



WESTCOT WEEKLY



Principal's Message

Dear Westcot Families,

What an amazing start to the school year! Thank you to all of the families who have taken the time to say hello and introduce themselves. It has been wonderful connecting with you. Students are quickly settling into routines, and the energy around the school is filled with excitement and curiosity. We're looking forward to another great week of learning and community building together!

Warmly,

Stina Martinez and Lindsay 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.



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[District Website](#)



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WELCOME BACK!

Opening Week at Westcot



Westcot Elementary School

We have joyfully welcomed 412 students back to Westcot this week. It has been a wonderful opportunity for our staff and students to create Grade Group connections. Our new Kindergartens began their Gradual Entry began to make friendships and connections with our staff. This specialized work, Gradual Entry, preparing our youngest learners continues into next week. Mr. Mee, Ms. Ng and Ms. Marshall will begin begin Music and PE classes next week. Ms. Hunt and Ms. Yorke are welcoming students back into our library next week as well.

What a week!

When school staff return in September, changes to school enrolment often occur. Changes include new families registering and other families informing the school that they will no longer be returning. This often means that new class configurations and placements need to occur across all West Vancouver Schools. Learners at Westcot, as is the case for all West Vancouver students this fall, can expect to officially meet their new teacher(s) for the 2025-2026 school year on Thursday, September 4th .

Factors that Westcot considers for classroom configuration and placement include, but are not limited to:

- Unique individual and diverse needs
- Learning styles, self-regulation and executive function strengths and challenges
- Ministry class size and composition requirements
- Enrolment demands
- Social/emotional needs
- Past friendships and possibilities for new friendships, with a focus on what is best to support each child in ensuring their studies are positively impacted



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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SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

We are very excited to announce that our school will continue to offer School Cash Online, which provides you with the convenience of paying online for school items such as trips, club/athletic fees, and spirit wear. If you registered in a previous school year you will not need to reregister. Please access the site to review School Fees for the 2025 - 2026 School Year. Please follow the link below to register online (it takes less than 5 minutes!). Once you have registered your child, you will be able to see when they have a new item posted online for purchase. You also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school expense due, so you don't have to worry about missing the deadline.

New users - To set up an account and explore the system, please follow the instructions below. You will receive the PIN referred to in Step 3 in a separate email sent by R. Satchell

Register Online:

- Step 1: Please click on this link: westvancouver.schoolcashonline.com
- Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps.
- Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the "click here" option, login in and add each of your children to your household account. To do this, you will need your student's PIN number, last name, and date of birth. This will be emailed to you separately.



Westcot Wednesdays

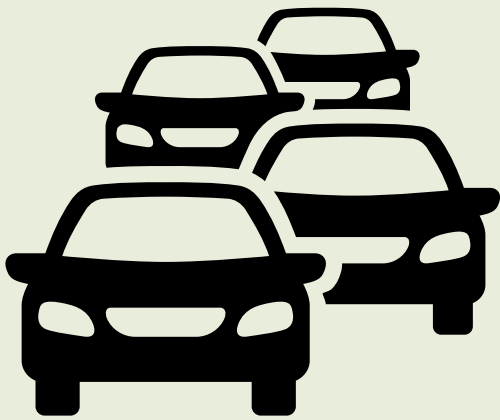
Westcot Wednesdays: September 10th Start Date. Let's continue to show Westcot spirit and pride each Wednesday Tigers - special announcements, joke of the day, schoolyard beautification. Join staff and students in wearing green and gold. Westcot T-shirts are still available for purchase in the office.



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FAMILY FRIDAY

Family Friday - September 12th @2:15 pm We would like to invite all of our Grade 1 - 7 Westcot families to join us at the end of our first full week of classes. Come into the school. Meet your child in their classroom. Meet your child's classroom teacher. Check out our Library, Gym and Music Portable and say hello to our specialist teachers.



YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!



Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- On photo day, no order form or payment is due.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!



DON'T FORGET

School photos are a Canadian tradition to capture the school year and preserve your continued growth.



GET REMINDERS

Sign up for notifications at edgeimaging.ca/photoday to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.



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DROP OFFS AND PICK UPS

Thank you for quick drop offs and respecting the flow of traffic. Note that there are no left hand turns at the top of Westcot Rd. Thank you for arriving and picking up on time. Thank you for organizing appointments outside of school time. Mid day arrivals and departures are disruptive to classes and taxing for office staff. At this time our playground is open after school for students directly supervised. This means that parents and caregivers are onsite, on the the playground. This is a great opportunity to meet other Westcot families.



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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!

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/>



The World of Yoga School
Let Yoga and Music be Your Friends

www.worldofyogaschool.com
[insta:kidsyogadancemenka](https://www.instagram.com/kidsyogadancemenka)

KIDS YOGA THEME
Healthy spine,
healthy life and
life lessons
from nature!

WEEKLY KIDS YOGA AFTER SCHOOL

WITH MENKA FROM SEPT 16-DEC 2 2025 AT WESTCOT ELEMENTARY

MIXED AGES ON TUESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL, 3:00PM-4:00PM

\$18/CLASS X 9 CLASSES TOTAL=\$171

To register, sign up on the link: <https://forms.gle/YVPA7TU6paWXZ5sA8>
or contact menkapurswaney@gmail.com 604 861 3309



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.

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

[BEEgidders 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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District On-line Release Forms

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.



DPAC parent evening with Dr. Graeme Mitchell

HarnessingHope: Reframing How Our Children See the World

Join us for an evening with Dr. Graeme Mitchell—award-winning educator and global speaker—who is transforming how we raise and teach the next generation.

In his keynote, HarnessingHope, Dr. Mitchell explores how fear-based messages—especially on social media—shape our children's outlook, and how fact-based optimism, storytelling and connection can shift it. Drawing on two decades of classroom experience, he offers parents practical tools to foster confidence, curiosity and hope at home.

Tuesday, September 23

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Location

KAY MEEK THEATRE
1700 MATHERS AVE
WEST VANCOUVER

What You will Gain From This Evening



Understand

Learn how media inputs are shaping your child's mindset and motivation from industry leaders and practical knowledge to the workshop.



Learn

strategies to replace fear with fact and pessimism with possibility.



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[REGISTER HERE](#)



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Calendar

September	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
	23	DPAC Parent Night with Dr. Graeme Mitchell
	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)

