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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.

Student Absent from School? Please Call the Callback Line 604-981-1276. (Not the Office) before 8:00 am As part of the Westcot safety program all students are accounted for each day as either absent or present. A Call Back program is in place to check on students who are absent if no contact with the school has been made. We will continue to carefully monitor all absences and ask that you use this central communication rather than or as well as emailing individual classroom teachers. Parents can help with the overall efficiency of this process by informing the school if your child is going to be absent. Simply call the callback line at **604-981-1276**.



Family Friday - September 13 @2:15 pm We would like to invite all of our Grade 1 - 7 Westcot families to join us at the end of our first full week of classes. Come into the school. Meet your child in their classroom. Meet your child's classroom teacher. Check out our Library, Gym and Music Portable and say hello to our specialist teachers.

September Opportunities at Westcot

With just a week in school we are grateful to have these opportunities up and running for our students.

Band All Grade 6 and Grade 7 students!! Thank you parents and students who have already registered for our Westcot bands for the 2024-20245 school year. For students who are interested in joining and have not yet registered it is not too late! To register please click on the following link: [Elementary Band Program](#) page. If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Mee tmee@wvschools.ca

Choir We are excited to welcome Ms. Fulton to Westcot to lead our Grade 4 - 7 Westcot Choir. Many of you know Ms. Fulton through her work with our Westcot choir last year and the District Honour Choir. Mondays from 9:50 - 10:40 for Grades 4/5 and 10:20 - 11:00 for Grades 6/7. Contracts of Commitment were sent home with our students this week. More are available for students to pick up at the office.

Cross Country The Cross Country Running season is underway! The team is open to all students in Grades 3 through 7. Participation on the team includes attending practices each week and three district-wide meets at Ambleside. If students are unable to attend the meets, they may participate in the practices only, but not the reverse. Practices are on Wednesdays before school (8:00 - 8:30) at Westcot, in PE classes and Friday morning at 7:40 - 8:15) at John Lawson Park. Schedule of Meets at Ambleside: • Tuesday, September 17th 3:45 - 4:45 PM • Tuesday, September 24th 3:45 - 4:45 PM • Tuesday, October 1st 3:45 - 4:45 PM On race day, please wear a Westcot t-shirt and please arrive by 3:40 to check in with our coaches to get a race sticker. Each school will have a designated space for spectators and runners.

Caribou Math Once again Westcot will providing the opportunity for students in **grades K – 7** to participate in a series of **Online Mathematics Contests** called the [Caribou Cup](#). **Our first contest will be October 16th available at 7:30 a.m. for students to complete independently from home before school begins.** Forms were handed out to interested students in grades K – 7 classes this week. If interested return the bottom portion of the form to classroom teachers. Access codes will become available when students login to complete their first test. Record the code for future use and practice. Students can begin to practice and enjoy the games online this week. Please contact Mrs. Ratz cratz@wvschools.ca if you have any questions.

Westcot Parent Advisory Council (WPAC) Meeting Wednesday, Sept 18th 9:30am (Virtual) Save the Date!

Please join us for the first Westcot Parent Advisory Committee Meeting of the 2024 – 2025 school year. Meet our WPAC Executive. Share your ideas. Hear from our Principal Mrs. Ratz about plans for the upcoming school year and learn more about our staff, enrolment and learning goals moving forward. We will review the WPAC budget and learn about Hot Lunch for the first term.

Microsoft Teams [Join the meeting now](#)



Fun Lunch Fun Lunch ordering at Westcot will open tomorrow September 13 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. In order to receive lunch on September 23rd you will need to finish the order right away. Please note there is a 10 day window between an order and when lunch will begin/ be available 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!

■First lunch day: Monday, September 23rd 2024

Opportunity to purchase your WESTCOT Athletic Hoodie Thank you **WPAC** for providing an opportunity to purchase a Westcot Hoodie. **Click [HERE](#)**, login and Go to Fundraising Open to order and make your payment. The first round of orders **is now open!** Ordering Closes September 30th. Don't miss out.



Terry Fox Run – Toonies for Terry Our annual Westcot Terry Fox Run will be held Tuesday, September 17th. Our teacher librarians have been teaching all of our Westcot students about the legacy of Terry's journey. On Tuesday at 1:15 pm we will all sing O Canada and explore the history and purpose of the Terry Fox Run through a video shared by the Terry Fox Foundation. We will then have our Cross Country team lead us out to begin our School Run which for our Grade 3 - 7 students means a route around the block. Our Grade K - 2 students will have a modified route on the gravel field. **Grade 3 - 7 students who have not completed their policy and procedure forms will not be able to join the run around the block.** They will run the K - 2 route on the gravel field. Please complete your forms! All students are asked to **wear red and white** or **Westcot Spirit Wear**. Please consider making a donation of \$2 Toonies for Terry with School Cash On Line or consider making a donation directly to the Foundation at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/WestcotElementary>



FUNDamental Basketball with Mr. B is back for the Fall session. If you need more information or would like to register, please click the links below. Spaces are limited, the form will no longer accept responses once it is full.

[Grade 6/7 GIRLS/BOYS Basketball Fall Registration](#)

[Grade 4/5 GIRLS/BOYS Basketball Fall Registration](#)



District Events



District On-line Release Forms All Parents in the district are asked **annually** to complete a West Van District Policy and Procedures online form for **each** of their children within the district. This form covers many areas including use of school internet, use of privately owned electronic devices on school networks and media parental consent form. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access this Policy and Procedures form. **It is very important these forms are completed promptly. Those students with incomplete forms will not be able to use electronic devices in class, access their google classroom, go on walking field trips, plus more.** Completed forms are needed to for Terry Fox run participation.

School Cash Online Please check your School Cash Online Account, which provides you with the convenience of paying online for school items such as trips, club/athletic fees, and spirit wear. **Please access the site to review School Fees for the 2024 - 2025 School Year.**

Community Connections

West Van Rec Centre:

Indigenous Arts & Culture Workshop [this fall.](#)

Small Group Music Classes: [Ukulele, Acoustic Guitar and Singing Classes are starting in September.](#)

Language Program for Various Ages:

[Give yourself a gift of language skills in French, Spanish, Mandarin, Farsi, Korean, American Sign Language \(ASL\), Ukrainian and English as a Second/Third Language.](#)

Click here for [PD Day Camps](#)

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

Feeding Futures 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 or to feedingfutures@wvschools.ca if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

September	13	Family Friday 2:15 pm Come and learn more about your child's classroom.
	17	Terry Fox Run Toonies for Terry Wear your Red and White
	18	WPAC Meeting 9:30 am VIRTUAL
	20	District Professional Development Day (No school for students)
	27	Orange Shirt Day
	30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Schools Closed)
October	2	Parent Teacher Interviews 11:30 Dismissal
	3	Parent Teacher Interviews 11:30 Dismissal
	14	Thanksgiving Day Holiday (Schools Closed)
	16	WPAC Meeting 9:30 am VIRTUAL
	17	Earthquake Drill Shake Out BC
	25	Provincial Professional Development Day (No school for students)



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Westcot Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/westcot_elementary/



