

School Website

On behalf of the Westcot staff... As the school year comes to a close and summer approaches, we wanted to take a moment to wish you all a safe and happy summer.

District Website

We want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our students who have shown great determination and joy in their learning. To our parents, thank you for your unwavering commitment to your child's education. Your involvement and support have played a crucial role in their success. As we enter the summer break, we encourage you to take this time to rest, rejuvenate, and create lasting memories with your loved ones. Embrace the opportunity to explore new activities, spend quality time together, and discover the joys of learning beyond the classroom. While the summer break is a time for relaxation, we also encourage students to continue nurturing their curiosity and pursuing their passions. Engage in reading ([Summer Reading Club](#)), creative projects, and activities that inspire you. We will eagerly await the return of our students in the upcoming school year, ready to embark on new learning adventures together. Until then, enjoy this well-deserved break and make the most of the warm and sunny days ahead. Once again, we wish you all a safe and happy summer filled with laughter, joy, and cherished moments.



Opening Day in September Our opening day will be Tuesday, September 5th at 9:00 am for all students in grades 1 to 7. It is a very important day because we will be confirming our school population and making any final adjustments to classes that may be required. It will be a shortened school day with dismissal at 10:00 a.m. Further information regarding school start up will be sent in late August. Parents, you are welcome to enjoy our first Westcot Parent Advisory Committee (WPAC) Courtyard Coffee Morning to celebrate the start of a new year. Kindergarten families will be welcomed on their first day Wednesday, September 6th; further details to be shared directly with our new Kindie families. If you have not already done so, please contact us if your child cannot attend on opening day.

Summary of Learning Communicating Student Learning Final Report Cards



On **Thursday, June 27th**, families will receive a *Summary of Learning* document, similar to a report card. Unlike the *Learning Updates* of Terms One and Two, this report is a summary of the progress your child has made this school year and the performance descriptors (Emerging, Developing, Proficient, or Extending) indicate your child's ability after the school year.

Because the summary captures the entire school year, it is focused on the skills, competencies, and Approaches to learning that students developed throughout the year rather than the *knowledge* and *understandings* that are typically developed in the Themes of Inquiry each term. BC's Curriculum has a "Know, Understand, Do" model, and the focus of the Summary of Learning is therefore on the "Do": what can your child do, and how independently can they do it. You can get a sense of what students *know* and *understand* from Term Three through their online portfolio and work they have brought home.

Congratulations to the Grade 7 Class of 2024 On behalf of Westcot staff, we are wishing the Grade 7 class of 2024 all the best in their future endeavours. We congratulate you for your hard work, perseverance, school spirit, and for making us proud. Thank you. You will always have a place at Westcot.



Westcot Staffing Updates 2024 - 2025 Farewell We wish **Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Yu, Ms. Sherri, Ms. McKay** and **Ms. Obeck** our best and thank them for their contributions to our Westcot community as they move on to other assignments within our District. **Ms. Stewart** and **Ms. Demeules** will be moving on to opportunities beyond our District. **Welcome Back to Ms. Kang and Ms Lowe** who will be re-joining our Westcot team as they return from Maternity Leave. **Ms. Lazarus** will return to Westcot in November. **Welcome to Ms. Stephenson** and **Ms de La Torre** they will be joining our school based ELL team.

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 school year.** If you know you will not be returning to Westcot please let Ms. Satchell know in writing as soon as possible. rsatchell@wvschools.ca

District Events

Personal Digital Devices On January 26th, 2024, the Province announced three significant actions to enhance the safety and well-being of students in relation to digital technology, including the introduction of restrictions on the use of personal digital devices in schools (this would apply to cell phones, laptops, tablets, smartwatches, etc.). These updated policies will be in place for the 24-25 school year.

Most West Vancouver Schools already have technology guidelines in place. We recognize that the unregulated use of personal devices can be a significant distraction from learning. These devices can interrupt class time, interfere with student focus and disrupt the educational environment. However, we also understand that when used thoughtfully and with supervision, digital technology can offer valuable opportunities for our students. These tools can enhance the learning by enabling students to create content, communicate, collaborate and share.

Starting in September we will be refocusing our approach with personal digital device use in both elementary and secondary schools. In compliance with our technology guidelines, personal digital devices will only be used with the direct permission of the teacher and/or administrator, who will provide clear guidelines to ensure their use is intentional and purposeful in supporting student learning. Additionally, guidelines will be made to accommodate students' medical and health needs, accessibility, and accommodation requirements.

Elementary Schools: Personal digital device expectations will be in effect throughout the full school day, including before school, after school, and during break times.

More detailed information about these new expectations will be shared at the start of the 2024-25 school year. **In September, we will ask parents and guardians to support these guidelines by calling the Westcot Office at 604 – 981 – 1270 if they wish to connect with their children and refrain from making calls or sending texts to their children during school hours.**

It is important for students to remain focused and engaged in their learning without the expectation of responding immediately to messages. We also encourage families to start thinking about how they can support these new expectations to ensure a smooth transition for everyone.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation as we work together to create a safe and productive learning environment for our students.

Celebrate Diversity and Inclusion with us at the Vancouver Pride Parade! Join West Vancouver Schools as we come together to celebrate diversity and promote inclusion at the Vancouver Pride Parade on August 4th. All students, parents and families are welcome as we support the LGBTQ+ community, and spread messages of love and acceptance. See you there! Register here [Vancouver Pride Parade Registration 2024](#)

Community Connections



West Vancouver Otters Swim Club Summer Swim Camp
Summer fun for kids ages 6-17 for OSA to YDG and equivalent groups!
WHY JOIN THE OTTERS SUMMER SWIM CAMP?
Our swim camp is a great summertime adventure for your kids that are sure to enjoy. Campers will be training with high level trained coaches where they will swim with friends and meet new ones!
THE TRIALS
Time trials (mini swim meets) will be held at the end of Sessions 4 and 8 on July 19 and August 23. No additional fees for campers enrolled in two of the preceding four weeks. Swimmer times will count towards group placement for the 2023-2024 season.
SESSION DATES
JULY 03 JULY 08
JULY 15 JULY 22
JULY 29 AUGUST 07
AUGUST 12 AUGUST 19
Otters and Non-Otters are welcome to sign up for summer camp!
3 X 1 HOUR SESSIONS PER WEEK
Please contact Laura Fleury at otters.registrar@gmail.com or Coach Janusz at (604) 505-7946 for any questions
2121 Marine Drive West Vancouver, BC V7V 4J2
Non-Otters members must contact Laura Fleury for an assessment prior to registering for any summer camp session.
Register Here
<https://otters.upliftrinc.com/>

Summer Camp Registrations are Now Open: www.westvancouver.ca/camps

Summer Music & Language Program Registrations open on Wednesday, June 5th
Private lessons, group guitar, music theory intensive, adult French classes, preschool weekly music class, etc...

Other Summer Program Registrations (Gymnastics, Swimming, Sports, etc) open on **Wednesday, June 19th.**

Live! Music Series Returns on **June 12th**, 4:30-5:30pm at WVCC Atrium. Free. Everyone Welcome!

Summer Fun Fest at West Vancouver Community Centre, on Saturday, **July 20th.**

Browse all your recreation activities and programs here:
<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities>

Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us:
www.westvancouver.ca/newcomers

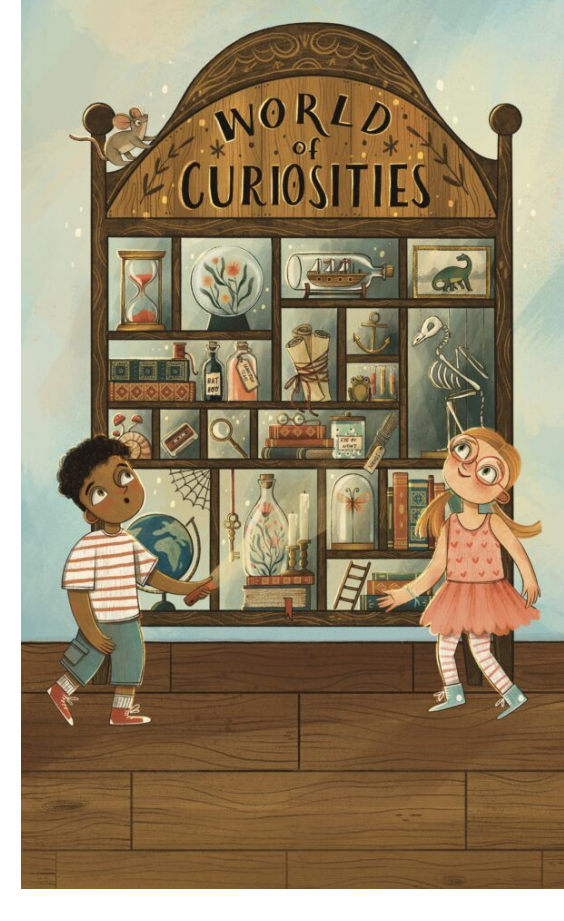


Elevate Your Summer with Ultimate Camps Are your kids looking for the "Ultimate" way to stay active this summer? Elevate Ultimate is the leader in youth Ultimate Frisbee and Disc Golf. We pride ourselves on teaching students a variety of life skills such as conflict resolution and teamwork through this self-refereed sport. There is a Summer Camp near you, and we have a variety of programs available for all skill levels. For more information and to register to hold a spot for your child, [check out their programs here](#), and to get \$40.00 off, please use discount code: **Welcome40**

Summer Reading Club - West Vancouver Memorial Library Join the Club! Calling all students in grades K-6. We challenge you to read this summer for 15 minutes a day for 50 days or more! You can read whatever you want, wherever you want, and however you want! Books, comics, non-fiction, novels, audiobooks, ebooks, magazines—in any language! The Kids Summer Reading Club is for kids

Summer Reading Program is now open. Parents can register on-line or by stopping by the West Van Memorial Library. Check out this interview from The Early Edition CBC Radio with Shannon Orzirny from the Library highlighting the program and hopefully encouraging all to join: <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-91-the-early-edition/clip/16077825-summer-reading-club-officially-begins-july-1st-b.c>.

Here is the links to register online:
<https://westvanlibrary.ca/kids-teens/summer-reading-club/>



West Vancouver Basketball Club Summer Camps The WVBC is proud to be offering its 16th year of summer camps this July and August. This year, the WVBC will be offering 4 weeks of camps beginning July 8 for players in Grades 2-10. All camps will be held at West Van Secondary School and will be led by former Canadian Men's National Team player and WVS Teacher/ Basketball Academy Head Coach Greg Meldrum. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to <http://www.wvbc.ca>



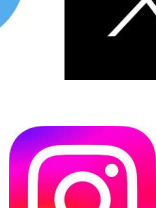
June	27	Last Day of School for K - 6	Term 3 Reporting Update	12:00 Dismissal
September	3	Opening Day	9:00 - 10:00 am	Courtyard Community Coffee
	4	First day for our Kindie Class of 2024 - 2025		
	5	Last day for Students to arrive at Westcot to secure their spot for 2024 - 2025		
	12	Student photos		
	13	Family Friday	2:15pm	

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