

Thursday, June 12, 2025.

Westcot Weekly Bulletin

## School Website

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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.**

**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.**

**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!



**WVBC Basketball and West Van Volley Summer Camps** The West Vancouver 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 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 <https://www.wvbc.ca> 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 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 WPAC Executive and learn about soe of the plans for the 2025 - 2026 school year. At the meeting there will be discussion about proposed amendments to the PAC Bylaws. Please review them in advance and bring any questions or feedback to the meeting.



Please find the Bylaw Amendment [HERE](#).

**Microsoft Teams** [Join the meeting now](#)

## 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 towards their 49 day summer reading goal. There are also some limited spots in special workshops so definitely check out the offerings.

It’s really easy. Either click on the handy dandy link on your computer or stop in at the West Van Library at the youth department to do it in person. It’s free and it’s great! Participants can read anywhere in the world and in any language. Audiobooks and being read to count as well.

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

- A Reading booklet and bookmark to track reading progress 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, and more
- Plus, registering gets your school closer to winning the SRC trophy!

No library card is required to register for SRC, but you can [register to get a card for your child](#).

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

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


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

<https://westvanlibrary.ca/kids-teens/teen-reading-club/>


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

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

## District Events



### Parent’s Guide to TikTok



#### General Information

TikTok is a social media app where users create, share and watch short videos. Users can follow, like, share and interact with content.

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

Viral challenges and pressure from “influencers” can cause students to do things they might not otherwise do.

#### Location Feature

TikTok has a location feature built in. Unless it is disabled, followers may be able to locate where your child posted videos from.

#### “Follows”

On TikTok, you “follow” accounts to see their material. If your account is Private, only users you approve can follow and view your content. If your account is Public, anyone can follow or view your content.

#### Did You Know?

Many mental health experts are concerned about the amount of time young people spend on social media. They cite worries around depression, body image, self-esteem, anxiety and sexualization. Keep the lines of communication open between you and your child – let them know they can talk to you about anything.

#### TikTok at School

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

### If your child is under 13

- They SHOULD NOT be using TikTok or any other social media app
- 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 establish rules and guidelines over its use.

### Did you know?

- 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 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 learn how to access it by lying about their age when creating accounts.
- 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.
- Ensure you are one of their “friends” and monitor their account.
- TikTok accounts for users under 16 are automatically set to Private - no one can follow them without requesting it
- 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.

## 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.

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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Westcot Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/westcot\\_elementary/](https://www.instagram.com/westcot_elementary/)

