



Thursday, September 12, 2024

Westcot Weekly Bulletin

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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.

Daily Health Check It is important that parents continue to do a thorough

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.



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

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

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

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.

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

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

Cross Country The Cross Country Running season is underway! The team is open to all students in Grades

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



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

Wednesday, Sept 18th 9:30am (Virtual) Save the Date! Please

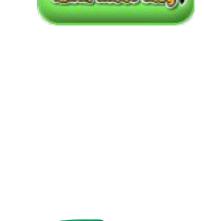
join us for the first Westcot Parent Advisory Committee Meeting of the 2024 – 2025 school year. Meet our WPAC Executive. Share your ideas.

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

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 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

for hot lunch orders that will be delivered to school every Monday ~ Friday with a

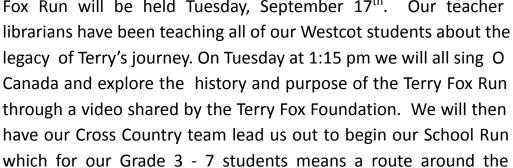
steps to make your online payment. Please note that only paid orders will be processed. Please only create an order if you are prepared to pay at the same time. In order to receive lunch on September 23rd you will need to finish the



Terry Fox Run – Toonies for Terry Our annual Westcot Terry Fox Run will be held Tuesday, September 17th. Our teacher

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 School Run

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 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

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

District Events



Indigenous Arts & Culture Workshop this fall. Small Group Music Classes: <u>Ukulele, Acoustic Guitar and Singing Classes are starting in September.</u> **Language Program for Various Ages:**

Feeding Futures As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare <u>Feeding Futures initiative</u>, the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families.

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.

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Parent Teacher Interviews 11:30 Dismissal October 2

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Click here for PD Day Camps

www.westvancouver.ca/newcomers

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

School Cash Online Please check your School Cash Online Account, which provides you with the convenience

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 <u>CLICK HERE</u> 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.

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. Browse all your recreation activities and programs here:

Parent Teacher Interviews 11:30 Dismissal

Thanksgiving Day Holiday (Schools Closed)

WPAC Meeting 9:30 am VIRTUAL

Earthquake Drill Shake Out BC

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.

https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us:

Terry Fox Run Toonies for Terry Wear your Red and White **17** 18 WPAC Meeting 9:30 am VIRTUAL District Professional Development Day (No school for students) National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Schools Closed)



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Provincial Professional Development Day (No school for students)