

Thursday, January 11, 2024

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.**



We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our school community a joyful and healthy new year. Staff and students were excited to reconnect this week and to re engage in learning activities.



**Caribou Math Club - Our Next Contest** Wednesday, January 17 7:30 am (From Home)

All students have their access code and time to work on [past tests](#). The interactive game for all grades will be [BOMB DEFUSER](#). Good luck on test 3!

**WPAC Meeting** Please join us for our Westcot Parent Advisory Committee **VIRTUAL** Meeting **Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.** Come to learn more about plans for the Second and Third Terms at Westcot. There are exciting plans for a second Spring Fling. Come learn about how you can get involved.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)



Meeting ID: 215 007 146 765 Passcode: 73iPec

**Returning to Westcot for the 2024 – 2025 School Year?** As we are currently accepting new registrations for the 2024-25 school year, we are trying to predict as closely as possible whether or not we have room for those new students interested in joining our school. We understand that job transfers happen and relocations can occur without much notice however, please indicate to the best of your knowledge whether your child will not be returning to us in September (and we certainly hope he/she will be!). This will greatly assist us in knowing how many spaces are available. Please note that if you are planning to return to Westcot, students are expected to be present (at school) by September 5, 2024 to guarantee their spot for the 2024 - 2025. If you know you will not be returning to Westcot please let Ms. Satchell know in writing as soon as possible. [rsatchell@wvschools.ca](mailto:rsatchell@wvschools.ca)

**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

**Farsi After School Program at Westcot (Grades 4-7)** Registration is open for the new Farsi After School Program starting January 2024 at Westcot Elementary! This unique program aligns with [BC's official Farsi curriculum](#) and offers an interactive experience to learn **speaking, reading, and writing** in Farsi, right here on school premises. With 20 engaging sessions running through to June, it's a fantastic opportunity for our students to dive into the Farsi language and connect with culture, using Art, Craft, Music, and so much more. For more details and to register, please check out our webpage at: <https://www.farsidarbc.ca/after-school-program>

**Neurodiversity and Dance Classes** My name is Miss Tammy and I teach neuro-affirmative dance classes on Tuesdays from 7:00-7:45 pm at the Vanleena Dance Academy, 1457 Marine Drive, our West Vancouver location. All interested families are invited to contact me directly at [dance@vanleena.com](mailto:dance@vanleena.com) to learn more about the program (we also offer a free trial class!).

**Multi-Sport Pro-D Day Camp by Private Coaching Co at Ecole Cedardale** Join our staff for an amazing day of Sports, Games, Arts & Crafts, Adventures and FUN! This day camp is available to students between the ages of 6 and 11 and is suitable for anyone of any skill level or experience! Participants will move through a variety of sports such as basketball, soccer, tennis, football, hockey, volleyball, and more. Campers will be fully submerged in the world of sports and activity and are bound to leave the day with a smile on their face!

**Date:** Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Ages:** 6-11

**Cost:** \$80 + GST **Registration Link:** [Sign Up Here](#) For help, please email [matt@privatecoachingco.com](mailto:matt@privatecoachingco.com)

## 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:**

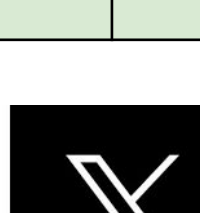
Our approach to cyber safety is to address the root causes that would lead to exploitation, as well as provide tangible strategies to break down vulnerabilities that would lead children and youth into online sexual exploitation. Some topics covered include:

- 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**

Hosted By: **FOUNDRY** **WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS** **EXED** EXPLOITATION EDUCATION INSTITUTE

January	17	WPAC Meeting Virtual 9:30 am
	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
	19	Last Day Before Spring Break Term 2 Reporting Update
April	2	School Reopens
	25	Grades 4 - 7 Musical Showcase *Note new date! Details to follow.
May	2	Student Led Conferences 8:50 - 10:15 am
	8	WPAC Meeting Virtual 9:30 am
	9	Welcome to Kindergarten Event
	16	Sports Day Early Dismissal 12:00 pm
	17	Professional Development Day (No school for students)



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