

# WESTCOT WEEKLY

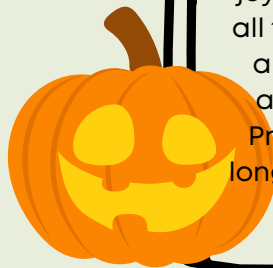


## Principal's Message

Dear Westcot Families,

There's a buzz of excitement in the air as Halloween approaches, with students already chatting about costumes and festivities. We were also lucky to welcome author Matt Glover this week, who inspired our teachers and helped spark joy and creativity in our young writers. Along with all the seasonal fun, our volleyball season is off to a great start, with students showing teamwork and enthusiasm on the court. With tomorrow's Pro-D Day, everyone can enjoy a well-deserved long weekend to rest, recharge, and celebrate the fall season.

Ms. Martinez & Ms. Morton



Don't Forget!

**PRO-D Day**  
**Oct. 24**

[School Website](#)

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**Poinsettia**  
**FUNDRAISER**

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More information below!



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A close-up photograph of vibrant red poinsettia leaves with small green and yellow buds.

# WPAC - Poinsettia FUNDRAISER

Greetings Westcot Community! The WPAC (Westcot Parent Advisory Council) is very excited to launch our new Winter Fundraiser for the upcoming holiday season. We have partnered with Growing Smiles to bring you a gorgeous selection of holiday plants, including poinsettias, wreaths, holiday centerpieces and more! This year the WPAC is focusing on raising funds for future Westcot playground improvements. Westcot is currently working collaboratively with the district to plan the space, but district funds will only cover some of the costs, so we are asking for support from our Westcot Community.

Previously the WPAC has been successful in raising funds to support the school by supplying new iPads for classrooms, new projectors, replacements and upgrades to water fountains and more, so we are excited to now be able to partner with the school and support on enhancing the children's outdoor space.

Please note that the deadline for all orders is **November 12, 2025 @ 12:00 PST**. When you are submitting your order in the "I would like to support" box please enter your child's name. Orders will be delivered to Westcot and available for pick-up on Friday, November 28 from 2:00-3:30 in the school gym.

We thank you in advance for your support! Please [click here](#) to place your order.

A collection of Halloween-themed decorations including a whole orange pumpkin, a ghost-shaped cookie, a spider, a bat, and pumpkin slices.

## Halloween

We're excited to celebrate Halloween with our learners! On Friday, October 31st, learners are welcome to come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes.

Please note the following guidelines:

- Costumes should not interfere with learning (No inflatable costumes)
- No masks that cover the face.
- No weapons or weapon-like accessories of any kind.
- No treats should be brought to school.

Thank you for helping us ensure a safe and enjoyable celebration for all.

**Happy Halloween!**



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## HOT LUNCH

Ordering Opens September 12

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



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## 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.*

## 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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



## WPAC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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

I ♥ BOOKS

## Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you Westcot parents for signing up to help with the book fair. We have some fabulous folks to give us a hand. We're still looking for a few more people to assist with the after school event on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 - 4:00. Please let Mrs. Hunt know if you are available.



## Community Connections & Events



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## CHESS CLUB WESTCOT LUNCH TIME

STARTING WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19  
At LUNCH TIME

### FOR GRADE 2 TO 4

STUDENTS BRING THEIR LUNCH TO THE LIBRARY  
ASAP  
TO PLAY CHESS AND RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS  
FROM  
A NATIONAL CHESS MASTER CERTIFIED.  
ANY LEVELS WELCOME..

FROM Nov. 19 for 8 lunch sessions

FEE: \$64

TO REGISTER, SEND AN EMAIL TO LUC POITRAS

CHESSINSCHOOL@YAHOO.COM

# TEACHING EXCELLENCE



Congratulations to Mrs. Karen Foster, Grade 3 teacher at Westcot Elementary and recipient of the 2025 Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence! Mrs. Foster brings a love of learning by combining nature, Indigenous knowledge, and athletics. From growing gardens to coaching track, she sparks joy and connection throughout the school community.



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*Congratulations!*

*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.

# WESTCOT TRAFFIC SAFETY



Traffic safety during school drop-off and pick-up is essential to keep all students, families, and staff safe. Please take extra care during these busy times by only stopping in designated drop-off and pick-up zones and avoiding entry into the roundabout. Following these guidelines helps ensure a smooth flow of traffic, prevents congestion, and most importantly, keeps our students safe as they arrive and leave school each day.



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# Westcot HIGHLIGHTS



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# Calendar



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| October  | 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)                 |
| December | 5  | Term 1 Learning Updates sent home                                      |
|          | 11 | K-4 Holiday Concert 9:30am                                             |

