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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.

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Westcot Annual Christmas Sing a Long: Mr. Mee and Ms. Kwan's Grade 4 class will lead us in all of the Seasonal Favourites **December 20th** at 11:00 AM in our Gym. Throw in a Pyjama Day and Early Dismissal and we have a perfect way to kick off the holidays! Dismissal will be at 12:00 PM for all students following our Sing a Long.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our school community a joyful and healthy new year. We wish to take time to thank all the school community who made so many contributions to Westcot this year. To our students, thank you for your hard work, your creativity and the joy you bring to learning. Our WPAC has been very busy over the term with Created by Kids, Hot Lunch, Teacher Appreciation Lunch and Holiday Treats, Music Tshirts and Westcot Wednesday Sweatshirts and Westcot Pink Shirts, Emergency Preparedness, 30 new Ipads and the generous support of so many wonderful activities within each of our classrooms. Thank you for helping us to build and maintain a strong sense of community through active and meaningful involvement. We are looking forward to an exciting second term. **School reopens Monday, January 6th.**



Lost & Found All items currently in the lost and found bin have been folded and displayed along the primary hallway. (Thank you Ms. Fairfield) Classes will all have a walk through to rediscover their lost items. Please stop by and check it out as well!

West Vancouver Schools Personal Digital Device Expectations

As we reflect on the first four months of the school year, we're proud to recognize the progress we've made together in implementing our Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations. Thanks to the collective efforts of our students, families, and staff, we've seen a significant improvement in how digital devices are used in our schools. This has fostered more focused and engaged learning environments, aligning with our shared goal of supporting student success.

This success would not have been possible without everyone's ongoing support and commitment. While we celebrate these strides, it's important that we remain consistent in maintaining these expectations and continue to remind and support students to ensure this positive momentum is sustained.

Why We're Doing This

The purpose of these expectations is to minimize distractions and maximize learning opportunities. Digital devices, when used appropriately, are powerful tools for collaboration, creativity, and communication. However, ensuring they don't interrupt instructional time or disrupt the learning environment remains a priority.

What You Can Continue to Do

Here are some ways families can help reinforce these expectations at home:

- Celebrate Progress** - Acknowledge your child's efforts in adhering to the guidelines and discuss how this has positively impacted their focus and learning.
- Reinforce Healthy Habits** - Continue encouraging a balanced approach to device use at home by promoting activities like reading, outdoor play, and family time.
- Model Consistency** - Show your support by modeling mindful device use when on the school grounds or in the school building AND during shared family time.
- Support School Communication** - Please avoid contacting your child during instructional time, this includes communication through phones and smartwatches. Remind them that non-urgent messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.
- Stay Engaged** - Revisit the Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices to refresh your understanding of the expectations and discuss them with your child.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support in making this initiative a success

LIGHTS UP MUSICAL THEATRE WINTER SHOW! INSIDE OUT! This Winter, we will be putting on a musical created specifically for our afterschool students! Inspired by the movies of the same name, students will sing, dance, and act their hearts out as they join Riley on a journey through her emotions! After School Thursdays **JAN 16 - MAR 13 2:45PM - 5PM (K-4 students supervised from 2:40pm) 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 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

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.

West Vancouver Schools Admissions West Vancouver Schools Registration Opens January 15th, 2025 K-12 registration for both in-district and out-of-district students opens on January 15! If you have students in your family or network who are looking to join our district, please help spread the word about this important date.

West Vancouver Schools offer a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community that values excellence in education. Our schools take pride in creating meaningful learning experiences and providing opportunities that support the growth, well-being, and success of every student.

To learn more about registration expectations and processes, please visit our admissions page: [West Vancouver Schools Admissions](#)

We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our vibrant and supportive school community!

Grade 8 Information Nights

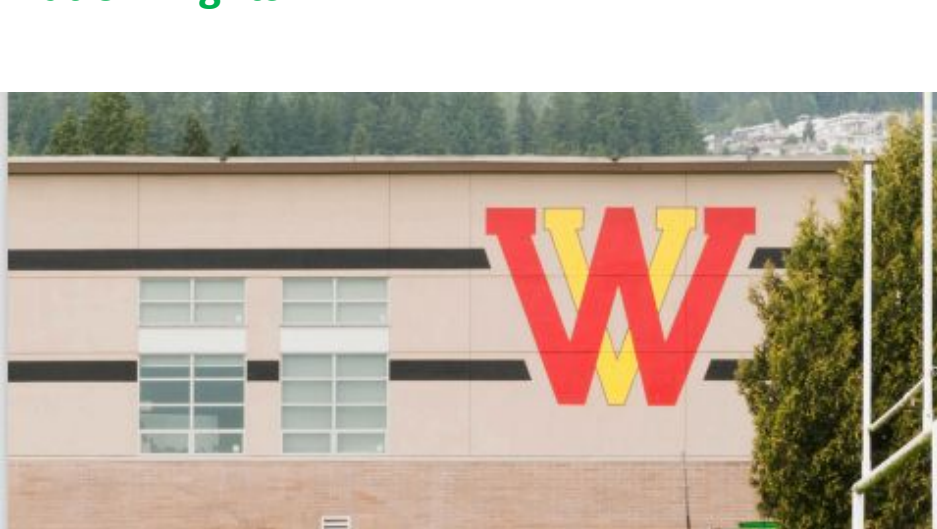


SAVE THE DATE!

FOR OUR ANNUAL
INFORMATION NIGHT FOR INCOMING GRADE 8 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



Date: Tuesday, January 7th, 2025
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Where: Sentinel Secondary
1250 Chartwell Drive, West Vancouver



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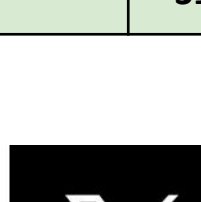
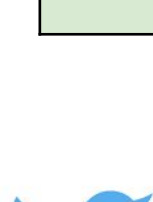
Date: Wednesday, January 8th, 2025
Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm
Where: Kay Meek Theatre
1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver

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.

December	20	Last Day Before Winter Holiday Sing a Long 11:00 am 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
March	6	SAVE THE DATE K - 7 Westcot Presents On the Radio at the Kay Meek Theatre
	14	Norooz Celebrations Last Day Before Spring Break Learning Updates Published
	31	School Reopens



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