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Dear Westcot Families,

I wanted to share some personal news with you today. At the end of the 2024–2025 school year, I will be retiring from my role as Principal of Westcot Elementary.

This school has been such a meaningful part of my life and career. It has been my privilege to serve this vibrant, caring, and engaged community. Together with our incredible students, dedicated staff, and supportive families we have built a school where creativity, curiosity, and a love of learning truly thrive.

I am so proud of all we have accomplished and continue to do together. I am especially grateful for the support and encouragement I've received from the Westcot Community and the West Vancouver School District throughout my time here.

While it's never easy to say goodbye, I look forward to this next chapter with a heart full of gratitude and so many wonderful memories. I know Westcot will continue to flourish, and I remain committed to ensuring a smooth and thoughtful transition in the months ahead.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your children's journeys. It has truly been an honour.

With appreciation,
Cathie

Elementary Band 2025/25 This is an opportunity you don't want to miss....

The online band registration form is now live and ready to accept our students wishing to be a part of Westcot's 2025 - 2025 Grade 6 and Grade 7 Bands under the direction of Mr. Mee. Westcot students currently in Grades Five and Six are welcome to register for next year's elementary band [here](#). **Register before June 1st and there is a cost saving.** The elementary band program is designed to develop musical instrument skills and complements the BC Ministry of Education's Music curriculum. Westcot band aims for all students to enjoy music and have fun playing their instrument in a happy and supportive environment.



Lights Up Musical Theatre

SPRING SHOW: MAGIC SCHOOL BUS!

Seat belts, everyone! This Spring, we will be putting on a musical performance of "Magic School Bus", created for our afterschool students! Inspired by the series of the same name, students will sing, dance, and act on a field trip through space with everyone's favourite teacher, Ms. Frizzle! Performance on the last day of classes for friends and family!



After School Thursdays
APR 10 - JUNE 5
2:45PM - 5PM
Fee: \$365 (*plus GST)

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



Personal Digital Device Expectations As we begin a new term, we'd like to remind students and families of our Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations, which have been key to fostering focused and engaging learning environments. **Students are expected to use personal digital devices only with the explicit permission of a teacher or administrator, ensuring their use is intentional and supports learning.**

Families can continue to support this by:

- Encouraging balanced screen time at home.
- Avoiding calls or texts to students during school hours.
- Modeling mindful device use when on school property and at home.

Let's keep building on the success of this initiative and continue supporting safe, focused learning for all!

BC GRANTS If your child is between their 6th birthday and the day before they turn 9, they may be eligible for a \$1 200 grant from the BC Ministry of Education and Child Care. Details are [here](#).



Caribou Math Club Update Our next and second to last contest will be taking place Wednesday April 9th, 2025 from home with a 7:30 am start time. The next interactive question will be [Unknotting](#) for grades K to 7 which students can practice now on the games page. In case you have access to previous contests, this game came up before in the [April 2021 contests](#). There are links to video clips in the solutions of those questions. In the coming contests only R1, R2 and P- moves are needed, no R3 moves. It will be a good plan to become familiar with the interface to save time in the contest.

Math Lovers ELMACON 2024 will take place at UBC (in person) on **Saturday May 4th, 2024**. [Registration for the competition is now open](#). The format of the competition will be the same as in previous years, with two written rounds in the morning (Sprint and Target) followed by the exciting head-to-head Countdown round in the afternoon. For more details check the [rules, format](#) and [schedule](#) as well as the past catalog of [practice questions](#) on the ELMACON website. Registration for the competition costs \$30 and will be open until **April 18th**.

Preparation Sessions As always, UBC Elmacon is running preparation sessions to help you keep math skills sharp to be ready for the competition. The first two preparation sessions took place in December and February, the materials used for those sessions are available on the [ELMACON website](#). The final preparation session will take place on Saturday April 12th. The sessions are free, and each session covers different material. To register for the preparation sessions, please complete the [preparation session registration form](#).

Student Video Contest The 2025 Student Video Contest is now open for students at westvancouver.ca/studentvideos. This year's theme is **Reduce and Reuse**, and it challenges students to create short videos about the benefits of reducing waste and reusing items at home, at school, and in the community.

The contest closes on **Monday, April 14, 2025**. Good Luck Westcot! We have had winners from Westcot in the past and would love to see another Westcot winning video.

Returning to Westcot for the 2025 – 2026 School Year? As we are currently accepting new registrations for the 2025-25 school year, we are trying to predict as closely as possible whether or not we have room for those new students interested in joining our school. We understand that job transfers happen and relocations can occur without much notice however, please indicate to the best of your knowledge whether your child will not be returning to us in September (and we certainly hope he/she will be!). This will greatly assist us in knowing how many spaces are available. If you know you will not be returning to Westcot please let Ms. Satchell know in writing as soon as possible. rsatchell@wvschools.ca **Please note that if you are planning to return to Westcot, students are expected to be present (at school) by September 4, 2025 to guarantee their spot for the 2025 - 2026.**

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

2025 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools Are you interested in learning during the summer? West Vancouver Schools will be offering a robust Summer Learning Program for both elementary and secondary students during July 2025.

Online registration for both the elementary and secondary Summer Learning programs opens on Monday, April 7 at 8:00 AM.

More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or on the [Summer Learning Website](#).

West Vancouver Basketball Club Spring Program The WVBC Spring Basketball Program begins after Spring Break and there are still some spaces available. This spring, the WVBC will be offering sessions for players in Grades 2-9. All sessions will be held at West Van Secondary. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to <http://www.wvbc.ca>

Registration is Open for the following West Vancouver Schools Academy Programs:

Basketball: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/basketball/>

Field Hockey: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/field-hockey/>

Soccer: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/soccer/>

Tennis: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/tennis/>

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.

April	16	WPAC Meeting 9:30 (Virtual)
	18	Good Friday (Schools Closed)
	21	Easter Monday (Schools Closed)
May	1	Student Led Conferences (8:50 am - 10:20 am)
	8	Welcome to Kindergarten 3:05 pm
	15	Sports Day (Early Dismissal 12:00)
	16	Professional Development Day (Students not in Session)
	21	WPAC Meeting 9:30 (Virtual)
	22	Westcot WPAC presents Spring Fling
	28	District Field Events (Grade 6/7) 3:30 pm
	29	District Field Events (Grade 4/5) 3:30 pm
June	5	District Track Meet
	16	Immunizations



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