

Thursday, November 2, 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**.



**Opportunity to purchase your WESTCOT Athletic Hoodie One more day to order!** Thank you **WPAC** for providing another opportunity to purchase a Westcot Hoodie for those that missed the first deadline. **Click HERE**, login and Go to Fundraising Open to order and make your payment. **This round of orders will close on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> to allow for delivery before Christmas.** We have an exciting new offering... Introducing the **WESTCOT Beanie**. Our new Beanie can be ordered **HERE** Thank you to our Westcot students for choosing the logo for our Beanies. Perfect as the cold weather approaches. **GO TIGERS** all the way!



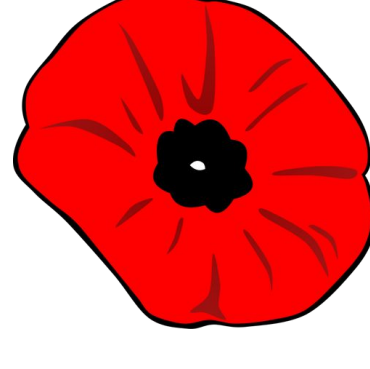
**Westcot's Framework for Enhancing Student Learning 2021-24** The BC Ministry of Education requires each school in our province to have a multi-year school plan (FESL) that outlines a goal focused upon improving student learning. The framework is to be evidence-informed and outline a clear action plan to improve student learning. At Westcot, we are engaged in a cycle of learning that is proving to be highly successful for our students. Westcot staff is currently focusing on how staff and families can improve student learning and student achievement in all aspects of literacy. We have begun by focusing on and sharing all the resources and strategies currently in place in our District, in each of our classrooms, our ELL programs and our Learning Support programs. We have shared our progress at the District Board Meeting in September and have welcomed staff from a number of West Vancouver Schools wanting to learn more. Staff and students are excited to share this work within our Learning Community. If you have a child in grades K - 3 ask them about UFLI, in grades 4 - 7 ask them about their word journals. Thank you to our WPAC for purchasing RAZ Kids for our primary students to work on their reading practice at home. Please stay tuned for more information and for ways you can be involved. Any questions or suggestions please contact Mrs. Ratz [cratz@wvschools.ca](mailto:cratz@wvschools.ca)



**Created by Kids** This week our students are bringing home their completed art work for our WPAC **Created by Kids** fundraising opportunity. Created by Kids will take the artwork created by our students in class and provide families with an opportunity to order a choice of products where our student creations are featured. The order form is on the back of the page. Orders are submitted online. **Families who have ordered online are asked to return the original art to school.** All orders must be back in the office by Thursday, Nov 2nd **\*\* It is very important that original artwork is not folded.**

## Remembrance Day Assemblies at Westcot: Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

Westcot pays tribute to those Canadian men and women who served and lost their lives in wars and peace keeping missions. Students, staff and guests will participate in a thoughtful, reflective assembly led by Grade 7 assembly leaders Lason, Angelika, Emma and Eric, our Westcot choir under the direction of Ms. Fulton, and our Westcot band under the direction of Mr. Mee. Our ceremony at Westcot on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> will feature the Grade 6 presentations Flanders Field and poetry, recognition of Chinese Canadian Veterans from the First and Second World War and the Last Post, A Moment of Silence and Reveille by Mr. Mee. All students will receive a poppy courtesy of the the Legion to wear during the assembly. **Donations are welcome** and will be passed along to the Legion with our gratitude. Families are welcome to join us in the gym for this ceremony. **We are looking for a family for wishing to represent Westcot School by laying a wreath during the Remembrance Day services at the West Vancouver Cenotaph November 11<sup>th</sup>.** Please contact Mrs. Ratz if you are interested.



**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](mailto: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.ca](mailto:rsatchell@wvschools.ca) 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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 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.**

## Community Connections

**WV Memorial Library** Please have a read of West Vancouver Memorial Library Newsletter for all the latest programs they are offering [HERE](#).

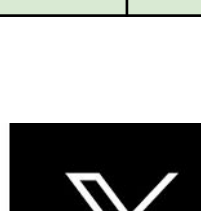
**WV Community Centre Invitation** Please see below for programs offer at the West Vancouver Community Centre:

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

Indigenous Arts & Culture Workshops Including Beading, Cedar Weaving and Wool Weaving – Visit [HERE](#).

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

<b>November</b>	<b>6-10</b>	<b>Scholastic Book Fair</b>
	<b>10</b>	<b>Remembrance Day Assembly 11:00</b>
	<b>13</b>	<b>Remembrance Day Holiday (Schools Closed)</b>
	<b>14</b>	<b>Reading Break (Schools Closed)</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Professional Development Day (No school for students)</b>
	<b>7</b>	<b>Immunization (Grade 6)</b>
	<b>8</b>	<b>Communicating Student Learning Term 1 Reports</b>
	<b>11-15</b>	<b>Field Hockey in PE</b>
	<b>14</b>	<b>K - 3 Sounds of the Season with the Grade 7 Band and Westcot Choir</b>
	<b>22</b>	<b>Last Day Before Winter Break Dismissal 12:00 Annual Christmas Sing a Long 11:00</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>School Reopens</b>



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