

WESTCOT WEEKLY



Principal's Message

Dear Westcot Community,

This week our school gathered for an Indigenous Storytelling Assembly, where we listened to the powerful "Two Sisters" story and reflected on kindness, courage, and the strength of community. This assembly was led by storyteller and author Kung Jaadee from Haida Gwaii. Her sharing reminded us how stories connect generations and guide how we treat one another. This performance connects us to Orange Shirt Day on Monday and the importance of recognizing the past as we look ahead. Thank you to our PAC for sponsoring this event!

Ms. Martinez and Ms. Morton

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.

Foundational Skills Assessments (FSAs)

From October 1 – November 3, Grade 4 and 7 students across B.C. will complete the FSAs. These assessments measure student progress in literacy and numeracy and provide valuable insight for schools and the Ministry of Education. FSAs are similar to regular classroom activities. Practice materials and more information for families can be found [HERE](#). For questions, please contact Mrs. Martinez.

Don't Forget!

PRO-D DAY
FRIDAY SEPT. 26

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HOT LUNCH



Westcot Elementary School

Ordering Opens September 12

Click
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- Tacos on Monday
- White Spot on Tuesday
- Inncognato on Wednesday
- Boston Pizza on Thursday
- Aburi Market on Friday



Opportunity to purchase your WESTCOT Athletic Hoodie.

Thank you WPAC for providing an opportunity to purchase a Westcot Hoodie. [Click HERE](#), login and Go to Fundraising Open to pre-order and make your payment. **Pre-orders** are now open! Don't miss out. Hoodies will be delivered mid-Oct.

*Must order before Friday Sept.
26th*



Orange Shirt Day

On Monday, Sept. 29, we will come together for Orange Shirt Day. Please have your child wear orange as we reflect on why every child matters. Our family teams have already begun this journey by sharing their feelings on feathers to create a beautiful bulletin board by the gym, and we'll continue this learning on Monday before schools close Tuesday, Sept. 30 for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.



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PARENTING DIGITAL NATIVES

Tips, Tricks and Advice on How to Thrive!

This two-part series, hosted by Westcot Elementary School and Ecole Cedardale, is designed to help parents navigate the often tricky worlds of technology, phones, gaming and social media.

- 1 Session One - October 27th, 6:30-7:30pm at Westcot Elementary**
In this session we will look at laying the foundations for a successful digital life at home and at school.
- 2 Session Two - November 19th, 6:30-7:30pm at Ecole Cedardale**
In this session we are going to dive into social media, gaming and online safety.

Speakers include Principal Kristina Hayes, Principal Stina Martinez and District Vice-Principal Cari Wilson



K registration for the 26/27 year opens on Wednesday, October 15th, 2025

Kindergarten Information Session



WELCOME TO YOUR FUTURE

Opportunity awaits!

Parents & Guardians of children entering Kindergarten in September 2026 (children born in 2021) are invited to join us for our K info session.

Please join us for an evening with our school district staff to learn about the Kindergarten registration process and how West Vancouver Schools is committed to excellence—focusing on life skills for an ever-changing world.

This event is for parents and guardians only, please note that child care will not be available.

PLEASE REGISTER [Click Here](#)

Date: Thursday, October 9th, 2025 6:00-7:00 pm

Location: Kay Meek Studio Theatre,
1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver

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CROSSCOUNTRY

In order to enhance all of our students' physical literacy and to encourage greater pupil participation in our district's cross country meets, practices for this year will be as follows:

Wednesday: 8:00am-8:30am @ Westcot Elementary
(Sept 17, Sept 24, Oct 1)

Friday: 7:40am-8:15am @ John Lawson Park (seawall)
(Sept 12, Sept 19, Oct 3)

Tuesday 3:45-5:00pm MEETS @ Ambleside (Sept 16, Sept 23, Oct 7th)



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World Teachers' Day – October 5

We are grateful every day for the dedication of our Westcot teachers. Thank you to our incredible staff for all you do!

A special thanks to our PAC for providing lunch on Friday in celebration.

Join Westcot's Intermediate Choir



Ms. Ng sent home notices for Grade 4-7 students interested in Choir this week. Make sure to check in with your child!

Community Connections & Events



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Westcot HIGHLIGHTS



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Calendar

September	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)
	15	WPAC Meeting 9:30am
	16	Shake Out BC
	23	Photo Retakes
	24	Professional Development Day (students not in session)
	27	Parenting Digital Natives Session 1 6:30-7:30pm



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