

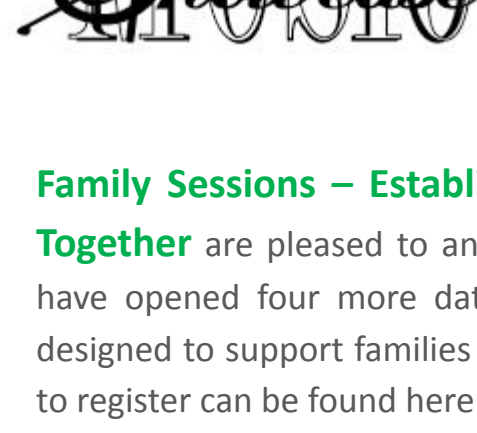
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Daily Health Check It is important that parents **continue** to do a thorough **DAILY HEALTH CHECK**. At school we have always followed the same procedures regarding student illnesses - when children are sick and not well enough to be at school and 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.

Elementary Band 2024/25 The online band registration form is now live and ready to accept our students wishing to be a part of Westcot's 2024 - 2025 Grade 6 and Grade 7 Bands under the direction of Mr. Mee. Westcot students currently in Grades Five and Six are welcome to register for next year's elementary band [here](#). New this year, register before June 1st and there is a cost saving. The elementary band program is designed to develop musical instrument skills and complements the BC Ministry of Education's Music curriculum. Westcot band aims for all students to enjoy music and have fun playing their instrument in a happy and supportive environment. Payments can be made online through PayPal or by cheque (made payable to West Vancouver Schools).



Musical Showcase Concert Grades 4 - 7 and Choir: Get Your Tickets Now! Our Westcot choir, Grade 6 Band, Grade 7 Band and Grades 4 - 7 classes will be performing 2 shows on **Thursday, April 25th**, one at 9:15 am and a repeat at 1:30 pm. **Grade 4 - 7 families are invited to go to School Cash Online to purchase a maximum of 4 tickets.** (2 per show or 4 at either the AM or PM show).

Family Sessions – Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities Safer Schools Together are pleased to announce that in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, they have opened four more dates for their "Social Media Awareness" Family Sessions. These sessions were designed to support families and caregivers navigate the digital world. Dates, times, and information on how to register can be found here: [Family Sessions \(saferchoolstogether.com\)](https://www.exploitationeducation.org/free-resource)

Cyber Safety and Exploitation Resources: <https://www.exploitationeducation.org/free-resource>

A Parent's Guide To Digital Footprints

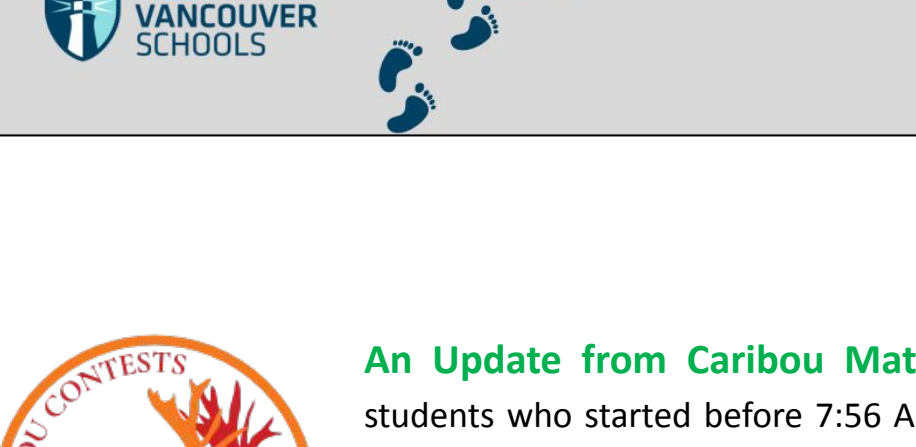
Understanding digital footprints is an important skill for all students who have an online presence!

If you want to know more, click the links below!

[Digital Footprint Parenting Tipsheet](#)

[Protecting Your Child From Their Digital Footprint](#)

[What is A Digital Footprint?](#)



10 TIPS FOR PARENTING DIGITAL NATIVES

- Be Present and Informed** - Be there to talk with your kids. Keep the lines of communication open. Know who they're with and what they are doing.
- Balance Screen Time and Green Time** - Build in times to be tech free - get outside as a family and enjoy other activities!
- Walk the Talk** - Make sure you are modeling good digital behaviour 0 your kids will take their's cues from you!
- Join in** - Yes, you might not really want to learn how to play Minecraft or do a TikTok dance, but by joining in and learning with your child you keep the dialogue going!
- Family Plan** - Work with your children to develop a family technology plan. Let them have some input and they will be more likely to follow the plan!
- Technology Free** - Build in technology free times in your calendar abd zones in your house. One great example is bedrooms - technology doesn't belong there.
- It Takes a Village** - Raising safe, savvy digital natives is hard work. Include people like aunts, uncles and trusted family friends in your child's social media circle.
- You Are The Parent** - Don't feel badly about limiting the wifi time or setting boundaries on technology use. That's part of being a parent.
- Be Specific** - Make sure you are specific about your family's rules and expectations. It is easier for everyone when the rules around tech use are clear.
- Be Age Appropriate** - Make sure your expectations and permissions match the age of your child. You wouldn't give a 5 year old a Snapchat account, but a 14 year old might be ready!




An Update from Caribou Math Unfortunately Caribou had remove test entries of students who started before 7:56 AM on April 3, 2024 due to a glitch on their end. This will impact many of our students. As a result the contest will be extended another 2 days, until Saturday evening (April 6) to allow the affected students to complete the test again when they have time. If someone is unsure whether their test was taken before the critical time, and therefore was removed, they should simply try and take the test again. If the student is not allowed to take the test again, then all is good and their test was properly submitted, and they do not need to take it again.



Westcot Elementary School



Thursday,
June 13, 2024
3 PM – 6 PM



All money raised by the PAC supports our students

SILENT AUCTION & FUNDRAISER THEME: "Pamper Mom & Dad"

PLEASE DONATE TO OUR SPRING FLING FUNDRAISER & SILENT AUCTION TODAY!

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS:

Please consider donating items for our silent auction. The auction will be online to bid on before the event, and on display the day of the event. Suggested items for donation include gift baskets, gift certificates for dinner for two, spa treatments, tickets for movies, concerts or events, etc. No donation is too small!

DIRECT CASH SPONSORSHIP:

For cash donations, please make cheques payable to the "WPAC" (Westcot Parent Advisory Committee) and drop them off with Mrs. Satchell in the office. We are unable to provide a tax receipt at this time.

Any questions?

Please email Bianca Peters at bianca@bpcom.ca

or Shireen Mistry at mistry.shireen@gmail.com.

Thank you!

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Returning to Westcot for the 2024 – 2025 School Year? Planning your Summer Holidays? 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

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



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**



Math Lovers ELMACON 2024 will take place at UBC (in person) on **Saturday May 4th**, (24 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](#).

Families are advised to check immunization records before 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 help students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing 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.

April	25	Grades 4 - 7 Musical Showcase	9:15 am and 1:30 pm
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)
	29	District Field Meet Grade 6/7	3:30 - 5:00 pm
	30	District Field Meet Grade 4/5	3:30 - 5:00 pm
June	5	WPAC AGM June 5	9:30 am 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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