

WESTCOT WEEKLY



Principal's Message

Dear Westcot Families,

Thank you for another wonderful week of learning and connection at Westcot! Our classrooms have been full of energy, curiosity, and collaboration. Next week, we are excited to welcome our UBC Teacher Candidates for their two-week practicum with us. We are grateful to our staff for mentoring the next generation of educators and know our students are enjoying sharing their learning with the Teacher Candidates.

Wishing everyone a great weekend ahead,
Ms. Martinez & Ms. Morton



West Vancouver Schools Admissions

Admissions for the 2026/2027 school year began on **Wednesday October 15th at 8:00 am** for all Kindergarten students and all Grade 1 – 12 In-catchment students.

Admissions for Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students opens on at **8:00am on Thursday, January 15th, 2025.**

For more information about admissions processes, dates, guidelines, and information, please visit

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/admissions/>

Please carefully read the information regarding documentation procedures before starting the application process.

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
Oct. 24

[School Website](#)

[District Website](#)



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HOT LUNCH



Westcot Elementary School

Ordering Opens September 12

Click
here

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



REMINDER

A friendly reminder that all students must be supervised by a parent or guardian outside of school hours. This includes time spent on the playground before and after school.

Thank you for helping us keep all students safe.

WPAC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



WPAC is looking for volunteers for upcoming PAC events - please click [here](#) to sign up!

Scholastic Book Fair



Parents please mark your calendars for our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. It will take place November 4th, 6th, and 7th. It is a time of great excitement in the school and to make that happen we will need a full crew of volunteers. Please email Mrs. Hunt if you are available to help and indicate morning, afternoon, or Tuesday (November 4th) after school.

Jhunt@wvschools.ca



Community Connections & Events



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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



Important

Student Privacy

We are so grateful for the strong sense of community at our school and truly appreciate parents and guardians for being present and engaged in school life. To help protect student privacy and ensure that all children feel safe and comfortable, please do not photograph or film other people's children during school activities or on the school property. This includes concerts, assemblies, sports, field trips, the field and the playground. As a school community, we are committed to respecting the privacy of all students and staff.

In addition to this, if you have a concern about a student, please speak directly your child's teacher or Ms. Martinez or Ms. Morton. Parents/guardians should not approach or correct other families' children. Thank you for helping us keep every child safe, respected and supported.



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DPAC *parent evening with* Dr. Molly Lawlor

Equipping the Whole Child for Life: Helping kids build strong friendships, manage big feelings and bounce back from challenges—using brain science and mindfulness to support learning and growth.

Monday, October 20th

Join us for an evening with Dr. Molly Lawlor—who helps children and teens learn how to understand their feelings, build confidence and form healthy relationships. She is the lead author and Principal Scientific Advisor for MindUP—an evidence-based program that teaches kids how their brains work and gives them tools to manage emotions and thrive in school and life.

REGISTER HERE

What You will Gain From This Evening



Understand

Parents will gain an encouraging new view of adolescence as a time of opportunity and growth, not just stress or risk



Learn

Parents will leave with simple, everyday strategies to help their child handle stress, big emotions, strengthen friendships and feel more ready to learn.

**KAY MEEK THEATRE 6:30 -
1700 MATHERS AVE 8:00 PM
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Westcot HIGHLIGHTS



Calendar



October	20	Happy Diwali
	23	Photo Retakes
	24	Professional Development Day (students not in session)
	27	Parenting Digital Natives Session 1 6:30-7:30pm
November	4	Scholastic Book Fair Nov. 4-7
	10	Remembrance Day Assembly
	11	Remembrance Day Holiday (School Closed)
	19	WPAC Meeting 9:30 am / Parenting Digital Natives Session 2 6:30-7:30pm
	24	Professional Development Day (students not in session)

