

Thursday, May 8, 2025.

Westcot Weekly Bulletin

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West Vancouver Professional Development Day and Victoria Day – all West Vancouver schools are closed Friday, May 16th and Monday, May 19th for our district wide Professional Development Day and Victoria Day holiday. Classes resume Tuesday, May 20th.

We are delighted to introduce the Administrative Team for the 2025–2026 school year and to share some exciting updates about leadership at Westcot.

Stina Martinez – Principal

We are thrilled to announce that Ms. Stina Martinez will be assuming the role of Principal at Westcot Elementary. Ms. Martinez brings a wealth of experience, having served as an elementary and intermediate teacher, IB educator, teacher-librarian, and school leader across two school districts. For the past three years, she has been an integral part of our Westcot community as Vice Principal. Her deep commitment to students, families, and staff makes her an exceptional choice to lead our school into the future.

Lindsay Morton – Vice Principal

Joining Ms. Martinez on the administrative team is Ms. Lindsay Morton, who will take on the role of Vice Principal. Ms. Morton comes to us from Ridgeview Elementary, where she currently serves as Vice Principal. She brings with her a strong passion for sport, sustainability, and student engagement. Her diverse background includes teaching experience both internationally in Australia and locally at Hollyburn Elementary. We're excited to welcome her energy, creativity, and dedication to the Westcot community.

We are confident that this team will continue to nurture a supportive, inclusive, and enriching environment for our students and families. Please join us in welcoming and congratulating Ms. Martinez and Ms. Morton!



Westcot Sports Day Thursday May 15th Early Dismissal 12:00 pm Planning is well under way for our Sports Day Activities on May 15th. Our Westcot Family teams have met twice to work on their Cheers and Posters. For parents who wish to come and cheer on the teams please note we will be running a primary and intermediate event simultaneously. Westcot tshirts and green and gold are encouraged - let's show our Westcot spirit! Thank you WPAC for providing Rico 'N Lalo Paletas, all-natural, all-fruit, handcrafted artisan treats for staff and students.

SPRING FLING UPDATE WE NEED YOUR JOLLY JARS What is a "Jolly Jar"? A Jolly Jar is a creatively decorated glass jar filled with a variety of fun items for kids that are sold at our Westcot May 22nd Spring Fling for \$5 each. It can be filled with goodies like; wrapped candy/chocolate, unused small toys, new hair accessories, new stickers/erasers/pencils/pens/crayons – things you might find in a goody bag. Or it can be a theme or an activity like; Lego, arts & crafts, recipe with dry ingredients, art supplies for an instructional craft. They can also include some sort of surprise element, like hiding a special candy or something that is connected to the theme, in the middle of the jar so that you cannot see it from the outside. Please use new items and do not include any nuts. All Jolly Jars will be collected in boxes in your child's classroom during the month of May. **Thank you to all families who have generously donated items for our Silent Auction as well. You can drop these at the office anytime!**



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 31st.



Canadian Cancer Society

COPS FOR CANCER

Westcot Elementary is proud to be supporting West Vancouver Police riders in the 2025 **Cops for Cancer Tour de Coast**! From May 5th to 16th, 2025, Westcot is joining in the West Vancouver Schools Tweekie Drive. You are welcome to drop donations in the Cops for Cancer jar in the school office, or donate directly [HERE](#). Cops for Cancer Tour de Coast is an incredible event where local police agencies and emergency service personnel cycle along the BC Coast to support children and families living with cancer and beyond. The funds raised through this event help the Canadian Cancer Society drive groundbreaking pediatric cancer research and send 600 kids each year to Camp Goodtimes—a local, medically supervised recreation experience for children and teens with cancer and their families. Please make a donation on our behalf. Donations through the Tweekie Drive also help the Tour de Coast prioritize West Vancouver Schools for possible visits during the annual bicycle tour! Every dollar counts, and donating online is not only secure but also helps the Canadian Cancer Society save on administrative costs, allowing more resources to go directly toward these vital programs. One child with cancer is one child too many. To take on cancer, it takes every one of us. It takes a society. Thanks for your support!

Science Rendezvous UBC is proud to host Science Rendezvous, a **free** family festival that takes science out of the lab and on to the street. Join us at UBC's Vancouver campus on Saturday, May 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a day of hands-on, family friendly science activities! Festival-goers of all ages will get a chance to meet world-class researchers and innovators, participate in hands-on experiments, and see amazing scientific demonstrations.

- Chemistry demonstrations and activities
- Liquid nitrogen ice cream shows
- Geering up
- The amazing world of bacteria

Click [HERE](#) to learn more.



Click [HERE](#) to order your wristbands and food.

Sign up to volunteer using this link:

<https://signup.com/go/hBUwKNL>

Help Make Our Spring Fling Silent Auction a Success

Our online Silent Auction is live effective Thursday, May 8! And this is the website for the silent auction: Check it out...

<https://www.32auctions.com/westcotspringfling2025?r=1&t=all>

We're currently collecting donations for our Silent Auction—which will be available for online bidding before the event and beautifully displayed on the big day. This is a fantastic way to support our school community, promote local businesses, and get everyone involved in a fun and meaningful cause.

What can you donate?

We welcome a wide variety of items, including:

- Gift baskets (themed, gourmet, self-care, kids' activities, etc.)
- Gift certificates (restaurants, cafés, salons, retail stores)
- Experiences (spa treatments, golf rounds, wine tastings, escape rooms)
- Tickets (movies, concerts, sports games, local attractions)
- Handmade goods (art, crafts, jewelry, baked goods)
- Services (tutoring, pet sitting, lawn care, photography sessions)
- Unique items (signed memorabilia, vintage items, vacation rentals)



No donation is too small—smaller items can be combined into themed packages. Every contribution makes a difference and brings us closer to our fundraising goal!

If you or someone you know is able to contribute, please reach out by westcotspringfling@gmail.com

Thank you for helping us build a strong, vibrant school community.

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. 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 ebuletin.

May	15	Sports Day (Early Dismissal 12:00)
	16	Professional Development Day (Students not in Session)
	19	Victoria Day (Schools closed)
	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
	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



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