

Thursday, March 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.

Emergency Connections Westcot Families, if you would like to be notified of a school emergency such as power outages, severe weather or safety alerts via SMS, please text a “Y” or “Yes” to **978338** to ensure you are on the list.

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

A Message from our District Vice Principal of Innovation and Technology Cari Wilson

Lately I’ve had quite a few requests from both parents and teachers about how to help students develop the skills they need to navigate our digital world and what to do when they get in over their heads. So, while I normally write this blog for educators, today’s post is written for and dedicated to those parents who are working hard to help their little digital native stay safe in this crazy world. Here are my top tips for parenting your cellphone-toting, AI-talking tots, teens and in-betweens!

Please find the full post here [This One’s For The Parents! \(wordpress.com\)](https://www.wordpress.com)

Learning Updates Communicating Student Learning Term Two Learning Updates (Report Cards) will be posted on MyEducation BC by our school office on March 15th, 2024. Please be certain you have followed the directions below IN ADVANCE of that date to ensure you can access your child’s documents. It is suggested that families download the documents and save them on their computer or print them for future access as the school office no longer prints these updates.

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>

Notes:

1. It will not work with a cell phone or tablet. You will need to use a PC or laptop.
2. It works best if you are using Google Chrome.
3. Don’t copy and paste the username and password. You need to type it in
4. Enable popups
5. When you log in it might say "Your password has expired. Please create a new one". Hit OK and follow the instructions on how to create a new password.
6. If you cannot remember your password click “I forgot my password”—a reset link will be sent to your email as with other secure sites

If you follow the instructions carefully and use the proper device, you should be able to access the portal and view the report card. It will be found on the right-hand side of the home page under PUBLISHED REPORTS. It will be a PDF called Term 2 report Student Name.

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

Supporting Children’s K - 12 Peer Relationships Thank you to all parents who joined the very informative DPAC presentation led by Dr. Diana Divecha on "Supporting Children’s K - 12 Peer Relationships." Dr. Divecha’s insights and your thoughtful questions made the event both insightful and productive. As there wasn’t sufficient time to address all submitted questions, Dr. Divecha has kindly offered to provide those answers, which we will share with you when they become available. <https://youtu.be/6EP5uogrYtU?si=uabQBlgHsRJeHN-w> Please note that you can adjust the subtitles for playback in various languages

Math Lovers ELMACON 2024 will take place at UBC (in person) on **Saturday May 4th, 2024**. [Registration for the competition is now open](#). The format of the competition will be the same as in previous years, with two written rounds in the morning (Sprint and Target) followed by the exciting head-to-head Countdown round in the afternoon. For more details check the [rules](#), [format](#) and [schedule](#) as well as the past catalog of [practice questions](#) on the ELMACON website. Registration for the competition costs \$30 and will be open until **April 14th**. **Register now**

Preparation Sessions As always, UBC Elmacon is running preparation sessions to help you keep math skills sharp to be ready for the competition. The first two preparation sessions took place in December and February, the materials used for those sessions are available on the [ELMACON website](#). The final preparation session will take place on Saturday April 13th. The sessions are free, and each session covers different material. To register for the preparation sessions, please complete the [preparation session registration form](#).

Fun Lunch Fun Lunch ordering at Westcot continues to be open for hot lunch orders that will be delivered to school every Monday ~ Friday 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

2024 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools Are you interested in learning during the summer? West Vancouver Schools will be offering a robust Summer Learning Program for both elementary and secondary students during July 2024.

Online registration for both the elementary and secondary Summer Learning programs opens on Monday, April 8 at 8:00AM.

More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or on the [Summer Learning Website](#).

Community Connections



WEST VANCOUVER FIELD HOCKEY CLUB

Join us for Spring League 2024

U6 Mondays
U7 and U8 Fridays
U9-U18 one practice and one game per week


[Register wvfhc.com](#)





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LightsUp

MUSICAL THEATRE SCHOOLS

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!

SPRING SHOW! THE LORAX

This Spring, we will be putting on a musical version of “The Lorax,” inspired by the popular movie (and of course, book) 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

APR. 4 - MAY 30 (9 SESSIONS)

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

GRADES: K to 7
Fee: \$345* (*plus GST)

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

Families are advised to check immunization records before Spring Break travel With measles outbreaks being reported internationally and spring break on the horizon, the provincial health officer, BC Centre for Disease Control and public health officials are reminding people in British Columbia to check their vaccination records before travelling to ensure they are protected.

More information can be found [here](#) with the local West Vancouver immunization clinic [here](#)

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.

March	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	
	26	Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony	11:00am Last Day for Grade 7
	27	Last Day of School for K - 6	Term 3 Reporting Update 12:00 Dismissal



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