

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.

Parent Teacher Intake Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, October 2nd and Thursday, October 3rd **Early dismissal will be at 11:30 pm for our Kindergarten – Grade 7 students.** Thank you for signing up with your classroom teachers for your virtual or in person appointments.

World Teachers Day Friday October 4th is World Teachers' Day, an opportunity celebrate the profession and a chance to acknowledge the influence teachers have in the lives of their students. Thank you to our incredible staff at Westcot. You are valued. You are appreciated. Today and each day we are grateful for your work. **Thank you in advance to our Westcot Parent Advisory Committee who will bring in lunch for our staff on Friday.**



Foundational Skills Assessment Foundational Skills Assessments (FSAs) are for Grade 4 and 7 students. From October 2 to November 8 students across the province in Grades 4 and 7 will be completing the FSA in their respective schools. This set of assessments measures how well students are progressing in the areas of literacy (understanding and communicating with language) and numeracy (understanding and working with numbers). The FSA provides the Ministry of Education, school districts and schools with information for continuous academic growth and insight into student achievement. These assessments are similar to activities students do on a daily basis in the classroom. The link to practice materials and more information for families can be found [HERE](#). If you have any questions or concerns about the FSAs, please contact Mrs. Ratz



Our WPAC Westcot Parent Advisory Committee depends on the kindness of many volunteers to run the various events and programs offered to enhance learning and opportunities. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to share a Welcome Back Courtyard Cafe on Opening Day, make our Hot Lunch Program roll out so smoothly, coordinate Sweatshirt, Band and Choir orders, inventory our Emergency Preparedness sheds, organize Created by Kids (stay tuned), prepared the WPAC budget reports, attended our first WPAC meeting and arranged a staff lunch for World Teachers Day. WPAC will be putting out calls for volunteers as the need arises. There are big jobs and small jobs; ongoing or one-time; day and evening. There is no obligation to add your name to the Volunteer Form. This list will be used as events and opportunities arise. Would you like to get involved in some of the exciting events at Westcot? We'd love to have you. Please sign up [HERE](#).



<p>WESTBAY MONDAYS October 21, 28 November 4, 18, 25 December 2, 9, 16 Grade 2-7 @ 7:45-8:35AM</p>	<p>CEDARDALE WEDNESDAYS October 9, 16, 30 November 6, 13, 20, 27 December 4 Grade 2-7 @ 7:45-8:35AM</p>	<p>CHARTWELL THURSDAYS October 10, 17, 31 November 6, 13, 20, 27 December 5 Grade 2-7 @ 7:45-8:35AM</p>	<p>WESTCOT FRIDAYS October 11, 18 November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 December 6 Grade 2-7 @ 7:45-8:35AM</p>
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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 msk 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.



Fun Lunch Fun Lunch ordering at Westcot is 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/ 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!

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 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!)

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

September	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)
November	4-7	Scholastic Book Fair
	8	Remembrance Day Assembly 11:00 am



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



