

Thursday, October 27th, 2022 E-Bulletin

Bears Calendar

Oct 28	Friday	Primary Pumpkin Patch (K-3) Thank you CPAC and parent volunteers! Bring a sturdy bag to school for your pumpkin (K-3)
Oct 31	Mon	Dance PL3Y Week in PE classes Halloween Morning Parade at CA (See Expectations Below)
Nov 1	Tues	Volleyball Game #2 is a Bye. Practice in the gym from 2:50-3:30 Cyber Safety with Cst. Braithwaite, Gr 5 and 6
Nov 2	Wed	Photo Retake Day Cyber Safety with Cst. Braithwaite, Gr 7 SPCA Presentation - Gr 1
Nov 3	Thurs	Cyber Safety with Cst. Braithwaite, Gr 5 and 7
Future Dates to Note		
Nov 6	Sun	Daylight Saving Time Ends
Nov 8	Tues	Volleyball Game #3 - Boys at Caulfeild, Girls at Hollyburn
Nov 10	Thur	Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10:45. Limited seating available.
Nov 11	Fri	Remembrance Day - school not in session
Nov 14	Mon	Professional Development Day - school not in session
Nov 15	Tues	Volleyball Game #4 - Boys at Caulfeild, Girls at Westcot
Nov 16	Wed	A visit from Canadian Planetariums - Gr 2
Nov 23	Wed	Boys Volleyball Jamboree at Rockridge
Nov 24	Thur	Girls Volleyball Jamboree at Rockridge
Nov 25	Fri	Whole School Inquiry Launch Gr 6 Immunization Clinic

[2022/2023 IDEC School Calendar](#)

Learning at iDEC

Hello Families,

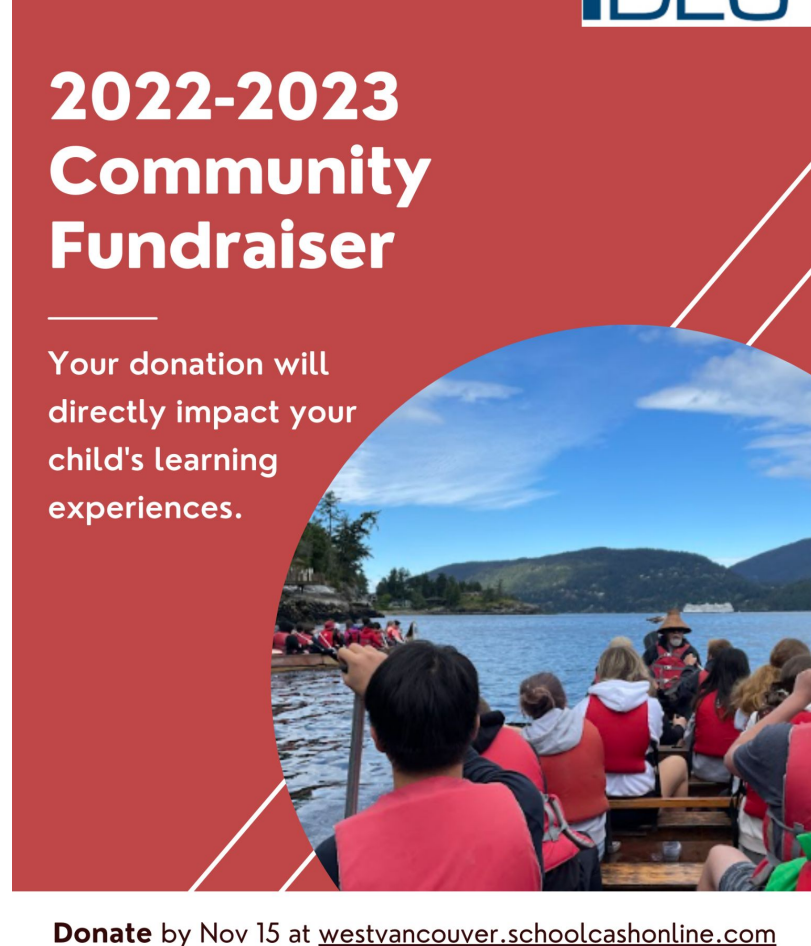
There are a number of upcoming events to read more about in today's eBulletin. We have our Pumpkin Patch for primary students on Friday (tomorrow). Thank you to all of our volunteers who are helping to make this possible. This is not a day for costumes. Students are invited to come to school in costume on Monday, Oct 31st. Please send a change of clothes. Take a moment today to read through our expectations for Halloween, found below.

On November 10th we will be hosting a Remembrance Day Assembly beginning at 10:45. Over the past several years, we have grown as a school, which means that with all students and staff in attendance will have about 40 seats available for the first people to line up by the K/Grade 3 entrance at 10:30 on November 10th. While I wish we could invite each IDEC family to our event, we will reach full capacity in our Den with these numbers.

I want to thank our Volleyball coaches for hosting practices and challenging students to be their very best when we compete against other schools. My thanks to coaches Santos, Stevens, Bradford and Lefaux and to all of our Volleyball players for their spirit.

-Nathan

CPAC Annual Community Fundraising Campaign is ON!



Donate by Nov 15 at westvancover.schoolcashionline.com

CPAC is launching its Annual Community Fundraiser next week. This fundraiser along with our Hot Lunch Program are **CPAC's largest fund contributors**. Such community fundraisers are a popular avenue of fundraising for schools around the province as they require minimum time commitment from parents and allow parents to make a direct impact on their children's learning.

Thanks to our amazing school community, we have always been able to hit our targeted goals and support our students' learning by purchasing 20 iPads, 3 soundfield systems, and educational site licenses; funding field trips and special educational and sports programs (i.e. Ultimate frisbee lessons with Elevate, Badminton with an Olympian, Saleema Noon); help teachers acquire teaching materials and supplies; as well as organize community events (e.g. Bingo Night, Pumpkin Patch, Lunar New Year Celebration, etc). You can find more detailed information on how the funds were raised and spent in 2021-2022 [here](#).

This year the Community fundraiser happens **on November 1-15**. We aim to raise **\$20,000**. 100% of the raised funds will go towards CPAC projects that support Caulfeild iDEC program and enrich our students' learning experiences, such as:

- Technology acquisitions and replacements (iPads and chromebooks);
- Learning spaces updates;
- Class field trips;
- Teaching materials and Site licenses;
- Additional educational, arts, and sports programs.

We suggest a **donation of \$100 per child**, however any contribution is greatly appreciated. **To donate: use this direct link [Caulfeild PAC Community Fundraiser](#) or login to your SchoolCashOnline account, click on "Make a Donation" and select "Caulfeild PAC Community Fundraiser".** Automatic tax receipts are provided directly from the WVSD.

We thank you in advance for your support and donations. And we are looking forward to another successful year filled with awesome learning experiences for our children and social events for our community.

Bear's Volleyball Season



Both of our Bear's teams kicked off the season against Pauline Johnson on Tuesday. Both teams won the matches and displayed leadership, effective communication, and enthusiasm. Next week, both teams have BYE and will be practicing in the gym after school from dismissal to 3:30pm.

D.E.A.R and PJ Day

On Monday we recognized Canadian School Library Day. We celebrated **D.E.A.R** by combining two of our favourite things: wearing our PJs to school and reading with friends! We appreciate how much our Teacher Librarian Ms. Smith does for our community.



Get Caught Being the Bear

This week we had our second monthly draw of Get Caught Being the Bear tickets. We hope all our Bears will continue to be inspired to be Get Caught Being the Bear as we now look toward our next draw and **Pink Shirt Day** on Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Congratulations to our September Draw Winners and prize recipients:

Staff: Mr. Randy our amazing daytime Custodian
Intermediate Students: Maria in Div 7, Rhys in Div 2, Beau in Div 1
Primary Students: Ewan in Div 9, Irem in Div 13, Cassius in Div 12

Our iDEC Halloween Costume Guidelines

Costume day for staff and students is Monday October 31st. Dressing up for Halloween provides us with an opportunity for fun and community building. It's also a great time to discuss ways we can make sure all students in our school feel safe and honored. At Caulfeild, we want **everyone to know their culture is valued**. While Halloween costumes are designed for fun, some perpetuate stereotypes. In the days ahead, many divisions will investigate the difference between cultural appreciation and appropriation and look at how stereotypes can hurt. Kids are making sure culturally based costumes are not part of our Halloween this year, because cultures are not costumes. Rather than laying out a set of rules for kids, many classrooms will be having conversations. This has brought up a lot of questions - as well as some beautiful insights - from students. We would like to invite Caulfeild families into the discussion, and encourage you to have conversations at home, too. Here are some questions and resources on the link below to help you with your costume planning for this Halloween: [Costumes at Caulfeild Questions and Resources](#)

We ask that you arrive at school in costume that morning. **Please bring a change of clothes and a bag** as we will only be in costume for the morning. Please make sure costumes are suitable for school and comfortable enough to be in all morning through various activities. **Students will need to change out of their costumes for the afternoon**, as this will help prevent extra wear and tear on student's costumes so they are ready for their fun after school. **A few other costume guidelines:**

- Replica weapons (guns, knives, etc.) are inappropriate and not permitted
- Inflatable costumes are acceptable at school, but risky. Teachers have all seen lots of tears from popped costumes over the years. Purchase with the understanding that these are not intended for a busy setting, and can be damaged. It happens every year.
- Full or partial masks are acceptable
- Minimal makeup please - costumes will be removed just before lunch recess so consider a make-up free costume or use a small amount.

Thank you for helping us make this Halloween fun and safe for everyone!



Remembrance Day



As part of our Remembrance Day Service we ask families to share their personal family connections to those that have served in military service. You can contribute in two ways:

- Send in a photo of your family member – include the name, rank and/or country of service
- Personal Family Story - include the name, rank and/or country of service and include a short paragraph that details the family members experience (just a few key points).

We will honour the contributions and memories of families in our Caulfeild Community at this year's Remembrance Day Ceremony. If you would like to be involved please send your information to Ms. Hulme CHulme@wvschools.ca, with the word REMEMBRANCE in the subject line. In order to be included in our Remembrance Day Ceremony, please send your contributions by November 1st. More details about our Service that will be held on November 10th will be shared in the coming weeks.

Dress for the Fall Weather

Fall is here and so is the rain (sometimes)! All recess periods will be outside regardless of the weather unless extreme conditions make outdoor play unsafe. Please ensure you send your children to school equipped for outdoor play. With the amazing playgrounds and outdoor spaces we have at iDEC, embracing the natural world is an expectation. Outdoor recreation periods are an important part of a child's physical activity and social time. Please send your children to school equipped with raincoats, hats and boots for rainy days.



Admissions 2023-24

Admissions for **ALL** Kindergarten registrations (in-catchment, out of catchment and out of district) and for **IN-CATCHMENT** registrations in Grades 1-12 will be open on Monday, October 17th. Please note that current Caulfeild students are **not** required to re-apply for the subsequent school year.

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.**

October 17, 2022 - All Kindergarten applicants (catchment, district and out of district) and all students **residing in catchment** for entry into Grades 1-12.

January 16, 2023 - Out of catchment (in-district) and Out of District applicants may apply online for Grades 1 – 12.

Bringing Your Own Cutlery

Please make sure your child is bringing their own cutlery. We also want to remind you that the “pack-it-in/pack-it-out” policy is in effect which means that students are expected to pack out their lunch waste, such as leftover food and lunch containers. Students must bring their own food and drink at the start of the school day; this includes snacks, lunch, and water bottles. There will be no sharing of food or drink and there will be no mid-day drop offs and deliveries of food items (or any other items). Water-bottle filling stations remain operational. We are a Nut Aware school. Please do not send nut based foods in students snacks or lunches.

Lost and Found

If your child is missing something, please ask them to check the lost and found table set up outside of the Gym. We have included a picture of our lost and found here this week to help reunite lost items with their owners. **Items not picked up by November 4 will be donated to a community organization as we do not have space to store old clothing items.**



MyEd Family and Student Portal

MyEducation BC has developed a new feature that provides BC students and parents with the choice to connect their BC services card to MyEducation BC and use the BC services card app, rather than the district issued username and password.

Please see the [MyEducation BC Family Portal](#) on the West Vancouver Schools Website and select “Student Portal Guides” or “Family Portal Guides” as appropriate for further information.

Accessible Parking

There are two signs along Caulfeild Dr. that indicate the drivers need to save space for accessible parking. This is especially important during drop off and pick up. If someone is not parked in the accessible parking spot, this does not mean that it is available to families who do not require access. We have a number of families that do require accessible parking, they have been identified by the school, and these spots are reserved for them. Thank you for understanding.

Drop off and pick up is going well, but we do need to share a few reminders. First, please refrain from parking in teacher spots, even temporarily, during this time. We also cannot be in the habit of parking or stopping our cars in the roundabout. The roundabout should always be moving. If you need to park for any reason, you will need to find parent (west side of lot) or street parking.

Our Procedure for Late Arrivals and Early Pick-Up

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 email Ms. Chung jchung@wvschools.ca and follow the guidelines below. Please also keep in mind that the staff at iDEC want all our learners in K to 7 to have the best possible start to their school day. We ask families to ensure that their children are arriving to school on time. Schedules and routines are extremely important to a child's development and academic achievement as key concepts and lessons begin at the start of our school day.

Late Arrivals: Students needing to arrive late are asked to come at the end of one of the two outdoor recess breaks at **10:30 am or 12:50 pm**. They are to check in at the office then enter with their class.

Early Pick-Ups: Students needing to leave early are asked to leave at the beginning of one of the two outdoor recess breaks at **10:10 am or 12:10 pm**. They are to check out at the office, then exit through the main doors to be picked up at the top of the roundabout.

We thank you for your cooperation in following these procedures as they help minimize classroom disruption.

Caulfeild PAC

Holiday Event Poll - We Need Your Input

We need your input to make sure we have a successful Holiday season at Caulfeild. This term is pretty busy with the activities, so unfortunately, we cannot do both Santa Sale and Santa Breakfast this year due to time constraints and volunteer participation. We ask you to fill out this [Holiday Event Poll](#) to let us know which event your family prefers and whether you can help. Since both events require a lot of volunteers, we hope your answers to the poll can help us decide which event would be of most interest to the school community as well as get enough volunteers.

Connect with CPAC

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

Facebook: CPAC Facebook Group (You need to answer two questions to join this closed group)

Twitter: @CaulfeildPAC

Email: cpac@wvschools.ca

WV Community Corner

Newcomer Programs

Learn a new language or hone your skills - choose from ESL English, French, Persian/Farsi, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, and Spanish. Classes are open to various age groups - please see each course for details. Visit westvancouverrec.ca/languages and westvancouverrec.ca/newcomers for more information.

Connect With Us

Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools

Get insight into the thoughts and ideas of Chris Kennedy, Superintendent of the West Vancouver School District. Read his latest blog and follow him on Twitter to learn more from the CEO of WV Schools in: <https://cultureofyes.ca/> or <https://twitter.com/chrkennedy>

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.



Caulfeild School @CaulfeildSchool · 16h · iDEC
Canadian School Library day means PJs and buddy reading at iDEC. @andreasmith45 @WestVanSchools



Christine Hulme @mrs_hulme · 1d
Happy Diwali! Thank you to the @CaulfeildPAC for providing a beautiful display of lights (diyas) and art (rangoli). @CaulfeildSchool



Take a virtual tour of Caulfeild iDEC in less than two minutes. Visit our learning spaces on this narrated tour and begin to understand more about our vision for learning. Please share this video with potential new families to help them learn more about All Things iDEC.



The iDEC News is a wonderful way for us to bring you learning stories happening at iDEC as told by our very own students. We are very pleased to share the link to our YouTube channel to access our most recent iDEC News, as well as, past editions since 2019.

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