

CAULFEILD IDEC ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

Thursday, December 17, 2020 E-Bulletin

Bears Calendar

December	18	Last Day of Classes before Winter Break- Christmas Sweater Day Early Dismissal - 12:10, 12:20, 12:30pm
	21- Jan 1	Winter Break
January	4	School Re-opens
	11	Rockridge Grade 7 Student & Parent Night 7pm
	14	Rockridge VP visits the Caulfeild Grade 7 classes
	18-15	FSAs for Grade 4 & 7 students
	19	Rockridge virtual follow-up information session for Caulfeild Parents 7pm
	26	CPAC General Meeting 10am

[2020/2021 IDEC School Calendar](#)

Daily Health Checks

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

Daily Health Check Translations: [Arabic](#), [Farsi](#), [Korean](#), [Simplified Chinese](#), [Tagalog](#)

Bear Wear Fridays goes Christmas Crazy

Tomorrow is our last day to join in the fun of the holiday spirit at Caulfeild. Wear your favourite Christmas sweater, Christmas hat, antlers, ears, or anything festive!



Early Dismissal Tomorrow

Students will be dismissed early tomorrow, Friday December 18th. Dismissal times will be staggered to remain in line with our safety protocols, please refer to the chart below.



K - Grade 2	12:10 pm
Grade 3 - 5	12:20 pm
Grade 6 - 7	12:30 pm

The Caulfeild Virtual Christmas Concert 2020

Under the direction of Mr. Santos, we have showcased our iDEC students from all 16 divisions. The concert video also features how each grade team has made a difference in our community by learning and taking action through our whole school inquiry. We hope that you enjoy our Christmas Concert video!



Our Whole School Empathy Inquiry

Collectively we raised **\$8595.30** to contribute to those who need help in society. Below is a chart of empathy in action!

iDEC Team	Who we helped	Amount Raised
Divisions 1,2,7,8	Family Services of the North Shore	\$2800.00
Division 3	BC Children's Hospital Foundation	\$609.05
Divisions 4,6,9,10,13,14,15,16	Harvest Project	\$2102.04
Divisions 5,9,10,13,14,15,16	Santa for Seniors	\$1832.16
Divisions 11,12	Backpack Buddies	\$1252.05

Dress for the Weather

December is here and so are the days of a darker and damper time of year. **Please ensure you send your children to school equipped for outdoor play as all recess periods will be outside regardless of the weather, unless extreme conditions make outdoor play unsafe.** Children should come to school prepared for the weather, be it rain or snow. Rain coats, boots, warm coats, hats, mittens and snow gear are essential to keep your children dry and warm outdoors. You may wish to send an extra set of dry clothes and socks to keep at school in case your child gets wet while outdoors as the school does not keep a large supply of extra clothes. If your child is not well enough to play outdoors, please do not send them to school.

School Closures

In the event of inclement weather, please remember to check the School District website for school closure information or listen to your local radio stations. For complete details about how to find school closure information, please check district website for full details here: [Weather Closures of Schools](#)

FSAs Coming January 2021

In the fall, the Ministry of Education postponed FSAs (Foundational Skill Assessments) to the new year. The new dates for FSAs are January 18- February 26, 2021. These assessments are for grade 4 and 7 students only.

Grade 7 Rockridge Transition Dates

In January we begin the transition process for our Gr. 7 students to move on to secondary school. The [Rockridge Grade 7 Student and Parent Night](#) will take place virtually on **Monday, January 11th** at 7pm.

Rockridge Vice-Principal, Garth Thomson, will come and visit each of our two Grade 7 classes the morning of **Thursday, January 14th**. His presentations will allow students to ask follow up questions from the January 11th event while also sharing more details about 'all things Rockridge'.

Vice-Principal Garth Thomson will also host a Caulfeild parent virtual follow up information session on **Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00pm**. A link to this session will follow in January.

Voluntary Absences from School

We are aware that some families will be voluntarily keeping their children from school either prior to winter break or following the holidays. Our teachers do their very best to support students during required absences due to sickness or if required to self-isolate. When the absence is voluntary and a family's choice, it is a family's responsibility to maintain academic learning at home.

This would be a good time for children (as age-appropriate) to read, write in their journal, do Math IXL online, participate in any assignments shared via Google Classroom (if there are current assignments on this platform - largely intermediate students), and take advantage of other emergent opportunities to practise foundational skills (e.g. following instructions and using math while cooking).

Families may email their child's teacher(s) to see if there is other work their child can do, but it is important for families to recognize that teaching students in the classroom and providing work for required absent students is where teachers are expected to direct their energy and time.



Happy Holidays!

From all the staff at Caulfeild iDEC thank you for your support and involvement with our school throughout this unique and sometimes challenging first term. We are looking forward to 2021 and the opportunities that lie ahead for our school community. Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us each day. Our students have had a great first term and demonstrated growth and leadership with all our Bear Traits. We love helping them learn and grow, while learning from them every day too. We wish you a safe and happy holiday filled with joy and time with your family. We will see you next year...remember we are back on Monday, January 4th 2021.

If your family is planning on extending your holiday to days when school is in session after the winter break, please be sure to call the office callback line at 604-981-1205 or email caulfeild@wvschools.ca

Caulfeild PAC

A Message from the CPAC Exec Team

We would like to express our gratitude to the **Caulfeild Elementary staff** for their dedication and hard work. Thank you for going above and beyond to continue providing a safe, nurturing, and innovative environment for our students.

We are also very grateful to our **parent community**. Thanks to your involvement and contributions, we have been able to continue supporting our collective vision and goals despite all the challenges this term has presented. Although we have had to modify the way we operate, our purpose has not changed. We could not organize in-person events for families to meet and socialize, but we connected virtually via our monthly general meetings and classroom meetups. We stayed in touch by sending updates via ebulletin, emails, Facebook and Twitter posts.

Our fundraising efforts have looked a bit different as well. Due to all the limitations, we have relied mostly on direct donations. The **CPAC Community Fundraising Campaign**, held in November, was our biggest campaign of the year. Thanks to your generous donations, we raised **\$24,765** surpassing our goal of \$22,000. These funds are being put to good use: staggered iPads and other technology replacements, furniture updates, acquisition of site licenses, additional teaching materials and supplies.

We were able to hold some of our regular fundraisers this term, such as: **BearWear** and **Purdy's** chocolates sales. In addition, we experimented with new formats and engaged in new partnerships to offer you **Mom's Pantry** and **Holiday Plant** sales, as well as the year-long online fundraisers with [Amazon](#) and [Indigo](#). **Please check our new [Fundraising webpage](#) for information on all current CPAC fundraisers.**

We also engaged in some housekeeping and spend time revamping our [website](#) to make it more useful and user-friendly. This fall, we undertook to review **CPAC Constitution** and **Bylaws** and have some recommended changes. You can find both the [current version](#) (adopted in 2016) and the [proposed updated version](#) (all the proposed changes are in red) on our [website](#) under Parent info/CPAC resources. If you have any comments or suggestions, please send them to us via email: capac@wvschools.ca. These will be voted on in the next CPAC meeting on January 26, 2021.

We also launched a new community initiative, the **Caulfeild Community Cookbook**. We would like to remind you that we continue collecting your original recipes for our community cookbook. Follow [this helpful template](#) to share your favourite recipe with the community and send it to caulfeildcooks@gmail.com.

We are planning some exciting things for the next term as well. We are all set to offer you **Hot Lunch Program 3 days a week** starting late January: Well-Fed menu on Tuesdays & Thursdays and Panago pizza on Fridays. Look out for an email with the sales information as soon as we are back to school in January. We are also working on holding a **Virtual Scholastic Book Fair** in February and **Spring Plant** sales in March.

We thank you for your continued support to help make our school a better learning place for our children. We wish you Happy Holidays and a restful and joyful winter break.

See you in 2021.

CPAC Exec Team

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Twitter: [Follow Caulfeild PAC on Twitter Here](#)

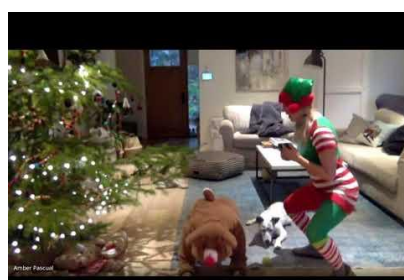
Community Corner

15 Activities to Help You “Happy Better” this Holiday Season

Coming to you from our district Physical Literacy champions Amber and Erin ...

This blog contains loads of ideas to keep families active and happy during the holiday season and fill families full of important data that will promote healthy living: [Participaction.com BLOG](#)

And speaking of Physical Literacy ... Amber and Erin invite all students to participate in this year's Health Elf Celebration



Public Health in Schools

Schools **will not** be offering immunization or vision and hearing clinics this school year, as Public Health nurses have all been reassigned to deal with Covid related work. Parents can either make an appointment with a VCH immunization clinic or contact their family doctor. To enquire about a clinic appointment call 604-983-6700 and request to speak with an immunization clerk.

Chris Kennedy, WV Schools Superintendent

Get insight into the thoughts and ideas of Chris Kennedy, Superintendent of the West Vancouver School District. Read his latest blogs and follow him on Twitter to learn more from the CEO of WV Schools in:

<https://cultureofyes.ca/> or <https://twitter.com/chrkenedy>

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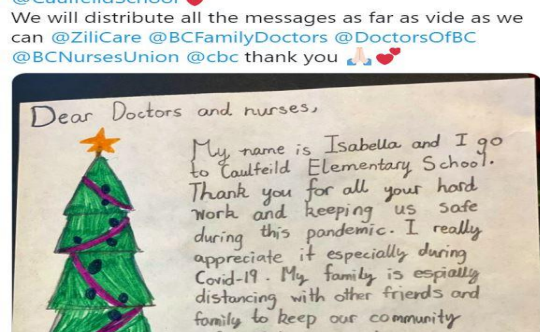
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We would love to have you connect with us and follow our [Caulfeild School Twitter](#) account! Many of our staff are active Twitter users and our [CPAC](#) also uses Twitter regularly.

Maryam Zeineddin, MD
@dmzeineddin

What a gift to be able to read these amazing holiday messages from all the grade 3 students at [@CaulfeildSchool](#) ❤️ We will distribute all the messages as far as we can. @ZiliCare @BCFamilyDoctors @DoctorsOfBC @BCNursesUnion @cbc thank you 🙏❤️



Esther Cheng-Julian | 鄭紹宜
@estherjulian

Inspired by my own grade 3 & 4 teacher, we created compliment trees this week in grade 4 to end our whole school inquiry on empathy. I still have my compliment tree from 20 years ago! I will always remember Mrs. Chan ❤️ @RichmondSD38 @CaulfeildSchool #bethebear #westvaned



Rachel Loerch
@MsRachel_Loerch

I am quite impressed with [@CaulfeildSchool](#). We obviously can't do our normal all school style inquiry, yet our fearless leaders found and organized a way to make it feel like we are. I think this one is a post covid keeper. @ms_sarabell @tkolkea #bethebear #westvaned #empathy



Jeff Muthanna
@jeffmuthanna

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