



WESTCOT WEEKLY



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Principal's Message

Dear Westcot Families,
I am excited to begin this school year as Principal of Westcot, after three wonderful years as Vice Principal. Having had the privilege of getting to know our students, staff, and families, I already know what a special community this is. I look forward to continuing to build on our strong connections and working together to ensure every student feels supported, inspired, and celebrated in their learning journey.

Warmly,
Stina Martinez

Student Absences

Please Call the Callback Line 604-981-1276. (Not the Office Please) before 8:00 am

As part of the Westcot safety program all students are accounted for each day as either absent or present. A Call Back program is in place to check on students who are absent if no contact with the school has been made. We will continue to carefully monitor all absences and ask that you use this central communication rather than or as well as emailing individual classroom teachers. Parents can help with the overall efficiency of this process by informing the school if your child is going to be absent.



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Opening Week



Westcot Elementary School

Opening Day and Week for Grade 1 – 7 students

September 2nd:

Similar to last year, our students will make their way to the gravel field independently where they will be greeted by staff.

Students will line up and enter with their grade group for a welcome and orientation to the by our Westcot staff.

● 9:00 - 10:00 am Grade 1 -7

Students will be walked out to meet their families at the end of the day.

September 3rd and onwards:

● 8:40 am - 2:40 pm Grades 1 - 4

● 8:50 am - 2:50 pm Grades 5 - 7

Kindergarten students will follow the Gradual Entry plan shared in July:

Students will continue to line up at the start time on the gravel field. They will be walked out at the end of the day. Please establish a meeting location offsite for your children to connect with you. Children directly supervised by an adult are welcome to play on the playground at the end of the day.

Students not in attendance by September 4th: Will not have a guaranteed spot at Westcot. Students must be present in class by September 4th at the latest to be registered.



Optional Accident Insurance for Families

West Vancouver Schools reminds families each year that personal injury or accident costs are not covered by the district or its insurance provider. To help protect against expenses from accidental injury, unexpected medical costs, or critical illness, families have the option to purchase voluntary accident insurance plans. A variety of providers offer different levels of coverage, so families are encouraged to review their options carefully and choose a plan that best meets their needs.

Community Connections & Events



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Medication at School

It is critical that you inform the school about serious medical conditions or allergies that may affect your child. For your child's safety, please don't assume we've already been told about your child's medical condition.

Please remember you must:

At the beginning of each school year (or when medication is to start), complete and return to the school a medication administration card signed by the physician. Cards are available from the school from Mrs. Satchell. Please contact her if you require a Medication form.

rsatchell@wvschools.ca.

Provide the medication in a container clearly labeled with child's name, medication name, dosage and medication's expiry date.



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Westcot Wednesdays

Westcot Wednesdays: September 10th Start Date. Let's continue to show Westcot spirit and pride each Wednesday Tigers - special announcements, joke of the day, schoolyard beautification. Join staff and students in wearing green and gold. Westcot T-shirts will be available for \$10.00 cash at the Courtyard Cafe. There will also be Westcot Beanies and Hoodies for Sale by our WPAC.

Café



Courtyard Cafe

Our Westcot Parent Advisory Council (WPAC) invites all Westcot parents to the courtyard on Opening Day, Tuesday, September 2nd. Bring a mug and stay to enjoy some coffee and conversation. Meet some new friends, connect with old friends and celebrate the start of a new year at Westcot.



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**LIGHTS UP MUSICAL THEATRE
AFTERSCHOOL
AT WESTCOT ELEMENTARY**

Sing. Dance. Act. Shine!

At Lights Up Afterschool, your child can experience the joys and benefits of musical theatre by taking part in our afterschool programs led by our talented and experienced Lights Up Musical Theatre Schools' staff. These classes are a unique introduction to our weekend musical theatre programs and provide students with an enriching, rewarding, and most of all, fun afterschool activity right at the bell!

FALL SHOW: BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

This Fall, be our guest with Lights Up's production of "Beauty and the Beast!" With a script crafted specifically for our afterschool program, students will step into a world of magic, beloved music, and enchanted characters! Taking inspiration from both the film and Broadway musical, join us for a great adventure in this tale as old as time!

Students will be supervised from dismissal. No need to pick up your child until 5pm!

Performance on the last day of classes for friends and family!

After School Thursdays

OCT 2 - NOV 27

2:45PM - 5PM

**K-4 students supervised from their dismissal times*

GRADES: K to 7

Fee: \$365 (*plus GST)

<https://lightsuptheatre.ca/westcot/>



FUNDamental Basketball with Mr. B is back for the Fall session. If you need more information or would like to register, please click the links below. Spaces are limited, the form will no longer accept responses once it is full.

[BEEginners Grade 3/4/5 Basketball Registration \(BOYS\)](#)

[BEEginners Grade 3/4/5 Basketball Registration \(GIRLS\)](#)

[Grade 5/6/7 Basketball Registration \(BOYS\)](#)

[Grade 5/6/7 Basketball Registration \(GIRLS\)](#)



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Kids Yoga and Mindfulness at Westcot is back!

Theme: Healthy Spine, Healthy Life and Life Lessons from Nature

Children will learn:

- The anatomy of the spine, ribs, collarbones and hips.
- Life lessons from nature (ie, from water we learn to flow with things and be flexible)
- How to meditate, use breathing tools, say affirmations, check in emotionally, and practice stillness.
- Yoga poses and their names (some in Sanskrit too).
- How posture affects our mood, focus, digestion, how we feel pain and no pain, our gait and confidence.
- How the yoga poses affect our balance, will power, self control/discipline through stories & games.
- Hear yoga stories and songs while we do poses that reinforce mindfulness, emotional awareness and yoga philosophy.
- Be part of a yoga performance (optional and TBC). Performing young is a great way to conquer stage fright.

Time and Location: Tuesday from 3-4 pm at Westcot Library. KG-Grade 2 kids will be picked up at dismissal after school and dropped off to after school care if they have registered for it.

9 Sessions: Sept 16-Dec 2 (No class on Sept 30/stat holiday, Oct 14, Nov 11/stat holiday)

Payment: Total=\$162 +5%GST= \$171 (\$18 + tax/ class)

Please transfer the amount to menkapurswaney@gmail.com

Sign up link: <https://forms.gle/NXLcLtAAo6BmzvsP6>



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All Parents in the district are asked annually to complete a West Van District Policy and Procedures online form for each of their children within the district. This form covers many areas including use of school internet, use of privately owned electronic devices on school networks and media parental consent form. Please **CLICK HERE** to access this Policy and Procedures form.

It is very important these forms are completed promptly. Those students with incomplete forms will not be able to use electronic devices in class, access their google classroom, go on walking field trips, plus more. Google classroom is the platform teachers will use to communicate with their students and parents.

PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICE EXPECTATIONS AT WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS



Personal Digital Device Expectations at Westcot

To support safe and focused learning, West Vancouver Schools has updated guidelines for device use:

- Devices (including cell phones) are not permitted during the school day — this includes class time, breaks, before, and after school.
- Devices may only be used with teacher or administrator permission for learning purposes.
- Exceptions will be made for medical or accessibility needs.

How Parents Can Help

- Review the Parent/Guardian Guide and your child's classroom expectations.
- Model healthy device use at home.
- Encourage balance — reading, outdoor play, family time.
- Avoid calling/texting your child during school hours (call the office at 604-981-1270 if urgent).

Together, we can create a safe and focused environment for all learners.



Calendar

September	2	Opening Day Grade 1 - 7 (9:00 - 10:00) WPAC Courtyard Cafe
	3	Grade 1 -4 (8:40 - 2:40) Grade 5 - 7 (8:50 - 2:50)
	3	Kindergarten Gradual Entry Begins (see July letter for your time)
	10	Westcot Wednesday- Wear Green! Show your Westcot Spirit!
	11	Individual Student Photos
	12	Family Friday 2:15 pm
	16	Terry Fox Run - Toonies for Terry Wear your Red and White
	17	WPAC Meeting 9:30am
	26	District Professional Development Day
	29	Orange Shirt Day
	30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Schools Closed)
October	1	Parent Teacher Interviews 11:30 Dismissal
	2	Parent Teacher Interviews 11:30 Dismissal
	13	Thanksgiving Day Holiday (Schools Closed)



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