

WESTCOT WEEKLY

Principal's Message

Welcome Back to Westcot!

We hope you all had a wonderful, restful summer filled with sunshine and great memories. As the school year begins, our entire staff is brimming with excitement to welcome our students back through the doors and kick off another incredible year of learning, growth, and community. We can't wait to see all the bright faces walking into school, reconnect with returning families, and greet those who are new to Westcot. Let's make this school year our best one yet!

Ms. Martinez and Ms. Morton



Don't Forget!

SCHOOL HOURS
8:45AM WARNING BELL
8:50AM SCHOOL DAY BEGINS
2:50PM DISMISSAL

[School Website](#)

[District Website](#)

*Join the WPAC for
Coffee in the
Courtyard Sept.8*

*Following Ms. Martinez's Presentation in
the gym from 9:00-9:30*

WPAC Announcements
WhatsApp group



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Welcome to Westcot



Situated at the foot of the British Properties, near the Upper Levels Highway and Taylor Way in West Vancouver is Westcot Elementary School. Westcot Elementary is a high achieving, socially responsible learning community where our teachers and families work together to create a holistic, child centered learning environment.

The facilitation of student leadership is a thread that is woven into all of our academic programming, beginning with our young primary learners and continuing into the intermediate years.

Active participation, combined with service learning and leadership opportunities are the tenets of student citizenship and community building at Westcot Elementary.



WESTCOT ROARS!

At Westcot we proudly
work together for:



Westcot
Elementary
School



Respect



Ownership



Acceptance



Responsibility



Safety



**TOGETHER, WE LEARN,
GROW & THRIVE!**



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Our School Community

A safe, welcoming and inclusive school community is something **we create together**. We ask families to review our Codes of Conduct together and talk about what respectful, responsible and caring participation in our community looks like. These expectations apply to **all members of our school community—learners, staff, families and visitors.**



Conduct For Parents & Guardians

Expectations

1 Respectful Communication

Parents & guardians are expected to communicate respectfully and constructively with all members of the school community. This includes in person conversations, email, phone calls, etc.



2 Conduct on School Property

To help maintain a safe and welcoming school environment, parents & guardians must model appropriate behaviour for our students by using responsible language and actions. Adults will not approach or engage with another family's child to resolve conflicts, obtain information, or address concerns. Such matters should be directed to school staff or administration.

We ask that parents & guardians:

- Sign in upon arrival in the school
- Follow staff guidance and direction
- Refrain from entering classrooms without permission

3 Online Conduct

Parents & guardians must use digital communications—including email, social media, and school platforms—in a respectful and responsible way. This means not posting or sharing content that could harm others, such as comments that are unkind, misleading, or that share private information about students, families, or staff. Any online communication about members of the school community is expected to follow these same guidelines, no matter what platform is used.

4 Privacy and Confidentiality

Parents & guardians must respect the privacy of all students, families, and staff and must not share personal or identifying information about others without their knowledge and consent. This includes photos and recordings on any school property.



5 Supporting the Resolution of Concerns

When concerns arise, parents & guardians must follow the established resolution process:

1. Always start by discussing the concern with the adult directly involved (start with the source)
2. Engage with respect and in good faith
3. Respect all parties privacy
4. Work collaboratively to seek a resolution
5. Follow the above process before formal escalation



WESTCOT CODE OF CONDUCT

Safe | Kind | Inclusive | Responsible



At Westcot, learning happens best in a safe, orderly and positive environment. Respect and responsibility help every student feel safe, welcome and ready to learn.

1 Our Shared Values

- Respect yourself, others and the environment.
- Be kind, caring, safe and responsible.
- Take responsibility and be a positive bystander.
- Do your personal best and resolve conflicts peacefully.
- Value diversity, inclusion, tolerance and fairness.

2 Visitors & School Spaces

- Enter through the front doors, report to the office and sign in.
- Make arrangements before entering classrooms or other learning spaces.
- This includes the playground during recess, field and courtyard.
- Follow staff guidance to protect safety and learning.

3 Personal Digital Devices

Phones, smartwatches and other personal devices must be used appropriately throughout the school day, including before school, after school and break times. Staff may permit devices for learning, medical, accessibility or accommodation needs.

4 Conduct That Causes Harm

Conduct is unacceptable when it disrupts learning, disrespects others or creates unsafe conditions. Examples include intimidation, exclusion, bullying, offensive language, violence, theft or damage, weapons, and restricted substances.

5 Reflect, Repair & Restore

Westcot uses a restorative approach. When harm occurs, students are supported to:

- identify who was affected and involve those who can help resolve the problem;
- take responsibility, understand the impact and repair the harm;
- reflect, self-correct and plan what to do differently next time.



Expectations rise with age, maturity, responsibility and self-control.

Responses consider the student's age, circumstances and individual needs. | Source: Westcot Code of Conduct 2025



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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.



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 will be available for \$10.00 cash at the Courtyard Cafe. There will also be Westcot Beanies and Hoodies for Sale by our WPAC.



Courtyard Cafe

Our Westcot Parent Advisory Council (WPAC) invites all Westcot parents to the courtyard on Opening Day, Tuesday, September 8th following Ms. Martinez's presentation in the gym. Bring a mug

and stay to enjoy some coffee and conversation. Meet some new friends, connect with old friends and celebrate the start of a new year at Westcot.



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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.

Opening Day and Week for Grade 1 – 7 students

September 8th:

Similar to last year, our students will make their way to the gravel field independently where they will be greeted by staff.

Students will line up and enter with their grade group for a welcome and orientation by our Westcot staff.

- 9:00am - 10:40 am Grade 1 - 7

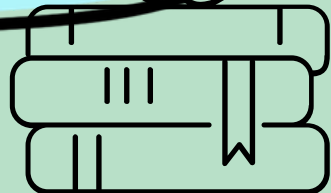
Students will be walked out to meet their families at the end of the day on the gravel field.

September 9th and onwards:

- 8:45am - 2:50 pm Grades 1 - 7

Kindergarten students will follow the Gradual Entry plan shared in July: Students will continue to line up at the start time on the gravel field. They will be walked out at the end of the day. Please establish a meeting location offsite for your children to connect with you. Children directly supervised by an adult are welcome to play on the playground at the end of the day.

Students not in attendance by September 10th: Will not have a guaranteed spot at Westcot. Students must be present in class by September 8th at the latest to be registered.



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PARENT CHAT GROUPS (EG. WHAT'S APP)



COMMUNITY GUIDELINES



- **Keep it positive.** Think of this classroom chat group as a public space with your friends and neighbours.
- **Zero tolerance for hate.** Racist, abusive or otherwise harmful/hateful speech will not be permitted and will result in expulsion from the chat.
- **Do not target people.** This chat is not the right forum for raising problems involving students or other parents. Raise such matters privately and/or with the Principal.
- **Respect children and staff.** Do not use these chat groups to discuss other people's children, teachers or school staff. Raise concerns directly with the teacher and/or Principal.
- **Stay on topic.** Keep conversations focused on our shared school community and contributing positively to it.

ATTENTION PLEASE!



E-TRANSPORT: Know Before You Buy or Ride

Not all small or electric transportation is treated the same.
Know the Micromobility rules for Personal Electric Vehicles in West Vancouver.

Vehicle Type	Where Can I Ride?	How Old Do I Need To Be?	Max Speed	License & Insurance?	Other Important Rules
 e-bike	Anywhere bicycles can ride	14+ for light e-bikes 16+ for standard e-bikes	Light bikes: 25 km/h Standard: 32 km/h	No license or insurance required	Must have fully operable pedals
 e-scooter	Anywhere bicycles can ride in West Van	16+	25 km/h	No license or insurance required	Solo riders only
 moped/LSM	Public Roads Only	16+	70 km/h	License & insurance required	BC licence plate required
 e-dirt bike	Not on roads, sidewalks, or bike lanes	Not legal at any age on public roads	Not permitted on public roads	Cannot be registered or insured	Not legal on public roads
 mini-motorcycle	Not on roads, sidewalks, or bike lanes	Not legal at any age on public roads	Not permitted on public roads	Cannot be registered or insured	Not legal on public roads



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Afterschool Programs

Mr. Bee's FUNdamental Sports

Running Fundamentals, Soccer, Volleyball, and Basketball

Come join Mr. B after school in the gym to develop your running, soccer, volleyball and basketball skills.

Registration links:

[Mondays Fall 2026 – Grade 4-5 Boys](#)

[Wednesdays Fall 2026 – Grade 3-4 Boys & Girls](#)

[Thursdays Fall 2026 – Grade 5-7 Boys](#)

[Fridays Fall 2026 – Grade 5-7 Girls](#)



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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: HERCULES!

This Fall, join Lights Up Afterschools as we travel way, way back... to Ancient Greece! Inspired by the animated film of the same name, "Hercules" is full of daring heroes, hilarious sidekicks, and menacing monsters. Our afterschool students will sing, dance, act, and shine in a mythical musical that is sure to "go the distance"!

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 1 - NOV 26

2:45PM - 5PM

**K-4 students supervised from their dismissal times*

GRADES: K to 7

Fee: \$380* (*plus GST)

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

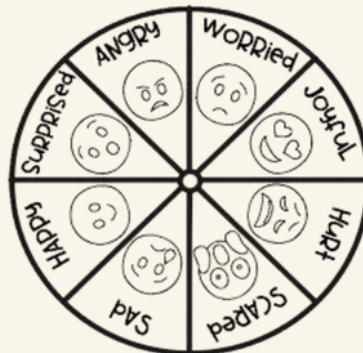


The World of Yoga School®
Kids Yoga and Music by Monika

www.worldofyogaschool.com

insta: kidsyogadancemenka

Kids Yoga, Mindfulness, Meditation & Anatomy Theme- Emotions are our guides



TUESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL

FROM SEPT 22 - DEC 1 2026 AT WESTCOT ELEMENTARY

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

\$18/CLASS X 11 CLASSES TOTAL=\$198+5%GST=\$208



To register, use qr code or link: <https://forms.gle/St9X5xmzZWQDRzXB9>

For more contact menkapurswaney@gmail.com 604 861 3309



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WESTCOT TRAFFIC SAFETY

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Road closure on Westcot Road will continue into September. Please note Westcot Road will be open before 9:00am and after 2:00pm during school days. Please make every effort to arrive at school by 8:45am and utilize the Drive to 5 "park and walk in" as much as possible to help ensure quick and efficient entry to the school

**PLEASE DO NOT
BLOCK THE
CROSSWALKS**



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.

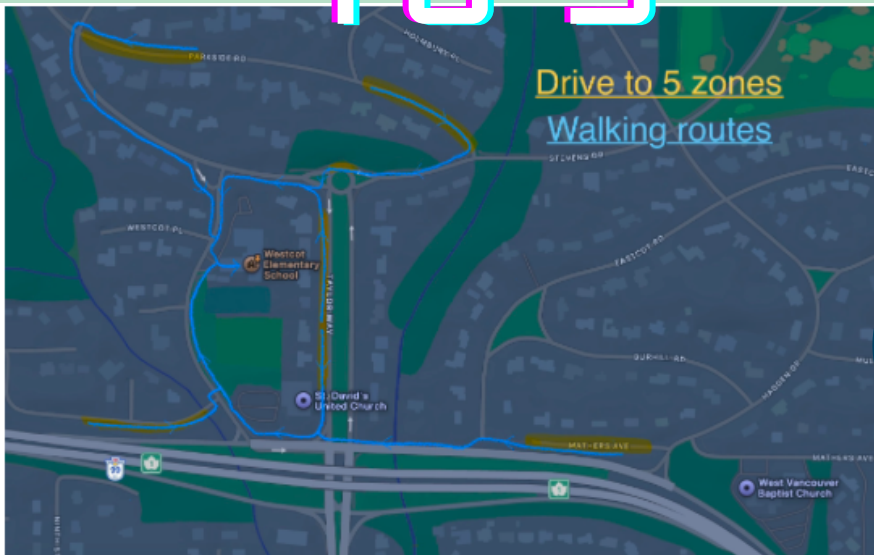
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DRIVE
SAFELY AND
RESPECT
SIGNAGE IN
CHURCH
PARKING
LOT**

**REMINDER:
NO DROPPING
OFF ON THE
HIGHWAY
ONRAMP**

**THIS IS VERY
UNSAFE**

DRIVE- TO-5

Drive to 5 zones
Walking routes



We're excited to share the Drive-To-5 initiative, a community effort to reduce traffic congestion and get our kids moving a little more each day!

The idea is simple: instead of dropping off and picking up your child at Westcot Rd, drive to a spot about a 5-minute walk away and let your child walk the rest of the way. For younger children, parents are encouraged to walk with them to and from school to where the car is parked.

We've included a map with suggested Drive-To-5 zones and walking routes to help you find the best fit for you.

The more families who join in, the more kids can walk together!



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Required Annual Parent/Guardian Forms



2026-2027 Required Annual Parent/Guardian Forms

Dear Westcot Families:

To ensure a safe and successful start to the school year, we ask that you complete two important forms for each student in your household. These forms enable your child's full participation in school activities and ensure we have accurate, up-to-date information in case of an emergency. Both forms must be submitted.

1. Student Information Verification Form (paper copy) – this will be sent home in the second week of school

- Review the student information verification form carefully, as it contains all the personal contact, medical, and emergency information we have on file for your child in the District's student information system, MyEducationBC
- Any updates or changes to the information on the form should be written directly on the form. Please make sure the new information is written in a manner that is clear and easy to read. Additional space is available at the bottom if required.
- Sign and date the form, **even if no changes have been made**
- Return to your school office

If you make any changes to the following information, you must also provide supporting documents:

- Home address
- Parental responsibility
- Legal or medical alerts
- Citizenship

A list of acceptable documents is available at

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/admissions/required-documentation/> Staff may request additional documentation at their discretion.

Please upload documents electronically using the secure upload link

<https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/StudentDocuments>



Please note that if supporting documentation is not provided, changes will NOT be made in MyEducationBC, the official student information system used by school districts and the provincial government, to maintain a student's permanent record.

Emergency Contact Section

The Emergency Contact section of this form lists all the contacts that are authorized to pick up your child in the event of an emergency.

- All emergency contacts must be 19+ years and aware of this role
- We recommend including at least one trusted contact who lives nearby
- In the event of a broad emergency, the school may implement a controlled release of students to ensure their safety and well-being. If this becomes necessary, students will only be released to parents/guardians or emergency contacts listed on the form. If necessary, students may be released to authorized medical personnel.
- Accurate emergency contact information is essential for your child's safety. Please ensure that this section is accurate and up to date.

2. Complete the Online Policies & Procedures Form
(online) accessible with this QR code or click here:



Parents/guardians must also complete a new Policies and Procedures form for each child in their household, every school year. Failure to submit this form will limit your child's participation in classroom and school activities.

The form covers:

- Basic student information
- Permissions for school activities and programs
- Permissions for technology and digital recourse use
- Release of limited personal information

Thank you for your attention to these important steps. By completing these two actions, you help us support a safe, responsive, and well-organized learning environment for all students.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact your school office directly.

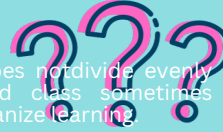
MULTI-AGE CLASSROOMS



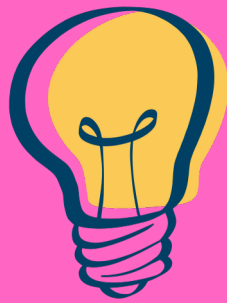
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Why do we have multi-age classrooms?

When the number of students at each grade level does not divide evenly into provincially required class sizes, a combined class sometimes becomes the most effective and balanced way to organize learning.



In addition to enrolment patterns, schools also consider class composition, such as student learning styles, strengths, social dynamics, and peer relationships. These factors help us create classrooms that are supportive, safe, and well-balanced for all students.



What does it look like?

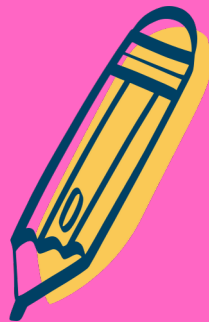
In multi-age classrooms, the focus is on how students learn, not their grade level, with instruction centred on big ideas, shared experiences, flexible grouping and ongoing assessment.

Planning is guided by each child's strengths and next steps, reflecting how students naturally learn through collaboration and reflection.

How are we supporting all students?

A variety of teaching approaches so all students can learn in ways that work best for them, including working in different group sizes, having choices in how they show their learning, and receiving regular feedback.

These practices are used every day in West Vancouver Schools classrooms.



What about my child?

For students, a multi-age classroom means learning with peers of different strengths, being supported at the right level, and building confidence, independence, and leadership skills. Children are not expected to be "ahead" or "behind" — they are supported to grow from where they are.

How do I support at home?

Families can support their child in a multi-age classroom by talking about learning, focusing on progress rather than comparison, and connecting with teachers when questions arise. Encouraging

speaking positively about the experience helps build confidence and openness to learning



Calendar

September	8	Grade 1-7 First Day of School 9:00-10:40am
	9	Kindergarten Gradual Entry begins
	10	All students must be physically back at Westcot to be officially registered for the 2026 - 2027 School Year
	14	Individual Student Photos
	18	Family Friday Open House 2:15pm
	22	Terry Fox Run
	23	WPAC Meeting 9:30 am
	25	Professional Development Day - students NOT in session
	29	Orange Shirt Day
	30	Truth and Reconciliation Day (schools closed)

**New Bell Schedule for Next
School Year 2026-2027**

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**2026/2027 Westcot
School Calendar**

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