

Thursday, December 20, 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.

**WESTCOT Athletic Hoodie/Westcot Beanie** For those of you who have missed ordering it's not too late. We have Beanies and Sweatshirts in the office. There are limited sizes and amounts. **Click HERE** to order, login and Go to Fundraising Open to order and make your payment. Once your order has been completed we will be able to fulfill these orders with surplus stock right away.



**Westcot Annual Christmas Sing a Long:** Mr. Mee and Ms. Kwan's Grade 4 class will lead us in all of the Seasonal Favourites **December 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 11:00 AM in our Gym. Throw in a Pyjama Day and Early Dismissal and we have a perfect way to kick off the holidays! Dismissal will be at 12:00 PM for all students following our Sing a Long.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our school community a joyful and healthy new year. We wish to take time to thank all the school community who made so many contributions to Westcot this year. To our students, thank you for your hard work, your creativity and the joy you bring to learning. Our WPAC has been very busy over the term with Created by Kids, Hot Lunch, Teacher Appreciation Lunch and Holiday Treats, Music Ts and Westcot Wednesday Sweatshirts and Beanies, Emergency Preparedness, and the generous support of so many wonderful activities within each of our classrooms. Thank you for helping us to build and maintain a strong sense of community through active and meaningful involvement. We are looking forward to an exciting second term. **School reopens Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.**



**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 2.40pm)**  
**GRADES: K to 7**  
**Fee: \$345\* (\*plus GST)**  
<https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/westcot/>



**Lost & Found** All items currently in the lost and found bin will be folded and displayed along the primary hallway. Classes will all have a walk through to rediscover their lost items. Please stop by and check it out as well!



**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!

**CSL Reports/Family Portal** **Have you printed a copy of your term 1 Report Card?** Last week our First Term Communicating Student Learning Reports were posted on the Family Portal. **Please print a copy for your records as soon as possible and retain it for your records.** The district has provided a great deal of useful information and has answered FAQ about the Family Portal at this link: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/family-portal>

Please contact Ms. Satchell at [rsatchell@wvschools.ca](mailto:rsatchell@wvschools.ca) if you need further assistance.

## 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.**

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](mailto: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

**ELMACON Math Competition 2024 Preparation Sessions and Competition** We've already started preparing for ELMACON 2024! The competition is tentatively scheduled for the first weekend in **May, 2024**, and registration will open in **February, 2024**. Before that, we will be running three [preparation sessions](#) so students can get a taste of ELMACON. The first preparation session will take place on **December 9th** at UBC. If you are interested, please read for more details and registration instructions. [HERE](#) It's not too late to participate!

**Rec Centre Happenings Winter Break camp registrations are now open:**

<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities/camps>

**Browse your recreation activities and programs here:**

<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities>

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

<https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers>

## North Shore Baseball Association

offers baseball programs for boys and girls aged 3 through 24 in beautiful North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Bowen Island and Lions Bay, BC, Canada. Registration is now open. <https://northshorebaseball.ca/registration/> Early Bird discount of \$25 until December 15, 2023 COSTS A CONCERN? Check out Athletics for Kids [www.a4k.ca](http://www.a4k.ca) North Shore Baseball Association

## Cybersafe from Exploitation

Parent Presentation

**What does exploitation have to do with cyber safety?**

Most often times referred to as "sexual exploitation", it involves a minor being taken advantage of sexually. The majority of sexual exploitation is now facilitated digitally through gaming platforms, social media, love stream, and more. Forms of online sexual exploitation include grooming by predatory people, digital blackmail, intimate image sharing, or sugar daddy scams.

**What you'll learn:**

Our approach to cyber safety is to address the root causes that would lead to exploitation, as well as provide tangible strategies to break down vulnerabilities that would lead children and youth into online sexual exploitation. Some topics covered include:

- Defining sexual exploitation and why online poses more risk
- Current online exploitation trends
- Effective language to use when talking to kids/ teens
- The red flags and warning signs of grooming
- Sexting, digital consent, and the law
- Digital blackmail into sextortion, trends, and what to do
- Information sharing- What is and is not okay
- High risk behaviours on social media platforms
- Addressing risks associated with online gaming platforms
- Age of consent laws and how they can help you as a parent
- How to have effective conversations with your child/ teen

Jan 23, 2023 7:00PM  
Kay Meek Arts Centre

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December	22	Last Day Before Winter Break	Annual Christmas Sing a Long 11:00 Pyjama Day Dismissal 12:00
January	8	School Reopens	
	9	Grade 7 - 8 Family Transition Meeting at West Vancouver Secondary School	
	10	Grade 7 - 8 Family Transition Meeting at Sentinel Secondary School	
	10	WPAC Meeting 9:30 Virtually	
	29	Professional Development Day (No school for students)	
February	2	Lunar New Year Event	Westcot Gym
	16	Reading Break (Schools Closed)	
	19	Family Day Holiday (Schools Closed)	
	21	WPAC Meeting 9:30 Virtually	
March	8	Nowrus Event	Westcot Gym
	14	Grades 4 - 7 Band and Choir Showcase	
	19	Last Day Before Spring Break	Term 2 Reporting Update
April	2	School Reopens	



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