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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.

**Good Luck to our Westcot Volleyball Teams. Final league games are next week. Go Tigers!**

**WESTCOT Pink Shirts** We are excited to offer the opportunity for everyone to order new shirts for Pink Shirt Day 2025 designed by our very own Grade 7 students! This will be a pre-order opportunity with limited inventory available after the pre-order window has closed. **Fundraising is now open on Munchalunch and the deadline for pre-orders is Friday, December 13, 2024.** Click [HERE](#) login and Go to Fundraising Open to order and make your payment. The money raised will go to the WPAC and support upcoming key improvements to Westcot including upgrading the kindergarten playground and new class set of iPads.



**DISTRICT WEATHER CLOSURES AND PROCEDURES** As winter approaches, the likelihood of school disruptions due to snowfall or power outages increases. As such, I would like to provide you with some important information about the district's weather closure of schools procedures and announcements process.

The district aims to keep schools open on every regular instructional day, including those with snowfall. However, the final decision to send students to school resides with the parent or guardian since they are most familiar with the specific road and weather conditions around their home and community.

**Weather Closure of Schools (Outside School Hours)**

Any decision to close schools for the safety of children will be made by the Superintendent. Parents, students, and staff will be informed of the Superintendent's decision via the school district website at [www.westvancouver.schools.ca](http://www.westvancouver.schools.ca) and a School Messenger email

We endeavour to communicate this information to parents and staff by 6:00 a.m. on the day of closure.

**Weather Closure of Schools (During School Hours)**

If weather conditions create a concern for the safety of students returning home, the school principal can decide to dismiss school early after consulting with the Superintendent.

The decision will be communicated to parents and students using the school's normal communication systems.

Student safety is our first priority. Every effort will be made to keep schools open, but parents are encouraged to establish a plan for their children in the event of early dismissal or school closure.

As always, please refer to [this section of our website](#) for the latest information.

School closures may also appear on several local news sources including:

News 1130 <http://www.news1130.com/>

CKNW 98 <http://www.cknw.com/news/>

Global TV <http://globalnews.ca/live/bc/>

CBC <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia>



**For parents/guardians who would like to be notified of a school emergency such as power outages, severe weather or safety alerts via SMS, please text a "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 to ensure you are on the list.**

**Westcot Parent Advisory Council (WPAC) Virtual Meeting Wednesday, November 20, at 9:30 a.m.**

Please join us virtually to join in discussion and to learn more about:

- The Success of our Scholastic Book Fair
- Created by Kids Success
- **On the Radio** K-7 Performance at the Kay Meek March 6<sup>th</sup>
- Facilities Updates at Westcot
- IT Updates at Westcot
- Staffing Update
- Hot Lunch at Westcot
- Principal's Report on Learning at Westcot



**Microsoft Teams**

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## 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.

**ELMACON Math Competition 2025 Preparation Sessions and Competition** We've already started preparing for ELMACON 2025! The competition is tentatively scheduled for the first weekend in **May, 2025**, and registration will open in **February, 2025**. Before that, we will be running three [preparation sessions](#) so students can get a taste of ELMACON. There are also past tests available on the site to get a sense of the event. The first preparation session will take place on **December 14<sup>th</sup>** at UBC. If you are interested, please read for more details and registration instructions. [HERE](#)

**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!

**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.

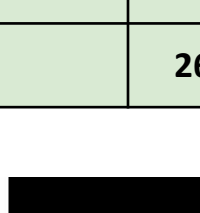
**West Vancouver Schools Admissions** 2025/2026 admissions opened on Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am for all Kindergarten students and all Grade 1 –12 In-catchment students. Admissions for Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students opens on at 8:00 am on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>,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

All local programs, events, and resources can be found in one convenient location, accessible through this [single link](#) that our District will update each week.

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

November	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)
	27	Professional Development Day (No school for students)
February	14	Family Day (Schools Closed)
	17	Reading Break (Schools Closed)
	19	WPAC Meeting 9:30 am VIRTUAL
	26	Pink Shirt Day



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