

Thursday, February 15, 2024

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.

WESTCOT Athletic Hoodie/Westcot Beanie We have items in stock! 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.**

West Vancouver Schools Visitor Protocols All parent/caregiver, visitors and volunteers are required to enter through the front doors and report to the school office to sign in. Parents and caregivers need to make prior arrangements before entering learning spaces during the school day (i.e., do NOT enter your child's classroom, even if it's just to drop off a lunch or project, these items should always be left at the office, so as not to disrupt the learning environment). This includes outdoor learning spaces such as the playground (recess), the field and the courtyard. Please do not "drop-in" on your child's teacher or other school staff. Email in advance or call the school to set up an appointment time. Staff are always happy to meet, but advance notice allows for us to give you our full attention at an appropriate time. Following these guidelines will help keep all of the children safe and protect the learning environment

West Vancouver Reading Break and Family Day – all West Vancouver schools are closed Friday, February 16th and Monday, February 19th for our District wide Reading Break and BC Family Day.

Join our Virtual WPAC Meeting Wednesday February, 21 @ 9:30 am

Learn more about our new Friday Hot Lunch, plans to celebrate Norooz, our exciting Spring Fling and ways you can get involved. The Principal Update will provide some insight into plans for this year and start up for next year. Click to [Join the meeting now](#)



Save the Date..

Thursday, June 13th Westcot WPAC Presents... Spring Fling

Interested in helping to plan the event? **Join other parent volunteers in the Westcot library at 2:00 on Wednesday, March 6th to share your ideas and lend a hand.** All are welcome. We hope to see you there.

Fun Lunch Friday Our hard working Fun Lunch team has a new opportunity for all who have been hoping for a Friday Fun Lunch. Aburi Market has confirmed they can deliver food to school every Friday starting from Feb 23. Aburi Market located at 1350 Marine Drive provides high-quality Japanese food at a very reasonable price. Go to [Munch a Lunch](#) now to place your order for February 23rd.

NEW

Fun Lunch ordering at Westcot continues to be 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!

District Events

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**

The 2024-2025 Premier Academies are open for registration Please visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/> for further information.

Premier Academies: Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Fencing, Field Hockey, Rugby, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball

Pop Up PLAY

Take a (Story) Walk with Us!

Families with children ages 0-6 are invited to join us on Saturday March 2, 2024

Free, no registration required

What's a Story Walk? A multi-sensory experience where children enjoy interactive books, music, art and the outdoors.

Come dressed for the weather! These walks are stroller and child friendly.



When: **Saturday, March 2, 2024 (10:00-11:00 am)**
Event: POP Up PLAY- Story and Play with Katie Brock

Location: Meet at the covered picnic area at John Lawson Park. We will walk together through the park, immerse ourselves in story, and use our senses to participate in a fun scavenger hunt

A bit about Katie

Katie Brock is a beloved children's musician from Horseshoe Bay. She is an energetic, fun-loving performer who enjoys sharing her catchy tunes with both children and grownups alike. An avid outdoor enthusiast, Katie loves to sing, dance and make joyful music together with families in nature!

In partnership with the West Vancouver Memorial Library and North Shore Community Resources. We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of BC through the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

Community Connections

Safe Schools Presentations for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with adolescent Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Hayley Watson, will be hosting free virtual sessions on youth substance use for parents/guardians, caregivers and caring adults. Dr. Watson will provide valuable insights, practical tips, and resources to equip participants with the tools needed to guide their children and youth toward making positive choices when it comes to substance use.

Key Takeaways for Participants:

- Learn why children/teenagers are drawn to substances.
- Understand what causes and maintains substance use disorder and needs.
- Increase your child's ability to make positive choices about substances.
- Acquire practical conversation tools for discussing substances in the home.

Participants must register in advance due to limited capacity. Session dates are:

- February 20th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST [Click here to Register](#)
- February 22nd, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST [Click here to Register](#)
- February 28th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST [Click here to Register](#)

St. David's Church Parking Update We have been advised that next Thursday, Feb. 22nd and Friday, Feb. 23rd all day – the church parking lot will be used for movie production staff so parents won't be able to use the lot for pick up and drop off. Please do not attempt to park in the lot.

ACTIVITIES AT YOUR WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CENTRE And GLENEAGLES COMMUNITY CENTRE

Spring Break Break camps – Music, Spanish or Korean Immersion, LEGO, Arts, Science/STEAM, Sports, Gymnastics, etc:

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

Spring Break Intensive Group Classes Also Available for All Ages: Beginner French Intensive & Music Theory Intensive

https://anc.ca.apm.activecommunities.com/westvanrec/activity/search?activity_select_param=2&activity_keyword=intensive%20spring%20break&viewMode=list

Important Dates: Spring Program Registrations (April – June)

General registration for Spring opens on Wednesday, March 6 Skating, Gymnastics, and Swimming registrations open on Wednesday, March 13

Spring Learning Programs

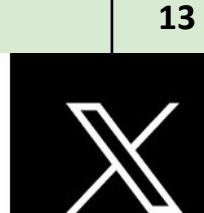
Interested in indigenous beading or cedar weaving, learning Languages, STEAM, Chess, Lego?

Explore the Learning Program:

www.westvancouver.ca/learning

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.

February	16	Reading Break (Schools Closed)
	19	Family Day Holiday (Schools Closed)
	21	WPAC Meeting 9:30 Virtually
	26	Class Photos
March	8	Norooz Event Westcot Gym
	15	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)
	20	Victoria day Holiday (Schools Closed)
June	5	WPAC AGM June 5 9:30 Virtual
	6	District Track Meet SFU
	13	Spring Fling



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