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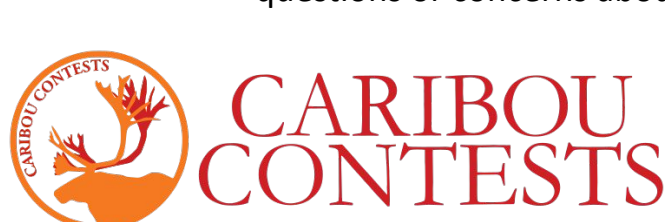


Daily Health Check It is important that parents **continue** to do a thorough **DAILY HEALTH CHECK**. At school we have always followed the same procedures regarding student illnesses - when children are sick and not well enough to be at school and participate **fully in all aspects of the day**, for 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.

World Teachers Day Friday October 4th is World Teachers' Day, an opportunity to 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



Caribou Math Updates Congratulations Westcot! We have a record number of students Kindergarten - Grade 7 who wish to participate in Caribou Math Contests this year. By now all students will have an access code and are able to visit the site and access previous tests in preparation for our First test on October 16th. Practise tests can be accessed [HERE](#). Written and visual solutions are also available. Before test day all students are advised to login and explore the site. On test days, contests will be completed at home with the test opening at 7:30 am. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Ratz. cratz@wvschools.ca

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](#).



Lights Up Musical Theatre Sing Dance Act Shine! Sing Dance Act Shine! At Lights Up Afterschool, your child can experience the joys and benefits of musical theatre by taking part in our afterschool programs led by our talented and experienced Lights Up Musical Theatre Schools staff. These classes are a unique introduction to our weekend musical theatre programs and provide students with an enriching, rewarding, and most of all, fun afterschool activity right at the bell!

FALL SHOW! SCOOBY DOO!

Scoby Doo, Where are You?! This Fall, we will be putting on a musical specially written for our afterschool students based on the "Scoby Doo" cartoons and series. Join the Mystery Inc. Gang and solve the mystery of the spooky theme park with us!

Students are supervised from the bell. No need to pick up your child until 5pm! Performance for parents on the last day of classes!



After School Thursdays **Oct 10 -Dec 5 (9 SESSIONS)**
2:45-5PM (K-4 students supervised from 2.30pm)
GRADES: K to 7
Fee: \$365* (*plus GST)



<https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/westcot/>

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 to 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

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.**

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.

Kindergarten and In-Catchment Gr 1-7 Registration For 2025-26 School Year Opens October 15th If you, or anyone you know, has a child born in 2020, please note that registration for kindergarten 2025/26 opens at 8:00am, Tuesday October 15th. Registration also opens at this time for any in-catchment families with children going into Grades 1-7. The online registration application can be found [HERE](#) after 8:00 am on October 15th. Please note out of catchment Grade 1-7 registrations and out of district applications for secondary schools are not accepted until January 2025.



Kindergarten Information Session
K registration for the 2026 year opens on Monday, October 13th, 2024.
WELCOME TO YOUR FUTURE
Opportunity awaits! Parents & Guardians of children entering Kindergarten in September 2025 (children born in 2020) are invited to join us for our K Info session.
Please join us for an evening with our school district staff to learn about the Kindergarten registration process and the offerings we have in West Vancouver Schools.
This event is for parents and guardians only, please note that **child care will not be available.**
PLEASE REGISTER HERE
Date: Thursday, October 3rd, 2024 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Location: Kay Meek Studio Theatre, 1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver

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

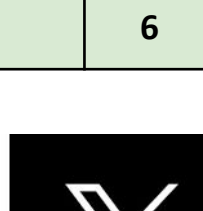
Memorial Library News The WVML September/October e-newsletter for kids, families and educators is here! We have lots to offer after school, weekends and on School's Out days (including around the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – we're open September 30!) As usual, storytimes are all still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

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October	2	Parent Teacher Interviews 11:30 Dismissal
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	14	Thanksgiving Day Holiday (Schools Closed)
	16	WPAC Meeting 9:30 am VIRTUAL
	17	Earthquake Drill Shake Out BC
	24	Photo Retake Day
	25	Provincial Professional Development Day (No school for students)
November	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



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