

Thursday, April 8th, 2021 E-Bulletin

Bears Calendar

April	9	Bear Wear Friday
	14	Plant Pick-up (11am & 3pm)
	16	Whole School Inquiry Ends Bear Wear Friday
	21	Parent Education Event: Mental Health Workshop 7:00pm
	23	Bear Wear Friday
	27	CPAC General Meeting 10:00am
	30	Bear Wear Friday
May	7	Bear Wear Friday
	14	Bear Wear Friday
	21	School Not in Session
	24	Victoria Day Holiday
	25	CPAC General Meeting 7:00pm
	28	Bear Wear Friday

[2020/2021 IDEC School Calendar](#)

Daily Health Checks

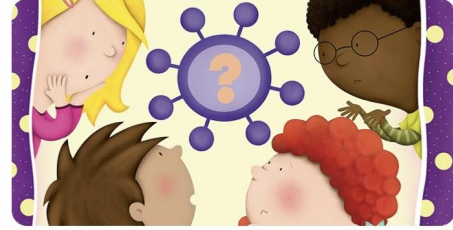
Please remember to perform a [Daily Health Check](#) with your child(ren) prior to drop off each morning.

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



"The world right now is struggling, all we need is to get past this last little hill." ~ Violeta, Gr. 6

@CaulfeildSchool Today we discussed how we can support each other in school when the world around us is worried... I love my class. #SEL #westvaned #bcedchat



A Last Little Hill

There is not a day that goes by at Caulfeild that I am not impressed, or amazed by the skills and learning of our students. To the same extent, on a daily basis, I find myself witnessing leadership, support and inspiration from my staff that engages our students in doing their best while enjoying their day at iDEC. Perhaps the most significant action that brings me to this realization is how excited both my staff and students are to share what they are planning, learning, playing or celebrating when I visit a class or see them in the hallway. I think I can best explain the previous phenomenon through how I plan my day. I am not one to be in my office a great deal, but there are times that I am in a virtual meeting or working with my office team where I cannot be visiting classrooms.

Basically if I have a classroom I plan to visit, I never assume that will be the only destination or conversation I will have on that trip through the school. Very simply, I cannot expect to have just one mission to supervise learning - I know there will be invitations, questions and opportunities that simply need to be on my delightfully unexpected agenda. So why do I share this day in the life of Mr. Kolkea with you? Well, it has to do with the Tweet I have included above from Mr. Muthanna and Violeta in Division 3.

After sending out a COVID notification this past weekend to the Caulfeild community, I knew this may add worry to our staff, students and parents. What it did not do, however, is diminish the drive to put students first and for our classes to focus on what is important. In Division 3, for example, students were engaged with a question and answer activity that helped them focus on their individual social emotional needs and how to support others during these challenging times. In Division 8 students started the day Wednesday reviewing safety practices of proper mask use as part of their morning announcements and class meeting. Our primary teams have been busy over the past two days interviewing heroes for our whole school inquiry . . . And who are these heroes? None other than some of our very own iDEC staff members such as Ms. Araya, Mr. Salarza and Mr. Lund.

These are glowing examples, from the last 48 hours, of the kind of positive school culture we have persevering across all grade levels. Yes, student safety is top of mind and part of our regular planning. Yes we are focusing on the needs of our students and families in our community. Yes, we are leading the way with inquiry. Yes we are embracing the positive growth mindset that Violeta refers to in her Tweet. There are hills to climb but together we can #bethebear and support each other especially when the world around us is providing challenges.

Safe Landing



It's a bird . . . No, it's a plane . . . No, it's a drone . . . No, it was an emergency landing on our gravel field this weekend. Our school proved to be a safe place for more than our usual school community members this Easter weekend.

Health and Safety News

Parents received a message from Superintendent Kennedy last Wednesday morning highlighting the new mask mandate from grade 4 to 12. If you would like to review that email you can find it at this [link](#).

The staff at Caulfeild take the health and safety of our students and learning community members very seriously. With the new changes you can feel assured that our team is doing their best to lead the way for a smooth transition to the new mask mandate. *Here are the expanded details once again* in addition to Superintendent Kennedy's email from the updated Public Health Guidelines.

KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 3

Students in Grades K to 3 are encouraged to wear a mask indoors in schools and on school buses but are not required to do so; mask-wearing remains a personal or family/caregiver choice for these students.

WHEN MASKS ARE NOT REQUIRED

Students are not required to wear a mask when outside; i.e. when coming to school; recess; lunch; pick-up; and for outdoor learning and outdoor PE. There are other exceptions (e.g. when eating or drinking) noted on page 30 of the Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings.

MUSIC + BAND

Masks can be temporarily removed for music (i.e. playing an instrument). At iDEC, our students in band play in a large space allowing for more than 2m physical distancing.

MASK AVAILABILITY

Yesterday we distributed another cloth mask to all iDEC students. For Grade 4-7 students, it is advisable that they come to school wearing their mask so that they do not forget it and that they keep a backup (or two) in a zip-lock bag in their backpack. To assist us with reducing garbage, please label your child's masks.

MASK ETIQUETTE

In order for mask-use to be effective, students must take care in applying, storing, and removing their mask. We feel teaching students mask etiquette is a shared responsibility of the family and school. We will continue to encourage mask etiquette and request that families visit [this CDC webpage](#) to learn about appropriate cleaning, handling and storage of masks.

If you have any questions about how we are implementing the guidelines, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Kolkea by phone or email.

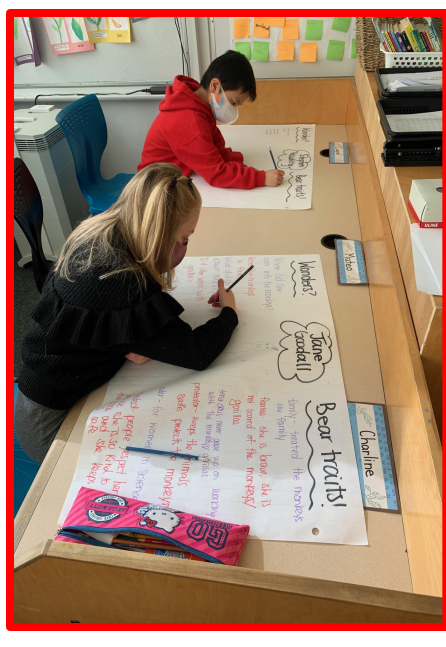
Our Whole School Inquiry: *Heroes Walk Among Us*

All our divisions from K-7 are well underway with our second whole school inquiry of the year. Just ask your child: **What have you done this week with the Bear Traits?** or **What hero have you learned about?**

On behalf of the Caulfeild Bear, our staff have been working from the following big idea: There are many great people in our community from present day and through history who possess and demonstrate qualities that we value and identify as Being the Bear. As we explore these people and ideas we will examine our 14 Bear Traits and REP skills with the goal of streamlining our school values.

From there, we have developed our essential question: **Which of our Bear Traits best measure a person's ability to make a positive difference in their community?**

This inquiry will include the story of others - it will showcase those heroes who walk among us with varying levels of global recognition. Students will make connections with these stories of others and how they use our Bear Traits to achieve their goals and make a difference all while solving an important problem for the Caulfeild Bear . . . he is having a hard time remembering the 14 Bear Traits!



Look for ongoing details about this important and valuable inquiry learning structure that is a unique iDEC learning experience here in the E Bulletin and from your child's teacher directly.

Not Returning Next Year?

We are working in the office to prepare for September and the 2021-2022 school year. New registrations are being accepted which means making projections about our school size for next fall. If you know your child(ren) will not be returning to iDEC in September 2021, please notify Ms. Araya as soon as possible via email at MAraya@wvschools.ca Thank you for helping us keep our records and planning up to date.

Dismissal and After School Play

A reminder that our school playgrounds are closed after school play. Please continue to keep our school community safe. Students along with parents/guardians must make their way home after dismissal.

Thank you to our families who continue to respect our after school dismissal policies.

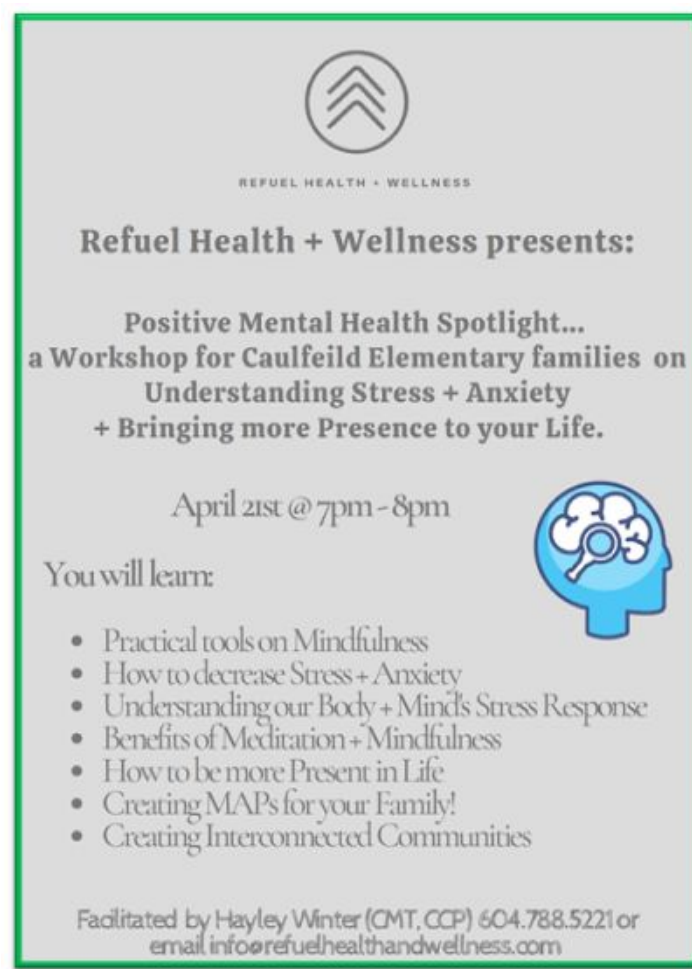
Caulfeild PAC

Caulfeild Mental Wellness Workshop

We are pleased to offer you this virtual hands-on Mental Wellness Workshop provided by a professional counselor. Learn some **practical tools** on how to keep yourself and your family **mentally healthy** during these challenging times. Highly recommended by families from other West Vancouver Schools, this workshop is designed to meet the needs of the entire family, your children are encouraged to join and will find it interesting and useful too.

Use the link below to join the workshop on **Wednesday, April 21st at 7:00pm:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84825004617?pwd=TFRlNmduUUU0OVl9ncGpvNUU0eWVnQjQ0T09>



Spring Plant Pick-up

Our Spring Plant Fundraiser was a success, thanks to your support we raised over **\$600.00!** Plant pick-up will take place at the school on **Wednesday, April 14th** at 11:00am and 3:00pm - further details to follow.

Online Chess Club Registration



Online Chess Club is open to Caulfeild School members at discounted rate! It is offered by our usual after school club vendor that has been approved by the WVS district.

You are invited to explore the strategic world of chess at this exclusive chess club. This club includes fundamentals for beginners along with strategies for the more advanced players. Chess Club players will have the opportunity to improve their skills by playing against other player of various levels. This class accepts beginners and experienced players alike from ages 6-11. For schedule and registration information, please click [here](#).

Check our [Fundraising webpage](#) for information on all current CPAC fundraisers!

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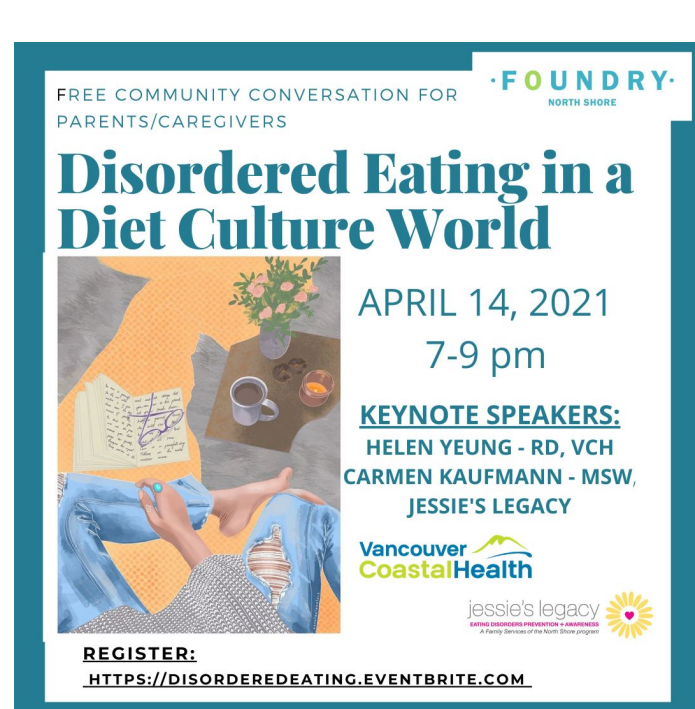
Twitter: [Follow Caulfeild PAC on Twitter Here](#)

Community Corner

Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools

Are you interested in learning over the Summer? West Vancouver Schools will be offering a robust Summer Learning Program for both elementary and secondary students during the summer of 2021. Registration for both elementary and secondary Summer Learning courses opens online at 8:00 am on Thursday, April 15, 2021. More information can be found on the attached flyers and on the [Summer Learning Website](#).

Click on the Posters for Further Information



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

Connect With Us

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



Devon Lefeaux
@Ms_Lefeaux

I loved seeing and listening to the connections the grade 2s @CaulfeildSchool made between those we consider heroes and our Bear traits! This provocation made them so eager to dive deeper into the stories of those represented in the images for our whole school inquiry



Jade Constantineau
@JadeConstantineau

Div. 14's definition of @CaulfeildSchool's bear trait of CONFIDENT: "It's like being supportive, but towards yourself". By gosh, I think they've got it! #bethebear #wholeschoolinquiry #westvaned

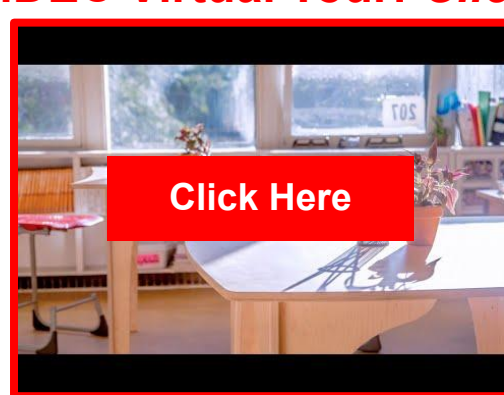


Lorraine
@hartley_lori

So proud of our Kindies! Their ability to understand and identify the Bear Traits in themselves and others is mind blowing. Looking forward to the next 2 weeks as we measure which Bear Traits are most common in our @CaulfeildSchool heroes: @tkolkea Mr. Randy, Ms. A and Mr. T



The Caulfeild iDEC Virtual Tour: Click and tour iDEC



Normally during term 3 we are quite busy with school tours for new families registered for September. In order to share what learning looks like at iDEC, Mr. Kolkea teamed up with our West Vancouver Schools social media and communications officer Matt Lawson, to create this **2 minute** virtual tour of iDEC. Please feel free to share this video from our YouTube channel with families you know who may be considering Caulfeild iDEC as their next school of choice.

The iDEC News YouTube Channel



As part of our school's communication goal at Caulfeild, the [iDEC News](#) is created every month by our students and staff. The iDEC News is focused on highlighting and developing our student's **communication skills** while integrating their use of **digital tools**. Just click [here](#) to watch our latest iDEC News for February and March 2021.

Connect with Caulfeild iDEC

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