



Westcot Elementary School

PAC MEETING

16 APRIL 2025 / 9:30 AM

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you

- Rocks and Rings Curling took place in March
- Primary Playground - Outdoor Learning. New sand is in
- On the Radio at Kay Meek – Lots of work to make a wonderful night. Big thank you!
- Power Outage – Classrooms and bathrooms are very well lit with windows, emergency lanterns were very useful in the hallways

Enrolment and Staffing

- All families must be in attendance **in person** by **September 4th** – please spread the word. Westcot is full and with waitlists. There are many families waiting to take the spots of children not in attendance on September 4th!
- Transitions and Kindergarteners - May 8 Welcome To Kindergarten event at Westcot
- May 28 Grade 7s at WVSS or Sentinel SS

Special Events/Sports

- Emergency Drills - One more earthquake drill to come
- Family Teams – next one will be on Sports Day
- Ultimate- Second games completed
- Gr 4/5 Reading Link Challenge - “Bookworms” to be moving on to the West Vancouver Memorial Library tournament
- Band Night performances with WVSS and Sentinel. Registration for band is now open for next year, there are cost savings if register before June 1st
- Track and Field sign up underway, practices start next week. Track event hoping to be held at West Van Track. Field events will be held at Westcot
- Grade 3 raising salmon– Bob Baker visited to connect to the history of the land and significance to Squamish Nation
- UBC student teachers (7) are currently present for their long practicum
- SING project today at the Kay Meek with 4 student teachers also
- Student Led conferences at Westcot on May 1 at 8:30 – 10:20am for all students
- Grade 2 food drive with the Harvest Project – collecting donations until April 30th

Facilities Updates

- Upgrade to Kindie/Primary Playground - Waiting on Vendor Meeting

BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK – Cory

- PAC has received the \$300 traffic grant. Will purchase grab prizes and classroom pizza party for the class with the most participation

FINANCIAL REPORT - Cory

- Actual figures for Hot Lunch are a bit lower than expected, so we may end up slightly lower than our goal this year
- PAC looking at some new fundraising opportunities for next year
- Invoices for Kindie IPADs, Kay Meek, Rock and Rings are now paid. Three Musketeers performance not paid yet. Treasurer to look into and confirm

HOT LUNCH - Nick

- One question raised was about shortening the ordering window but Nick said not possible because the vendors need that lead up time to organize and prepare.
- Our vendor popularity is as follows: Boston Pizza (more than 90 orders each week), Aburi Market and InnCogneato (about 80-90 orders each time), then Subway (about 30-40 orders each week). Since Subway is not as popular, Nick will look at some other vendor options. Some suggestions were White Spot or having one existing vendor do an additional day.
- If anybody has any vendor suggestions, please let Nick know.

DPAC – Jessie

- Wanted to make sure Westcot is capitalizing on both the Gaming Grant and Traffic Grant

SPRING FLING - Sarah

- This year's Spring Fling is fast approaching on Thursday May 22nd
- Looking for Westcot families to donate to the Silent Auction Event. No donation is too small! Please email westcotspringfling@gmail.com to donate
- Keep eyes out for Principal's weekly newsletter for info about buying wristbands, pre-ordering food, making jolly jars, online silent auction, volunteer opportunities
- NEW THIS YEAR – Pony Rides and Petting Zoo! All included in wristband price.
- Early bird wristbands are \$18. Regular wristbands are \$25. So get them early!

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM MS. RATZ

- After a 30+ year career, she is now retiring. She has loved working with our PAC and the wonderful staff at Westcot.
- She will have one week with the new principal to help with transitions. She is also making information binders for the new principal to refer to. She has asked the 2 PAC chairs to continue on for next year to ensure a smooth transition. She will ask the new principal to join our June PAC meeting for introductions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14am