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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.



**Summer Reading Club** Congratulations Westcot! We are the winners of the large school trophy for summer reading! We had 209 students participate in the club and 78 who claimed their summer reading medal! We're so proud of our reading community and especially of the students who met their 50 day goal! We were trailing in third place over the summer but the students who met their targets helped bring us to victory. Well done!

**Scholastic Book Fair** Westcot's Scholastic Book Fair is coming in about 10 days time. This is always an exciting time in our school. Students will have a chance to shop for books during their class library time, November 5-8th. We'll also have a family event on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:40 - 4:00 so mark your calendars for that.

Why support the book fair? Students are excited about purchasing new books and that provides a lovely incentive to read. Money raised from the fair goes back into our library program through a generous profit sharing with Scholastic. We hope you'll come out and support our fair.



**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 were distributed in classes today. There are still some sweatshirts available. Once payment and orders are confirmed we can deliver immediately.

**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](#).



Let us know you are coming by using the QR Code

## COME TO WEST VAN FC'S OPEN HOUSE

West Vancouver Elementary Students, Parents and Educators are Welcome!

FRIDAY, OCT. 25 | 3:45-4:45 PM  
AMBLESIDE PARK-SOCCER FIELD D  
(RAIN OR SHINE)



Students will be invited to play in some fun warm-up games and mini World Cup with WVFC Staff coaches.

[Space is limited. REGISTER HERE.](#)

**AI IN EDUCATION: EMPOWERING THE FUTURE**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING WITH DR. ALEC COUROS

This special event will provide parents with a behind-the-scenes look at how West Vancouver Schools uses artificial intelligence to enhance student learning and support teachers in their classrooms. We are thrilled to welcome world-renowned expert in generative AI Dr. Alec Couros alongside Superintendent Chris Kennedy, who will both share insights into the rapidly evolving AI landscape and discuss its implications for education. Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn and get inspired about the possibilities AI brings to our schools!

[register here](#)

WHEN: OCTOBER 24TH  
TIME: 7PM-8:30PM  
LOCATION: AT ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY

SPACE IS LIMITED, PARENTS ARE ASKED TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE AND MAY ALSO SUBMIT A QUESTION OR TOPIC THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE COVERED

**Diwali: Festival of Lights - November 1, 2024.** This year our students at Westcot will have the opportunity to learn more about India's biggest holiday of the year. Diwali, or Dipawali, is [India's](#) biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row (*avali*) of clay lamps (*deepa*) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness. Over the centuries, Diwali has become a national festival that's also enjoyed by non-Hindu communities. For instance, in Jainism, Diwali marks the nirvana, or spiritual awakening, of Lord Mahavira on October 15, 527 B.C.; in Sikhism, it honors the day that Guru Hargobind Ji, the Sixth Sikh Guru, was freed from imprisonment. Buddhists in India celebrate Diwali as well. If you would like to help organize a display of information in the library for our students or have ideas about how we can share Diwali with our Westcot Community please reach out to Karen Parhar [karenparhar@hotmail.com](mailto:karenparhar@hotmail.com) (Rianna and Hannah's Mom)



**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](mailto: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

**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](mailto: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.

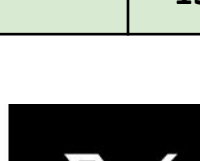
**West Vancouver Schools Admissions** 2025/2026 admissions opened on Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am for all Kindergarten students and all Grade 1-12 In-catchment students. Admissions for Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students opens on at 8:00 am on Wednesday, <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/admissions/> Please carefully read the information regarding new documentation procedures before starting the application process.

## Community Connections

We are changing how we share community news and events. Starting now, individual "Community Connections" will no longer be included in our school bulletins. Instead, all local programs, events, and resources will be found in one convenient location, accessible through a [single link](#) that our District will update and share each week.

All school-specific information will continue to be featured in our regular ebulletin.

October	25	Provincial Professional Development Day (No school for students)
November	1	Pyjama Day
	4-7	Scholastic Book Fair
	8	Remembrance Day Assembly 11:00 am
	11	Remembrance Day Holiday (Schools Closed)
	12	Professional Development Day (No school for students)
	20	WPAC Meeting 9:30 am VIRTUAL
December	6	Communicating Student Learning Term 1 Report Cards
	16	Grade 6 Immunizations
	20	Last Day Before Winter Holiday Early Dismissal 12:00 pm
January	6	School Reopens
	15	WPAC Meeting 9:30 am VIRTUAL



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Westcot Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/westcot\\_elementary/](https://www.instagram.com/westcot_elementary/)



