



## Thursday, June 12, 2025.

## **Westcot Weekly Bulletin**

### **School Website**

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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 <u>not</u> be returning to Westcot please let Ms. Satchell know in writing as soon as possible. <a href="mailto:rsatchell@wvschools.ca">rsatchell@wvschools.ca</a> 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.

Returning to Westcot for the 2025 - 2026 School Year As you plan your summer

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 <u>cratz@wvschools.ca</u> **Deadline for Submission June 14.** 

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

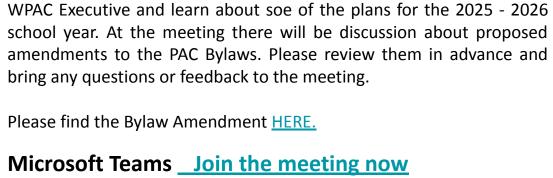
having to track any movement minutes. To support West Vancouver in this initiative, we hope you will take the pledge to get active: <a href="https://www.participaction.com/individual-pledge/">https://www.participaction.com/individual-pledge/</a>. Let's make movement matter! WVBC Basketball and West Van Volley Summer Camps The West Vancouver



School. Students that enrol in a basketball camp and a volleyball camp will receive a 10% discount off both registrations. For further information, please go to <a href="https://www.wvbc.ca">https://www.wvbc.ca</a> and https://www.westvanvolley.ca. 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

Basketball Club and West Van Volley are excited to offer 4 weeks of summer camps beginning on July 14th for students entering grades 2-12. All camps will be held at West Van Secondary

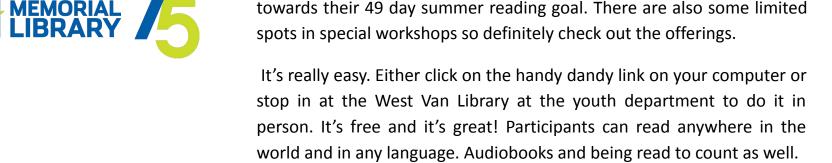
high-quality childcare for children ages 0–5, operating at market value rates. We look forward to welcoming families into this purpose-built, modern space designed to support early learning and child care in our community. For more information and to join the waitlist please click here WPAC AGM Wednesday, June 18, at 9:30 a.m. virtually PAC Annual General Meeting (AGM). Come celebrate the year with our WPAC. Hear more about the success of our Spring Fling, thank our amazing





### **West Vancouver Memorial Library Summer Reading Clubs** Westcot, registration is now on for the West Vancouver Library's

#### Summer Reading Program. While you can sign up in to July, registering sooner than later is preferred because students gain momentum



However, if you sign up with the West Vancouver Memorial Library, Westcot will earn points for the school and that could mean bringing home the trophy once again. (You can still do check ins for stickers at any branch in BC.) We have won this trophy four times in the last six years including last year! When students sign up for the summer reading program, they get:

If you live outside of West Vancouver, you can take part at any library.

throughout the summer A Starter Kit email explaining how the club works, plus graded book recommendations from WVML librarians

Newsletter emails in July and August with the latest Library news for kids and families plus program highlights, book suggestions,

A Reading booklet and bookmark to track reading progress

Plus, registering gets your school closer to winning the SRC trophy!

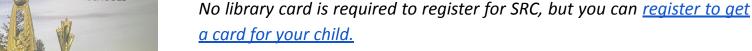
K-5 (grade sixes may do this club or the teen club)

Students entering grades six and seven can sign up for the Teen Summer

**Reading Club** https://westvanlibrary.ca/kids-teens/teen-reading-club/

https://westvanlibrary.ca/kids-teens/summer-reading-club/

https://westvanlibrary.ca/books-media/adult-summer-reading-club/



and more

Adults, in case you're feeling a little cheated, there's one for you too.

over its use.

# **District Events** WEST **VANCOUVER**



General Information

Tiktok is a social media app where users create, share and watch short videos. Users can follow, like, share

Tiktok's own policy states that users

#### • TikTok algorithms are set up to encourage users to keep viewing. This can easily become addictive. • TikTok is famous for its "viral challenges"; some of these promote

If your child is under 13

• As soon as they enter school grounds, their phone should be put away

· Consider holding off on getting them a phone as long as possible and if you do get them a phone, make sure you establish rules and guidelines

Did you know?

• They SHOULD NOT be using TikTok or any other social media app

and not brought out again until they leave school grounds.

- dangerous and harmful behaviour. • TikTok collects significant amounts of data from its users. Do you know where the data goes or who it is being shared with? • Although TikTok sets safety parameters around certain material, children
- This could expose them to inappropriate language and/or sexualized content that they are not ready for.

If your child has TikTok

• Make sure they are old enough to be on it - at least 13.

one can follow them without requesting it

• Ensure you are one of their "friends" and monitor their account.

learn how to access it by lying about their age when creating accounts.

· 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.

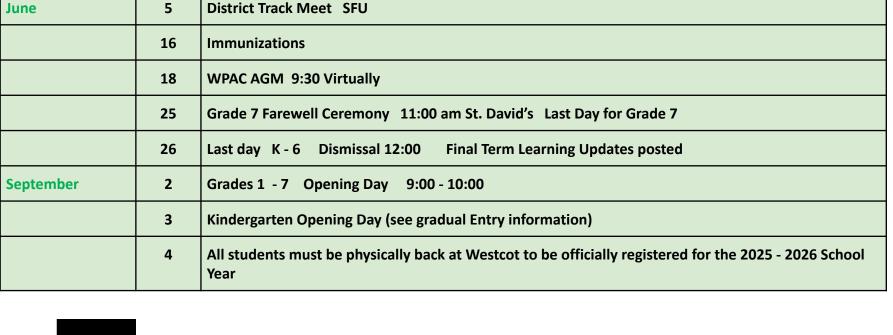
• Remember, YOU are the adult. If your child is not using their phone

• TikTok accounts for users under 16 are automatically set to Private - no

## 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.

safely, you can take it away or shut off their data. **Community Connections** 



All school-specific information will continue to be featured in our regular ebulletin.









Westcot Instagram: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/westcot\_elementary/">https://www.instagram.com/westcot\_elementary/</a>