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Returning to Westcot for the 2025–2026 School Year - Making Summer Plans

As you plan your summer holidays please note that school begins on **Tuesday, September 2nd** for all Grade 1 - 7 students. 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.**

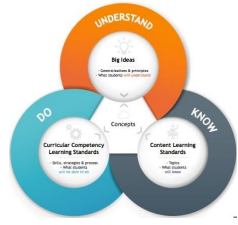
On behalf of the Westcot staff... As the school year comes to a close and summer approaches, we wanted to take a moment to wish you all a safe and happy summer. We want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our students who have shown great determination and joy in their learning. To our parents, thank you for your unwavering commitment to your child's education. Your involvement and support have played a crucial role in their success. As we enter the summer break, we encourage you to take this time to rest, rejuvenate, and create lasting memories.. To our amazing WPAC, thank you! Thank you for Hot Lunch, Created by Kids, Coffee Morning, Spring Fling, Sports Day treats, our RAZ Kids and new iPads, Westcot sweatshirts and Music t-shirts and most of all thank you for the time and care you dedicate to make Westcot an incredible place to learn. While the summer break is a time for relaxation, we also encourage students to continue nurturing their curiosity and pursuing their passions. Engage in reading ([Summer Reading Club](#)), creative projects, and activities that inspire you. We will eagerly await the return of our students in the upcoming school year, ready to embark on new learning adventures together. Until then, enjoy this well-deserved break and make the most of the warm and sunny days ahead. Once again, we wish you all a safe and happy summer filled with laughter, joy, and cherished moments.



Westcot Staffing Updates 2025 - 2026 Farewell We wish **Ms. Katz** , **Ms. Fulton**, **Ms. Brown** and **Ms. O'Connor** our best and thank them for their contributions to our Westcot community as they move on to other assignments within our District. **Ms. Chu** and **Ms. Naya** will be moving on to opportunities beyond our District. **Welcome Back** to **Mr. Plant** who will be re-joining our Westcot team as he returns from Paternity Leave and thank you to **Ms. Jones** and **Ms. Brown** for stepping into the role while he was at home with his son. **Welcome** to **Ms. Fixter**, **Ms. Gottensaeder**, and our new Vice Principal **Ms. Morton**.

Good-Bye As I prepare to step into a new chapter, both in retirement and in a new role at UBC, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to this amazing school community. It has been the greatest privilege of my career to serve as your principal. From arrival and first morning announcements to the final year-end assemblies, this school has been more than a workplace, it's been a second home. And you, the families, have been more than a school community, you've been partners, cheerleaders, problem-solvers, and a source of constant encouragement. I've witnessed countless moments of kindness in our classrooms, creativity in our hallways, and resilience in the face of change, we did after all experience COVID together! What has always stood out about Westcot is the unwavering support, warmth, and commitment from everyone, staff, students, and parents alike. Together, we've built something truly special. It has been a gift to share this journey with you. As I move on, please know that I take with me countless memories, lasting friendships, and deep pride in all that we've accomplished together. I wish Westcot continued success, growth, and joy in the years ahead. I have no doubt that you will continue to thrive, support one another, and make this school a place where every child feels seen, safe, and celebrated. *Cathie Ratz*

Summary of Learning Communicating Student Learning Final Report Cards



On **Thursday, June 26th**, families will receive a *Summary of Learning* document, similar to a report card. Unlike the *Learning Updates* of Terms One and Two, this report is a summary of the progress your child has made this school year and the performance descriptors (Emerging, Developing, Proficient, or Extending) indicate your child's ability after the school year.

Because the summary captures the entire school year, it is focused on the skills, competencies, and Approaches to learning that students developed throughout the year rather than the *knowledge* and *understandings* that are typically developed in the Themes of Inquiry each term. BC's Curriculum has a "Know, Understand, Do" model, and the focus of the Summary of Learning is therefore on the "Do": what can your child do, and how independently can they do it. You can get a sense of what students *know* and *understand* from Term Three through their online portfolio and work they have brought home. Please be sure to print a copy of this document for your records as it will be unavailable after September 15th.

"Unleashing Summer Awesome" Challenge is back this summer! It's a fun and easy way to encourage our students and their families to stay active over the summer break — and there's a friendly school-wide competition too! You may have or will receive an email from your child's teacher with the challenge sheets and a letter outlining the expectations of this challenge.

What's the Challenge?

Students complete fun physical activities over the summer, track their progress, and return their completed challenge sheet in September. The school with the highest participation (based on % of students) wins a **trophy!**

What We're Asking of You:

- ☒ **Print off the challenge card at home. If this is not possible, you can request a printed copy from your child's teacher**
- ☒ **Students to bring back their forms in September**
Every student who returns a form (stamped or not) will get a **small prize!**
- ☒ **Community centre stamps**

We've partnered with both the **West Vancouver** and **Bowen Island** community centres. Families can visit either location to get a stamp at the bottom of each sheet for each month where you completed at least 10 activities on each side. Thanks for making movement matter in your home. We all want happy and healthy communities — and let's see if you can help your school can take home the trophy! 🏆 **Amber & Erin Physical Health Literacy Leaders West Vancouver Schools**

West Vancouver Memorial Library Summer Reading Clubs

Westcot, **registration is now on** for the West Vancouver Library's Summer Reading Program. 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!**

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/>

District Events

Parent's Guide to Roblox



Freemium

Roblox is a "freemium" app. This means that you can create an account and play for free but there are "premium" features and subscriptions that cost money.

Did You Know?

Experts who study sextortion and online predatory behaviour cite Roblox as a prime app for these "bad actors" to use to befriend victims. They will lure a child in by posing as a peer and then convince the child to "meet" them on another platform such as WhatsApp or Discord, where they can be more intimate. Boys between the ages of 9 and 15 are prime targets.

General Information

Roblox is an online platform where children can play a wide range of games, create their own virtual experiences and connect with other players from around the world. It is a mix of gaming, creativity and social interaction – all happening in a digital environment.

Roblox does not have a minimum age level to join, so students as young as Kindergarten could create an account.

Social interaction is a large part of Roblox's appeal. Players can text and voice chat with other players. The leads children to make connections with people they do not know in person. These people may lie about who they are as a way to engage with unsuspecting youth.

"Robux"

Robux is Roblox's own currency. It encourages players to level up their avatar and get game enhancements, among other things. Beware of scams where bad actors will try to get your child's Robux.

Roblox at School

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

Roblox uses these labels to indicate what type of content is in games.

Content Label	Content Description
Minimal	May contain occasional mild violence, light unrealistic blood, and/or occasional mild fear
Mild	May contain repeated mild violence, heavy unrealistic blood, mild crude humor, and/or repeated mild fear
Moderate	May contain moderate violence, light realistic blood, moderate crude humor, employable gambling content, and/or moderate fear
Restricted	May contain strong violence, heavy realistic blood, moderate crude humor, romantic themes, employable gambling content, the presence of alcohol, strong language, and/or moderate fear

Users under 9 can only play games labelled Minimal or Mild. However, the content in these games may still be inappropriate for your child.

Only available to 17+ users who have had their age verified

Main Roblox Concerns

- Game play can become addictive. Limit your child's screen time.
- Roblox is a prime location for predators to source victims.
- Roblox collects significant amounts of data from its users. Do you know where the data goes or who it is being shared with?
- Remind your child not to give out personal information - there are lots of scams on Roblox. No names, school or where they live.
- Young players could be exposed to inappropriate language and/or sexualized content that they are not ready for.

If Your Child Has Roblox...

- Make sure you sit with them while they make the account. You can step in at this point and change some of the settings to make it safer - watch [this video](#) for some pointers.
- Enable 2 Factor Authentication - this will help protect from scams.
- Make sure your child knows 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 Roblox safely, you can take away their device 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 ebuletin.

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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