

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Westcot Weekly Bulletin

School Website

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.

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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-betweeners!

Please find the full post here [This One's For The Parents! \(wordpress.com\)](#)



Parking at St. David's Church We have been advised that St David's parking lot will be closed to all Westcot families for pick up and drop off between March 7 - 13th. The lot is being used by as a Movie location.

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.



Lost and Found Items Will be on display in the primary hallway from March 11 - 15. Please encourage your child/ren to come and look and reclaim their lost items. Items not claimed will be packed up in the afternoon of March and dropped off at the Salvation Army.

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.



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. **It's time to reorder!** 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

2024-25 Baseball Academy Open House on Monday, March 11 at 7pm – West Van Secondary (Room C302) Please join us for an information session on the West Van Schools Baseball Academy. Our coaches will provide detailed information on this outstanding program and will answer any questions that you may have. The Academy is an excellent way to incorporate technical and tactical training within the school timetable and helps to prepare students for team tryouts and post-secondary endeavors.

2024 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools Save the date! Summer Learning registration opens on Monday, April 8 at 8:00 a.m. For more information, please refer to the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or the [Summer Learning Website](#).

Community Connections



Join us for Spring League 2024

U6 Mondays

U7 and U8 Fridays

U9-U18 one practice and one game per week

[Register wvfhc.com](http://Register.wvfhc.com)



Schools program generously supported by Field Hockey Canada



West Vancouver Youth Band NOROOZ CELEBRATION CONCERT

Please join us on **Mar 13th 7:30pm** for an evening filled with beautiful music as we celebrate NOROOZ - featuring the premiering of an arrangement by Reza Kalantar of "Bahar-e Delneshin" (Sweet Spring) composed by Rouhollah Khaleghi with guest Classical Guitarist Golnar Riahi and the Symphonic strings and performances by the WVVB Symphonic Band. Tickets are available through the Centennial Theatre box office. Adult/Senior \$25.00 & 12 yrs. and under \$10.00.

<https://tickets.centennialtheatre.com/TheatreManager/1/online?performance=3087>

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	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
	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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