an online application according to the [student registration timelines](#). **Please note: No out of catchment or out of district applications for secondary are accepted until January 15, 2024.**

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare [Feeding Futures initiative](#), the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their school principal cratz@wvschools.ca if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect and confidentiality.

Community Connections

WV Community Centre Invitation Please see below for programs offer at the West Vancouver Community Centre:

Fall Programs At West Vancouver Community Centre & Gleanegles Community Centre [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE](#)

Want To Learn Languages, Science, Lego, Chess..., Visit [HTTPS://WESTVANCOUVER.CA/LEARNING](https://westvancouver.ca/learning)

November	22	Westcot Wednesday Feeding Futures K - 3 Snack Seed Butter and English Muffin
	29	Westcot Wednesday Feeding Futures K - 3 Snack Hummus and Baby Carrots
December	4	Professional Development Day (No school for students)
	7	Immunization (Grade 6)
	8	Communicating Student Learning Term 1 Reports
	11-15	Field Hockey in PE
	14	K - 3 Sounds of the Season with the Grade 7 Band and Westcot Choir
	22	Last Day Before Winter Break Dismissal 12:00 Annual Christmas Sing a Long 11:00
January	8	School Reopens
	10	WPAC Meeting 9:30 Virtually
	29	Professional Development Day (No school for students)
February	2	Lunar New Year Event



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