

School Website

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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**.

Professional Development Day No School for students Friday, September 20th.

Arrive on Time It is imperative that students arrive at school on time. Arriving to school on time is an important aspect of being a responsible and successful student. Westcot students in Kindergarten - Grade 4 begin the day at 8:40 am. Grade 5 - 7 students begin their day at 8:50 am. Here are some tips to help you arrive at school punctually:

- **Set a Routine:** Establish a daily routine that includes a set time for waking up, getting ready, and leaving for school. Stick to this routine consistently.
- **Prepare the Night Before:** Before going to bed, ensure that backpack is packed with all the necessary snacks, lunch, water bottle, assignments, and supplies. **Limit Morning Distractions:** Avoid distractions like TV, video games, or social media in the morning. Focus on getting ready and having breakfast.
- **Account for Traffic:** Account for traffic conditions and plan to leave a few minutes earlier if necessary.
- **Promote Independence:** Encourage your child to take on age-appropriate responsibilities in their morning routine. This can include getting dressed on their own, making their bed, or preparing a simple breakfast.
- **Check the School Schedule:** Be aware of any special events or early start times at the school. Make sure your child is informed and prepared for these exceptions.
- **Be a Role Model:** Children often learn by example. Demonstrate punctuality and good time management yourself so that your child sees the importance of arriving on time.



Your support and guidance as a parent are essential in allowing the day in our classrooms to begin on time, with no distractions to students ready to learn. **We would also ask that you try to make appointments outside of school time.**

Orange Shirt Day – September 27th Orange Shirt Day will take place on Friday, September 27th. We encourage all students to wear an Orange Shirt. Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day that honours the children who survived Indian Residential Schools and remembers those who did not. This day relates to the experience of Phyllis Webstad, a Northern Secwepemc (Shuswap) from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation, on her first day of school, where she arrived dressed in a new orange shirt, which was taken from her. It is now a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations. Canadians are invited to wear an orange shirt to acknowledge the painful legacy of residential schools and the harm that Canada's residential school system continues to have on generations of Indigenous families and their communities. ([Government of Canada](#))



At Westcot, CH'TLAAM, many of our students will have their own Westcot Orange Shirt designed to reflect our commitment to recognize that Every Child Matters in our school community. We will continue to develop and culture that understanding this week with all of our students. Our Welcome Garden and plaque at the front of our school details the work done by our community on June 1st, 2020 calling to mind the precious lives of children tragically lost. We commit to ongoing stewardship by the Westcot community.



SCHOOL PROGRAM
FENCING

WESTBAY MONDAYS
October 21, 28
November 4, 11, 25
December 2, 9, 16
Grade 2-7 @ 7:45-8:35AM

CEDARDALE WEDNESDAYS
October 9, 16, 30
November 6, 13, 20, 27
December 4
Grade 2-7 @ 7:45-8:35AM

CHARTWELL THURSDAYS
October 10, 17, 31
November 6, 13, 20, 27
December 5
Grade 2-7 @ 7:45-8:35AM

WESTCOT FRIDAYS
October 11, 18
November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
December 6
Grade 2-7 @ 7:45-8:35AM

COST: \$189 per child (all fencing equipment provided).
FREE brand new fencing mask and glove for first time students (value of \$145).
If you wish to purchase a full set of equipment, please contact the club or visit our pro shop.

New Students - Scan the QR code to register
1. Create Account
2. Drop in at 238 Fell Ave, North Vancouver to make a payment and
3. Pick up fencing masks and glove (new students only)

Returning Students - Contact us directly
1. Call 604.990.8889 to make a payment and
2. Please bring your equipment from the previous term to classes.

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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.**

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

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.**

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 your 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

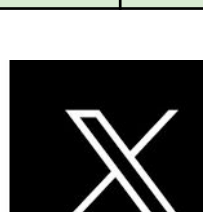
Feeding Futures As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare [Feeding Futures initiative](#), the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and 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.

Memorial Library News The WVML September/October e-newsletter for kids, families and educators is here! We have lots to offer after school, weekends and on School's Out days (including around the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – we're open September 30!) As usual, storytimes are all still drop-in (and we currently have French storytime running on Saturdays!)



[West Van Schools Update September + October 2024 \(patronpoint.com\)](#)

September	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/



