



CAULFEILD IDEC ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

Thursday, October 8, 2020 E-Bulletin

Bears Calendar

October	12	Thanksgiving Day Holiday, No School
	23	Professional Development Day - no school for students
	30	Halloween Costume Parade
November	1	Daylight Savings Time
	10	Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly
	11	Remembrance Day Holiday, No School

Click here for the: [2020/2021 IDEC School Calendar](#)

A Virtual welcome to All Things IDEC 2020:

https://youtu.be/_jmTPDqY-kg

Parent Teacher Conferences

Thank you for making the turnout for our parent-teacher conferences this week a tremendous success. Effective communication between home & school, teachers & students, and parents & teachers is an integral part of student success. Our fall conference is a great opportunity to build a connection with your child's teacher and discuss some key aspects about your child's learning progress. We are delighted that so many of our families participated this week in these valuable conversations about student learning. This is a tremendous display of support and an investment of time toward your child's educational journey at iDEC. We wish you and your family a wonderful long weekend!

Staffing News

We are very excited to welcome Ms. Olivia Lewis to the Caulfeild staff. Ms. Lewis will be permanently teaching in Grade 6, Division 4. She is a former Caulfeild alumni and attended Caulfeild herself from Kindergarten to Grade 7. Ms. Lewis is thrilled to be returning to where her educational journey began. She has most recently taught at Irwin Park teaching Grade 3 and Grade 6. She is passionate about inquiry learning and is thrilled to be able to put these skills into action here at iDEC.

How You Can Help!

Please

Daily Health Checks

Please remember to perform a [Daily Health Check](#) with your children prior to drop off each morning.

Translations:

[Daily health check form_ARABIC](#)

[Daily health check form_Simplified Chinese](#)

[Daily health check form_FARSI](#)

[Daily health check form_TAGALOG](#)

[Daily health check form_KOREAN](#)

Hip Hip Hooray ... Mr. Kolkea is Okay!

It has been one week since getting my hip repaired which got me thinking about sharing a quick update to you all at Caulfeild. Here are some Mr. Kolkea highlights to pass along so far:



I miss coming to school each day. *It is far too lonely at home without students and staff around.*

My leg is getting stronger each day. *It is a slow process but I'm seeing the progress.*

The first couple days were uncomfortable and even painful at times. *I'm way past that now . . . most times of the day.*

I used to be rather terrified of hospitals. *After this experience I think I'm over this fear. The staff are simply too caring and professional to be scared of them.*

I'm looking forward to seeing you sometime soon. *Students I love hearing about your*

learning and how you are making a difference and Being the Bear at Caulfeild.

Terry Fox Run - Last Call for Donations



Throughout this week individual classes have been running for Terry Fox. Each division has also been discussing his extraordinary accomplishments, and how he demonstrates traits of the Caulfeild bear. For the 40th anniversary of the Terry Fox Run we are asking students to support Cancer Research through the donation of a toonie or five dollars. As well, to show our support for this great Canadian hero, we are asking students to wear red and white tomorrow, Friday, October 9th.

Admissions 2020-21

Online applications for student admissions for the 2020-2021 school year will be accepted as of 8 am on Tuesday, October 15th.

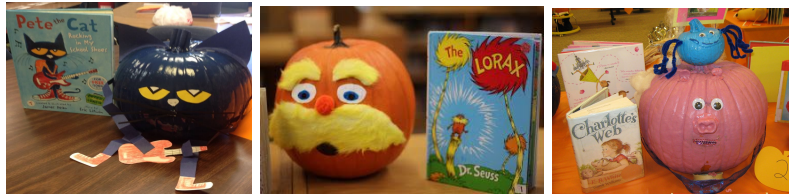
Applications will be accepted for ALL Kindergarten applications (in-catchment, out of catchment and out of district) and for IN-CATCHMENT applicants in Grades 1 – 12.

Registration for High School

If your first choice high school is **Rockridge**, you are not required to complete an online application (regardless of where you live). **Rockridge** counsellors will be visiting schools in late winter/early spring and distributing transfer forms at that time.

HOWEVER, if your first choice for secondary school is somewhere other than Rockridge, you must complete an online application according to the [student registration timelines](#). **Please note:** *No out of catchment or out of district applications for secondary are accepted until January.*

Halloween Activities



Though this year's Halloween celebrations will look a little different, we will still be having some Covid-friendly Halloween fun in classrooms this year. In lieu of our annual Primary Pumpkin Patch, Caulfeild has decided to combine our love of Halloween traditions and books all into one! The Intermediate students will be asked to design and decorate a pumpkin based on a book character. Once decorated, these pumpkins will be displayed for primary grades to view and enjoy.

As well, on Friday, October 30th students will have the option of dressing in their Halloween costume for the day. Should your child choose to wear a costume, they will need to come dressed in the morning. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, bathrooms are not available for changing or makeup application. Please make sure costumes are suitable for school and comfortable enough to be in all day through various activities. School rules are that no Halloween masks, inflatable costumes, or accessories such as weapons are permitted. Also, please be aware that food is not being shared and no treats are to come into classrooms. Fortunately, because we are a digital school, a slideshow of classroom costumes will be created in order that students get to see all the creative and wonderful characters that our Caulfeild bears will become.

Timely Arrival

Thank you for assisting your child to arrive at school on time. Schedules and routines are an extremely important part of our Health and Safety procedures. Classes are led into the building one cohort at a time for careful hand sanitization. Late arrivals add a complexity to this procedure we hope to mitigate ????

K-2 students are expected to be dropped off at school between 8:20 and **8:30am**
- Teachers take their classes into the build at 8:30. If you are not in the line at that time your child will be marked late.

3-5 student arrive time 8:30-8:40

6-7 students arrive time 8:40-8:50

Procedure for Late Arrivals and Early Pick-Ups

Though we strongly encourage students to arrive and leave school during their scheduled times, we understand that there are occasionally extenuating circumstances that cannot be helped. When that is the case please follow the guidelines below:

Late Arrivals: Students needing to arrive late are asked to come at the end of one of the two outdoor recess breaks and enter with their class.

Kindergarten to Grade 3 at **10:30 am** or **12:20 pm**.

Grades 4 to 7 at **10:55 am** or **1:00 pm**.

Early Pick-Ups: Students needing to leave early are asked to leave at the beginning of one of the two outdoor recess breaks and exit through the main doors to be picked up at the top of the roundabout.

Kindergarten to Grade 3 at **10:10am** or **12:00pm**.

Grades 4 to 7 at **10:35 am** or **12:40 pm**.

Procedure for Student Absence

If your child will be absent we ask that you inform the office before classes begin, either by email to caulfeild@wvschools.ca or by leaving a voicemail at 604-981-1205. Please be sure to inform the office even if you have already notified your child's teacher.

School Forms are PAST DUE

Thank you to everyone that has already completed their forms. If you have not returned your child's emergency forms please do so as soon as possible as these are required in order to release your child in the event of an emergency.

To date we have only received **54%** of the online [Policies and Procedures](#) form, we need to reach 100%. This online form is required for students to participate fully in classroom and school activities. Without a completed Policies and Procedures form your child will not be able to participate in the upcoming Terry Fox Runs.

Medical Alerts

If your child has a life-threatening or serious health issue that may require emergency or ongoing medical management at school, please contact Ms. Araya at MAraya@wvschools.ca, as a Medical Alert Information Sheet will need to be completed as soon as possible.

Caulfeild PAC

Highlights from CPAC 1st General Meeting and AGM

We had over 70 people in attendance on Tuesday, a lot of information was shared, some good discussion took place and we voted for the new CPAC exec team. Please meet your **2020-2021 CPAC Exec Members**:

Chair: Anya Yashkina

Co-Vice Chairs: Nina Cheema, Kelli Vukelic

Treasurer: Marisa Yang

Secretary: Joyce Cheng

DPAC Rep: Tonia Liao

Members-at-Large: Amir Sadath, Zahra Jiwani, Monica Buck, Aneela Mallick, Nikki Baxendale, Sanaz Molavi, Margarita Wyld, Rhiannon Fitzpatrick

We are very excited to have so many members-at-large, as this year will be different, we will need as many dedicated heads, hands, and hearts as we can get.

We reviewed CPAC initiatives from last year and presented tentative plans for this year. We proposed the 2020-2021 budget which was approved at the meeting. The plans and the budget are flexible so that they may be adjusted to any newly developing needs or priorities. Please visit the CPAC section on the school website to review the [2020-2021 CPAC Plans](#) and [2020-2021 CPAC Budget](#).

Our Acting Principal Ms. Bell provided a September update as well as answered some frequently asked questions about COVID 19. [Ms. Bell's Slide Deck for the meeting](#)

[Minutes](#) from this meeting as well as previous meetings are available on the [CPAC Resources](#) page on the school website.

Questions for the Principal

From our meeting as well as the discussion happening on our FB Group page, it has become clear that some families have questions about School Policies and Procedures, especially as they relate to health and safety measures. You can find answers to many of your questions on the [school district website](#) as well as Ms. Bell's [COVID-19 FAQs document](#). If your question remains unanswered, please submit it [here](#) and we will do our best to get it answered for you.

[West Vancouver COVID-19 Safety Plan](#)

[West Vancouver District FAQs](#)

Call for Fundraising Committee Volunteers

CPAC is committed to supporting and enhancing our student learning and wellbeing. Every year we provide funds to cover maintenance and upgrades of learning spaces and technology. We also contribute to iDEC program development through supporting teacher professional development and purchases of appropriate STEAM and site licenses. We also help update Music and PE equipment, as well as support Arts and Sports programs.

We are looking for volunteers to help us raise funds to support such initiatives. If you are interested in joining our Fundraising Committee, please email Rhiannon Fitzpatrick at rhi_t@hotmail.com

Call for Room Parents Volunteers

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to be Room Parents this year. We have filled 4 positions so far which means that CPAC is in need of 12 more Room Parent Volunteers. We are in search of room parents for the following divisions: Div 2, Div 5, Div 7, Div 8, Div 10, Div 12, Div 13, Div 14, Div 15, and Div 16.

Room Parents help facilitate class activities and the connection among class parents and the teacher. This year we are also asking room parents to take on the role of 'mentor' to new families and be available to answer their school-related questions. If you are interested please email CPAC at capac@wvschools.ca and indicate your name, your child(ren)'s name, grade, and division.

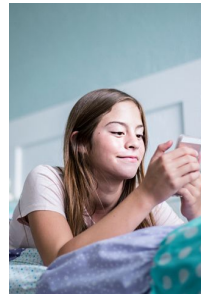
Connect with Us

Website: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/caulfeild-elementary/parents/>

CPAC Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/125976944278678/> (You need to answer two questions to join this closed group!)

Email: capac@wvschools.ca

Community Corner



WVDPAC Advisory Council Presents: [Tech, COVID & Kids: Reset Your Home for Healthy Habits](#) October 21, 7:00-8:30pm FREE Virtual Parent Event

FREE Parent Community Conversation: [When Stress Comes Home](#) with guest Speaker Emma Carlson, MA.

October 15, 7:30-9:15pm Virtual Presentation

[Accessibility for All: A Virtual Dialogue and Learning Forum](#) with world renowned speakers including the Rick Hansen Foundation accessibility specialist Han Uli Eggar and former CBC world journalist Kevin Evans. November 6th at 6:00pm

Parent Reading Corner



We would love to have you follow our school Twitter account [Caulfeild iDEC on Twitter](#)

Many of our staff are active Twitter users and our CPAC also uses Twitter regularly: [Caulfeild PAC on Twitter](#)

Twitter is a great window into our K-7 classrooms, student learning, special events, opportunities, celebrations, and iDEC staff professional reflections. Keep your finger on the pulse of the school through photos and concise captions by following us on Twitter!

Parent Education Sessions at our CPAC meetings.

Parent Education presentations during our monthly meetings will be linked here for your reference and convenience

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/caulfeild-elementary/parents/pac-resources/>

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