

# WESTCOT WEEKLY



## Principal's Message

Dear Westcot Families,

We've had a wonderful week of learning at Westcot — classrooms have been filled with festive spirit, creativity, and great conversations. We are proud of the growth we have seen in our students this term.

Learning Updates will be available online this Friday. We encourage you to take some time to review them together and celebrate your child's hard work and achievements. It's a great opportunity to reflect on progress and set goals for the term ahead.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend!

Ms. Martinez & Ms. Morton



*Don't Forget!*  
**Early Dismissal  
Dec. 19**

[School Website](#)

[District Website](#)

**Sounds of the Season**

Grade K-4 Holiday Showcase December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15am

\$5.00 Tickets on sale NOW n School Cash Online

Max 2 per family



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# CSL Reports/Family Portal (GR K-7)

In December, First Term Communicating Student Learning Reports will be posted on the Family Portal. NO COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING DOCUMENTS WILL BE SENT HOME IN PAPER FORM. Please use this link to access a helpful instructional video on how to access the portal.

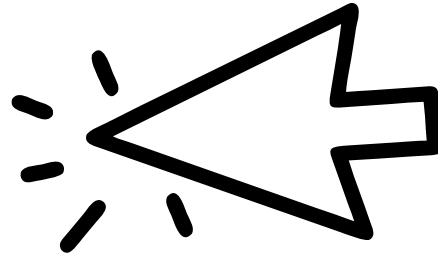
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Accessing the MyEd Parent Portal - West Vancouver Schools



## GRADE 7 STUDENTS



SAVE THE DATE!

FOR OUR ANNUAL

INFORMATION NIGHT FOR  
INCOMING GRADE 8 STUDENTS AND  
FAMILIES



Date: Wednesday, January 7th, 2026  
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Where: Sentinel Secondary  
1250 Chartwell Drive, West Vancouver



SAVE THE DATE!

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INFORMATION NIGHT FOR  
INCOMING GRADE 8 STUDENTS AND  
FAMILIES



Date: Tuesday, January 6th, 2026  
Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm  
Where: Kay Meek Theatre  
1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver



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## HOT LUNCH

Ordering Opens September 12



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



## Community Connections & Events



# WHAT'S THE WESTCOT PAC ALL ABOUT?

The Westcot Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is made up of every parent and guardian at Westcot. If you have a child at the school, you're already part of the PAC. Our executive team simply helps coordinate efforts and act as a bridge between families, school staff, and administration — but the PAC is all of us, working together to make Westcot the best it can be for our kids.

We focus on collaboration, inclusivity, and transparency, always keeping students at the heart of what we do. Our fundraising and community-building events are designed to be meaningful, manageable, and aligned with the school's goals. It's not just about raising money — it's about bringing families together and helping every student feel supported and connected.

## What does the PAC do?

The PAC helps make school life more fun, connected, and enriching. We've supported learning opportunities like Bollywood dance workshops, ArtStarts performances (including Goh Ballet), and guest speakers for Orange Shirt Day. We also love bringing our community together through events like Courtyard Coffee on the first day of school — welcoming both new and returning families — and showing appreciation for our amazing teachers with World Teachers' Day lunches. And of course, we can't forget the always-popular Spring Fling!

Everything we do is about building community, supporting our students, and celebrating what makes Westcot such a warm and vibrant place to learn and grow.

Want to get involved? You're invited!

Whether you have an hour to spare or want to dive in more regularly, there's a place for you. Every parent is welcome, and every contribution makes a difference.

**If you're interested in helping out, you can sign up [here](#).**



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# 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



### Pick up and Drop Off

Thank you to all the families who help to keep our pick up and drop off as quick and orderly as possible. Thank you for having backpacks ready, coats on and having students exit quickly when you in a Drop only Zone. Thank you for not blocking driveways or parking on sidewalks and curbs and thank you for never stopping to let your children off in the middle of the road. Just a few reminders to keep in mind to keep our students safe, traffic flowing and neighbours happy.

- Please avoid getting out of your car in our 2 drop student zones. We have room for 6 cars in these spots. Move forward and merge quickly to free the spot. (One marked yellow in this photo).
  - Please do not enter the staff driveway at any time - before/after school, when using Before and After School Care or at mid day pick ups....
  - Use the Accessible spaces only if you are entitled to them, we have students and families who need them. Even for a quick stop - it's not ok.
- Do not park in front the cross walk. We need to keep sight-lines clear.
- Please be respectful of the privilege of parking at St. David's Church while we are still able to do so.. Park in designated spots, respect no parking zones and make your pick up and drop of quick.







## Social Media & Digital | West Vancouver Schools

Please view our Video Resources for information about WVS throughout the years

[westvancouver.schools.ca](http://westvancouver.schools.ca)

Did you know that it takes someone about 25 minutes to refocus on the task they were doing after being distracted by their phone?

The average teen gets 10 notifications an hour.  
Classes last 80 minutes.



### YOU DO THE MATH!



## 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!

### WINTER SHOW: HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

How to train your dragon? Wonder no more! This winter, Lights Up afterschool students will dive into a world of vikings, dragons, and unexpected friendship. Inspired by the popular Dreamworks movie, with our own musical twist, embark on a heroic adventure as we learn together... How to Train Your Dragon!

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

JAN 15 - MAR 12

2:45PM - 5PM

\*K-4 students supervised from their dismissal times

GRADES: K to 7

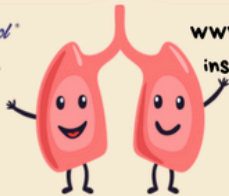
Fee: \$365 (\*plus GST)

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



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Kids Yoga and Music by Menka

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



## Kids Yoga Fun!

with Menka

Theme- Our Breath, Our Lungs and  
Life Lessons from Nature



### WEEKLY AFTER SCHOOL

FROM JAN 6- MAR 10 2025 AT WESTCOT ELEMENTARY  
MIXED AGES ON TUESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL, 3:00PM-4:00PM  
\$18/CLASS X 10 CLASSES TOTAL=\$180+5%GST=\$189

To register, sign up on the link: <https://forms.gle/2TUWLUCcE2axcuNy9>  
or contact menkapurswaney@gmail.com 604 861 3309



## DISTRICT WEATHER PROCEDURES

With winter approaching, please be aware of our weather-related closure process. The district aims to keep schools open. Any decision to close schools for the safety of children will be made by the Superintendent. Parents, students, and staff will be informed of the Superintendent's decision via the school district website at [www.westvancouver.schools.ca](http://www.westvancouver.schools.ca) and a School Messenger email. We endeavour to communicate this information to parents and staff by 6:00 a.m. on the day of closure.



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# Westcot HIGHLIGHTS

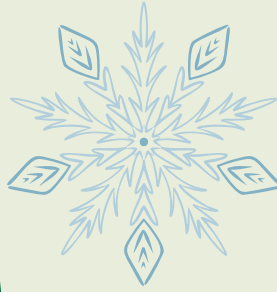


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# Calendar

December	5	Term 1 Learning Updates sent home
	11	K-4 Holiday Concert 9:15am
	19	Last day before Winter Break - School Wide PJ Day! (early dismissal 12:00pm)
January	5	School reopens
	14	WPAC Meeting 9:30am
	30	Professional Development Day
February	10	Lunar New Year Celebration
	13	Reading Break
	16	Family Day Holiday



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