

# WESTCOT WEEKLY



## Principal's Message

Dear Westcot Families,

This past week was a great celebration of community through our Family Teams, with students launching Jump Rope for Heart, enjoying energetic basketball games, and embracing outdoor play—even in the rain. Families joined us for Grade 1 Math Mornings, Grade 5s learned about Financial Literacy with a special guest and the gym was filled with excitement as students prepared for Lunar New Year. Thank you to our staff, students, and families for making it such a connected and engaging week.

Ms. Martinez & Ms. Morton



Don't  
Forget!

**Pre-B Day**  
**January**  
**30<sup>th</sup>**

[School Website](#)

[District Website](#)

## Returning to Westcot in 2026–2027?

As we plan for next year, please let us know as soon as possible if your child will not be returning to Westcot in September. This helps us plan for new registrations. If your child will not be returning, please email Ms. Satchell at [rsatchell@wvschools.ca](mailto:rsatchell@wvschools.ca).

Students who are returning are expected to be present by September 8, 2026.




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# JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



## WESTCOT ELEMENTARY

- students learn to jump rope
- students learn life-long healthy habits
- together we raise funds to support lifesaving heart and brain research

CLICK HERE TO DONATE 



# STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY



## Student Learning Survey 2025/2026

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2026** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades \_\_\_\_\_, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>. Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 1, 2026.



A friendly reminder about our bell schedules: Primary classes run from 8:40 to 2:40, and Intermediate classes from 8:50 to 2:50. Some of the best learning happens first thing in the morning, and we've noticed an abundance of late arrivals, especially among our primary learners. We ask families to do their best to arrive on time, out of respect for our staff, and to support a smooth learning environment. It can be quite disruptive and challenging for children to integrate into the day when they arrive late.





## HOT LUNCH



Ordering Open! Please note there is a 10 day window between an order and when lunch will begin/ be available at school.



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

## Community Connections & Events



## CHESS CLUB WESTCOT LUNCH TIME FOR GRADE 5 TO 7

STARTING WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 04  
At LUNCH TIME (12:00 to 12:40)

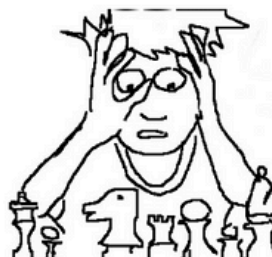
STUDENTS BRING THEIR LUNCH TO THE LIBRARY ASAP  
TO PLAY CHESS AND RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM  
A NATIONAL CHESS MASTER CERTIFIED. |  
ANY LEVELS WELCOME..

FROM Feb. 04 for 7 lunch sessions  
No class on March 13, + 2 classes on April 08 and 15

FEE: \$56

TO REGISTER, SEND AN EMAIL TO LUC POITRAS

CHESSINSCHOOL@YAHOO.COM



FUNDamental Basketball with Mr. B is back for the Spring session (Feb- June). 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.

[Grade 3/4/5 BOYS MONDAYS](#)  
[Grade 3/4/5 BOYS/GIRLS Beginners](#)  
[WEDNESDAYS](#)  
[Grade 5/6/7 BOYS THURSDAYS](#)  
[Grade 5/6/7 GIRLS FRIDAYS](#)



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# West Vancouver Schools

## Parent & Guardian's Guide to Personal Digital Devices

Personal Digital Devices include any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or to access the internet, such as cell phones, phones, laptops, tablets, smartwatches and any other portable technology device.



Laptops are the preferred device for school use.

While digital devices can enhance learning in many ways, allowing students to collaborate, create and communicate, it is important that they are used in a mindful and meaningful way.

Personal digital devices should only be used with the permission of a teacher or administrator. Additional considerations will be made to provide for student's health and accessibility needs, and accommodation requirements.

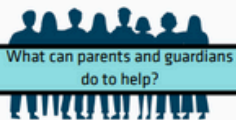
### Elementary

Cell phones should NOT be used in elementary school.



### Secondary

Cell phones should only be used in class if specifically required for a learning task.



What can parents and guardians do to help?



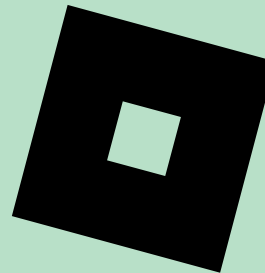
- Understand the digital device expectations at your child's school
- Support and encourage your child's appropriate use of digital devices
- Refrain from contacting your child during the school day. If it's an emergency, contact the school office
- Personally model and encourage digital device boundaries



## Social Media & Digital | West Vancouver Schools

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

[westvancouver.ca](https://www.westvancouver.ca)



### Roblox at School

West Vancouver Schools DOES NOT allow students to access Roblox while using school wifi.



## Did You Know?

Experts who study sextortion and online predatory behaviour cite Roblox as a prime app for these "bad actors" to use to befriend victims. They will lure a child in by posing as a peer and then convince the child to "meet" them on another platform such as WhatsApp or Discord, where they can be more intimate. Boys between the ages of 9 and 15 are prime targets.



## Personal Digital Devices Reminders

Over the first term, students and staff have worked hard to follow the West Vancouver Schools Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations. Classrooms are more focused, transitions are smoother, and students tell us they can concentrate better without the pull of their phones. Thank you to families for reinforcing these habits at home. As we return to school after the winter break, please help us keep this momentum going by reminding your children of the digital device expectations while at school.

### What's expected at school:

- Elementary (K-7): Cell phones are not used during the school day, including before and after school and at recess and lunch times. Laptops may be used to support learning during instructional time, only with explicit staff permission.
- Secondary (8-12): Cell phones and other digital devices should only be used during instructional time with explicit staff permission. Device use should be intentional, supervised, and tied to learning.

### How families can help:

Parents and guardians are encouraged to support schools by demonstrating these expectations whenever possible. This includes limiting adult cell phone use in and around school and refraining from contacting your child during school hours.

For a one-page overview of expectations, [see our Parent & Guardian Infographic.](#)



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### West Vancouver Schools Admissions Information

K-12 admission applications for both in-district and out-of-district students opens on January 15! If you have students in your family or network who are looking to join our district, please help spread the word about this important date.

West Vancouver Schools offer a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community that values excellence in education. Our schools take pride in creating meaningful learning experiences and providing opportunities that support the growth, well-being, and success of every student.

To learn more about registration expectations and processes, please visit our admissions page:

[West Vancouver Schools Admissions](#)

We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our vibrant and supportive school community!

Please click on the following private unlisted links to view the recording of the *Sounds of the Season Holiday Showcase*

[Part 1 Sounds of the Season](#)

[Part 2 - Sounds of the Season](#)

[Part 3 - Sounds of the Season](#)



### Feeding Futures

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare [Feeding Futures initiative](#), the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their school principal or to [feedingfutures@wvschools.ca](mailto:feedingfutures@wvschools.ca) if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.



## WESTVANRUN

West Van Run! March 7th and 8th

We invite students and families to take part in this fun, community run and enjoy special discounted registration. Parents and students can register for \$45 using the code WVSCHOOLS, and children can join the Kids 1K for \$15 using the code WVKIDS. These codes can also be used by other family members who would like to participate.

Whether you prefer walking, jogging, or running, this event welcomes all ages and abilities. It's a great way for families to be active together and supports our shared commitment to health and well-being across West Vancouver Schools.

Register here - <https://www.westvanrun.com/schools>



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# Important

## Student Privacy



Westcot Elementary School

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.



### 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.



## 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 are 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 off quick.

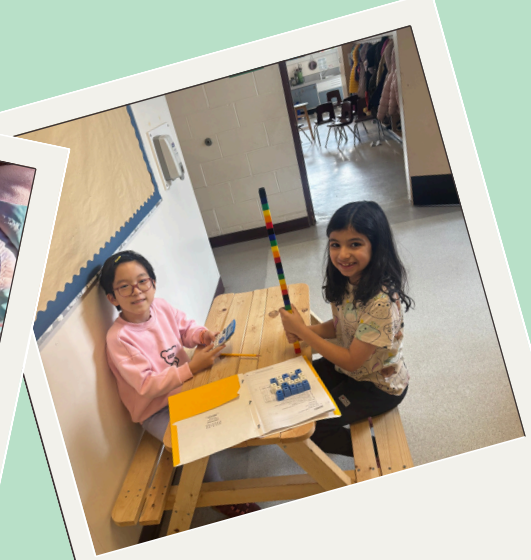


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# Westcot HIGHLIGHTS





# Calendar

January	30	Professional Development Day
February	10	Lunar New Year Celebration
	13	Reading Break
	16	Family Day Holiday
	18	WPAC Meeting 9:30am
	25	Pink Shirt Day
March	6	Norooz Event
	13	Last day before Spring Break



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