

Thursday, May 29, 2025.

Westcot Weekly Bulletin

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**Returning to Westcot for the 2025 – 2026 School Year** As you plan your summer holidays please note that school begins on **Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>** for **all** Grade 1 - 7 students. 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](mailto: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.**

**EduPac School Supplies for 2025-2026** By now you will have received an email about purchasing School Supplies through EduPac. You can also find the lists on the school website under "[Publications](#)". Our Westcot passcode is 4509. Ordering deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>.




**Optional Parent Input into Student Placement For 2024/2025 School Year** We always provide a process for parents who feel additional information is necessary for staff as they consider placements for next year. If you choose to complete the form, please remember that **names of teachers are not to be added specifically**. Please follow this [link](#) to our website to find a copy. Once completed, please email the form to [cratz@wvschools.ca](mailto:cratz@wvschools.ca) Deadline for Submission June 14.

**Bike to School Week June 2 - June 6** Calling all Westcot riders... Let's build on our success from the last three years Westcot! How many bikes can we fit in our undercover bike racks? Plan to **Bike** to school for a chance to win some fun prizes! Thank you to our WPAC for supporting active transportation to increase fun and fitness and reduce traffic at drop off and pick up!




**West Vancouver – Help us Become the Most Active Community in Canada!** The ParticipACTION Community Challenge is a national physical activity initiative that encourages Canadians to get active in search of Canada's Most Active Community. In 2021, the community of West Vancouver placed second in Canada. It is our goal to be the **most active** community in Canada. West Vancouver Schools will be participating in this initiative. Individuals can pledge to 'get active' throughout June in support of the community's efforts without having to track any movement minutes. To support West Vancouver in this initiative, we hope you will take the pledge to get active: <https://www.participaction.com/individual-pledge/>. Let's make movement matter!

**West Vancouver Early Childhood Education Centre Update – Opening Early 2026** West Vancouver Schools is pleased to share an update on our upcoming **Early Childhood Education Centre** announced in August 2024. Construction is underway, and the new facility is expected to open in early 2026. Once complete, it will offer high-quality childcare for children ages 0–5, operating at market value rates. We look forward to welcoming families into this purpose-built, modern space designed to support early learning and child care in our community. For more information and to join the waitlist [please click here](#)



## Parent's Guide to Snapchat



### General Information

Snapchat is a social media app where people share photos, videos and messages. It also has a location feature and now has AI built in.

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Snapchat's own policy states that users must be 13 or older. For a person who is younger than 13 to create a Snapchat account, they have LIED about their age.

Unfortunately, students as young as 10 and 11 years have gotten caught up in cyber- bullying and exploitation on Snapchat

### Disappearing Snaps

Messages and images (snaps) get deleted after being viewed (or 24 hours after being sent). But there are ways people can screen shot snaps and continue to share around the world.

### Did You Know?

In Canada, cyberbullying and child pornography can be criminal offenses. If your child participates in either of these, while using Snapchat (or other social media), you, as the parent, can be held liable for what they have done, and be prosecuted by law.

### "Friends"

People you connect with on Snapchat are called "friends" but the app itself will push you to connect with people you do not know. This is not safe.

### Snapchat at School

West Vancouver Schools DOES NOT allow students to access SnapChat while using school wifi.

**Digital Citizenship Dialogue** As part of a new series on digital citizenship, West Vancouver School District will be sharing best practices for parents/caregivers on popular social media platforms.

First up: **Snapchat**.

Check out this important information to learn how to help your child stay safe and informed online.

## If your child is under 13

- They SHOULD NOT be using Snapchat
- As soon as they enter school grounds, their phone should be put away and not brought out again until they leave school grounds
- Consider holding off on getting them a phone as long as possible and if you do get them a phone, make sure you rules and guidelines over its use.

## Did you know?

- Snapchat has gamified many of its features, in order to appeal to younger users. Snapstreaks and snapscore are two ways to keep kids interested in the app.
- Snapchat is used by drug dealers and sexual predators as a way to "friend" and then access young people.
- Snapmap allows people to show others exactly where they are. This can be dangerous.
- The "Discover" section of Snapchat can expose students to inappropriate content.

## If your child has Snapchat

- Make sure they are old enough to be on it - remember, at least 13!!
- Make sure your are one of their "friends" and monitor their account
- Talk to them about their Snapchat use on a regular basis
- Make sure they know how to block and report users and content
- Familiarize yourself with all of the settings and features then talk to your child about safety and your family values and rules
- Remember, YOU are the adult! If your child is not using their phone safely, you can take it away or shut off their data.

**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!



## 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. PEN Numbers can be found on student report cards. Elementary registration closes on May 9. Secondary registration closes on June 13.

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](#).

## 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.

May	29	District Field Events (Grade 4/5) 3:30 pm
June	5	District Track Meet SFU
	16	Immunizations
	18	WPAC AGM 9:30 Virtually
	25	Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony 11:00 am St. David's Last Day for Grade 7
	26	Last day K - 6 Dismissal 12:00 Final Term Learning Updates posted
September	2	Grades 1 - 7 Opening Day 9:00 - 10:00
	3	Kindergarten Opening Day (see gradual Entry information)
	4	All students must be physically back at Westcot to be officially registered for the 2025 - 2026 School Year



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