

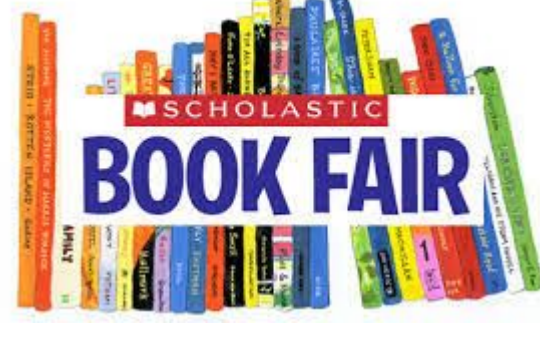
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**Daily Health Check** It is important that parents **continue** to do a thorough **DAILY HEALTH CHECK**. At school we have always followed the same procedures regarding student illnesses - when children are sick and not well enough to be at school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

**Scholastic Book Fair** Westcot's Scholastic Book Fair begins next week! This is always an exciting time in our school. Students will have a chance to shop for books during their class library time, November 5-8<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Remembrance Day Assembly at Westcot: Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

Westcot pays tribute to those Canadian men and women who served and lost their lives in wars and peace keeping missions. Students, staff and guests will participate in a thoughtful, reflective assembly led by Grade 7 assembly leaders Alisa, Amirali, Golsa and Qien our Westcot choir under the direction of Ms. Fulton and our Westcot band under the direction of Mr. Mee. Our ceremony at Westcot on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> will feature the Grade 6 presentations of Flanders Field, our Grades K - 2 students singing Light a Candle for Peace recognition of Women in the Canadian military and the Last Post, A Moment of Silence and Reveille by Mr. Mee and Parker. All students will receive a poppy courtesy of the the Legion to wear during the assembly. **Donations are welcome** and will be passed along to the Legion with our gratitude. Families are welcome to join us in the gym for this ceremony. **Thank you to the Arnold for who will represent Westcot School by laying a wreath during the Remembrance Day services at the West Vancouver Cenotaph November 11<sup>th</sup>.**



**CSL Reports/Family Portal (GR K-7)** In December, First Term Communicating Student Learning Reports will be posted on the Family Portal. **NO COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING DOCUMENTS WILL BE SENT HOME IN PAPER FORM.** (please be sure to print a copy for your records.) Our hope is to ensure that you are ready to access these documents by setting up your MyEd BC Family Portal now. To date an email with information about how to set up your Family Portal account was sent out to new families from [systemadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca](mailto:systemadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca). Further information about the Family Portal and your My Education BC Password was sent to new families earlier this month from Westcot school. The district has provided a great deal of useful information and has answered frequently asked questions about the Family Portal at this link: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/family-portal>

**Troubleshooting Tips:**

1. The portal will not work with a cell phone or tablet. You will need to use a PC or laptop.
2. The portal works best if you are using Google Chrome.
3. Don't copy and paste your username and password. You will need to type it in.
4. Enable pop ups.
5. [Video](#) instructions (4 min)
6. Families who have an existing Family Portal -When you log in it will say "Your password has expired. Please create a new password". Hit OK and follow the instructions on how to create a new password.
7. Click "I forgot my password" if you cannot remember your password – a reset link will be sent to your email as with other secure sites.

Please contact Ms. Satchell at [rsatchell@wvschools.ca](mailto:rsatchell@wvschools.ca) if you need further assistance.



**Created by Kids** This week our students are bringing home their completed art work for our WPAC **Created by Kids** fundraising opportunity. Created by Kids will take the artwork created by our students in class and provide families with an opportunity to order a choice of products where our student creations are featured. The order form is on the back of the page. Orders are submitted online. **Families who have ordered online are asked to return the original art to school.** All orders must be back in the office by Friday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

**\*\* It is very important that original artwork is not folded.**

**Westcot's Framework for Enhancing Student Learning 2024-27** The BC Ministry of Education requires each school in our province to have a multi-year school plan (FESL) that outlines a goal focused upon improving student learning. The framework is to be evidence-informed and outline a clear action plan to improve student learning. At Westcot, we are engaged in a cycle of learning that is proving to be highly successful for our students. Westcot staff is currently focusing on how staff and families can improve student learning and student achievement in all aspects of literacy. We have begun by focusing on and sharing all the resources and strategies currently in place in our District, in each of our classrooms, our ELL programs and our Learning Support programs. Building on the success of our three year focus on Reading we will now turn our attention to all aspects of Writing. Staff and students are excited to share this work within our Learning Community. To learn more about the Ministry of Education's Writing expectations you can find more information [HERE](#). Please stay tuned for more information and for ways you can be involved. Any questions or suggestions please contact Mrs. Ratz [cratz@wvschools.ca](mailto:cratz@wvschools.ca)



## CARIBOU CONTESTS

**Caribou Math Club - Our Next Contest** Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am (From Home)

- **Please note amended November Contest Date! More time to practice!**

It is that time again, our Caribou Math Club members in GradeK - 7 will have the opportunity to write the upcoming test from home before school begins. We had a record number of students participate in the October Test. If you haven't checked your results you can do so [HERE](#). All Caribou Math Club Members have their access code and time to work on [previous tests](#), and view written solutions or video solutions. Students can practice on the Caribou Math Games page to learn more about possible Game Challenges for upcoming tests.

**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 our Westcot!

**Bringing Your Own Cutlery** Please make sure your child is bringing their own cutlery. We also want to remind you that the "pack-it-in/pack-it-out" policy is in effect which means that students are expected to pack out their lunch waste, such as leftover food and lunch containers. Students must bring their own food and drink at the start of the school day; this includes snacks, lunch, and water bottles. There will be no sharing of food or drink and there will be no mid-day drop offs and deliveries of food items (or any other items). **We are a Nut Aware school. Please do not send nut based foods in students snacks or lunches.**

### 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.

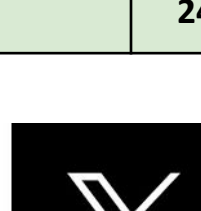
**West Vancouver Schools Admissions** 2025/2026 admissions opened on Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am for all Kindergarten students and all Grade 1 –12 In-catchment students. Admissions for Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students opens on at 8:00 am on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. For more information about admissions dates, guidelines and information, please visit <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.

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
	24	Lunar New Year Celebrations (Gym)



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