

## Thursday, February 9th, 2023 E-Bulletin

### Bears Calendar

Feb 10	Fri	Gr 7 Basketball Teams Play Exhibition Games at Rockridge
Feb 14	Tue	Valentine's Day Basketball Game #4 - Girls at CA / Boys at West Bay
Feb 15-16	Wed	Physical Literacy Workshops K-7
Feb 16	Thu	K-4 Booktopia - Ben Clanton (Narwhal & Jelly)
Feb 17	Fri	Reading Break - School Not In Session
Feb 20	Mon	Family Day - School Not In Session
<b>Future Dates to Note</b>		
Feb 21	Tue	Jump Rope for Heart Launch Basketball Game #5 - Girls at Irwin Park / Boys at CA
Feb 22	Wed	Caught Being the Bear Draw - <b>Pink Shirt Day</b>
Feb 23	Thu	Gr 4 - Squamish Lil'Wat Cultural Centre
Feb 24	Fri	ArtStarts Dufflebag Theatre Performance
Feb 28	Tue	Gr 2 Beach Clean Up at Stearman CPAC General Meeting - 7:00PM
Mar 1	Wed	Girls Basketball Jamboree at WVSS
Mar 2	Thu	Boys Basketball Jamboree at WVSS Caulfeild Band - Rockridge Jazz Cafe
Mar 6-10	Mon	All books return to Library - No book Exchange
Mar 8	Wed	Student Led Conferences - Early Dismissal at 1:20/1:30pm
Mar 9	Thu	Kindergarten Audio & Dental Screening #2
Mar 11-26	Sat	Spring Break - School Not In Session
Mar 30	Thu	ArtStarts - Colours of Brazil

[2022/2023 IDEC School Calendar](#)

### Learning at iDEC

Hello Families,

During Black History Month, Caulfeild students have begun to share research about Black Canadians who have contributed to Canadian culture, history, and politics. For example, this we learned about Jean Augustine, the first African-Canadian woman to be appointed to a position in the federal Cabinet, and Willie O'Ree, the first Black player in the NHL. We look forward to learning about more notable Canadians so keep sharing those stories, Caulfeild!

Thank to our parent volunteers who have been visiting to support our reading program in our primary grades. Parent volunteers have been reading with students to provide quality one on one reading time. There has been some wonderful feedback from students and families alike. Teachers report that students are very motivated to read with our caring and supportive volunteers.

-Nathan



### Bear Sports



A big congratulations to our Grade 7 boys and girls teams on their victories this week. The boys team travelled with their coaches on the ferry to Bowen Island while the girls team hosted here at Caulfeild. Both teams demonstrated Bear Traits as they were tenacious, supportive, and respectful both on and off the court. We look forward to two games left in the regular season as well as exhibition games at Rockridge this Friday.



### January iDEC News

Thank you to our Digital Design teacher, Ms. Ashford and our Grade 7 iDEC News team for the newest edition of the iDEC News. Click below to view highlights from special guest visitors in PE, updates from our Bears Athletics teams, a look back at our Winter Concert, interviews with some Grade 4's about their Inquiry into animal habitats, and an interview with some Grade 3's highlighting their visit with special guest Saphlek Bob Baker from the Squamish Nation.



### Caulfeild Lunar New Year Celebration

Thank you to our parent community for organizing a spectacular celebration to recognize the year of rabbit. Staff and students experienced 6 enriching cultural activities last Friday. These included Chinese Painting & Calligraphy, a Dragon and Lion Dance, Traditional Dresses, Paper Cutting, Lantern Riddles, a Tea Ceremony, and the Guzheng instrument. Fun was had by all. We even had special guests join, Board of Education Trustee, Felicia Zhu, Superintendent of West Vancouver Schools, Chris Kennedy, and Deputy Superintendent, Sean Nosek. Thank you again to the families who contributed their time and energy into making this a special event. We are so grateful to learn about the culture and traditions.



### Congratulations to Ms. Chung



As long as we have known Ms. Chung, we have known her to be a caring and thoughtful presence at our school. In her time at iDEC, she has been an Office Assistant and then Administrative Assistant, helping with everything from bandages to book keeping, emergency preparation to enrollment. It is no surprise that they have noticed her skills and abilities at the Board Office.

Ms. Chung has been offered the position of Manager of International Programs, and she will begin her new role on February 21st.

Ms. Chung will be missed. She has been such an important member of our team, that I can't imagine Caulfeild without her. So it is with some sadness that we say congratulations to Ms. Chung, and wish her the best of luck in her new role. Ms. Chung's last day at Caulfeild will be February 16th.

### School Zone Speed Limits

We have heard some concerns about the speed of car traffic in our neighborhood. We agree with those concerns. We are a school zone, and the limit is 30 kph in schools zones. We will be reaching out to the district to have a traffic survey completed as soon as next month.

### Dismissal Procedures

This message is to request your help with our daily dismissal procedures. In order that we have a safe, efficient dismissal time the school is requesting the following:

- 1) If you are meeting your child on the school grounds (and not picking them up by car), please talk to your child and set a designated spot for your child to meet you. This way your child will consistently know where to look to see if you are there.
- 2) Please stay in the area behind the large rock, and do not enter the area designated for classes to line up and be dismissed. The more bodies there are in the area, the more disorganized dismissal becomes.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in this matter. Returning your child to you quickly and safely is of utmost importance to us.



## CPAC General Meeting - January

We had our January General Meeting this week on Tuesday morning. Thank you to all who made time to join us. The meeting minutes are available [here](#).

### Connect with CPAC

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

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

Twitter: @CaulfieldPAC

Email: [capac@wvschools.ca](mailto:capac@wvschools.ca)

## WV Community Corner



### West Vancouver Little League

Spend your Spring playing West Van Little League baseball. Kids ages 5-16 are invited to play and all experience levels are welcome. It's a great way to develop new skills while having fun with old and new friends in the community. Registration is open [wvll.ca](http://wvll.ca)

## Parent Education Night

**PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT**

SOLUTIONS TO COMBAT THE MENTAL & PHYSICAL HEALTH CRISIS IN OUR COMMUNITY

<p><b>Date:</b> Wednesday, March 1, 2023</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Location:</b> West Vancouver Secondary Gymnasium</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> Free</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Diana Nelson, Director of Instruction Amber Pascual &amp; Erin Crawford, WVS Physical Literacy Mentors Dr. Alex Choi, Medical Health Officer for the North Shore Dr. Cary Faulstich, UBC Professor &amp; Chair, Applied Public Health, School of Kinesiology</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Children for children ages 4-12 will be offered for parents during this evening session. If parents would like to take advantage of this opportunity, you MUST register so that we can adequately plan for the care of the children. To confirm your child's spot, please RSVP to Tara Ledingham: <a href="mailto:ledingham@wvschools.ca">ledingham@wvschools.ca</a></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This presentation is designed to inform parents of the ongoing important work that is happening across the district in the area of Physical Literacy. A distinguished lineup of presenters will provide interesting statistics, data, and other information that outlines not only why focusing on the importance of movement, wellness, and social connections in preventative medicine, but also how parents can use their influence to be the ultimate difference makers in the overall trajectory of students' physical and mental wellbeing.</p>	<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">FREE EVENT</div>
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**Alex Choi**  
Dr. Alex Choi is the Medical Health Officer for the North Shore. She is a dual-certified family physician and public health specialist physician, and a Clinical Instructor at UBC. In addition to a Medical Degree from McMaster University, she holds a Master's degree in Clinical Epidemiology from UBC. Prior to arriving on the North Shore, she served populations through public health work at the local, regional, and international levels.

**Dr. Cary Faulstich**  
Cary Faulstich is a Professor and Chair in Applied Public Health in the School of Kinesiology, University of British Columbia. As lead of the Population Physical Activity Lab (PPAL), a distinguished lineup of presenters will provide interesting statistics, data, and other information that outlines not only why focusing on the importance of movement, wellness, and social connections in preventative medicine, but also how parents can use their influence to be the ultimate difference makers in the overall trajectory of students' physical and mental wellbeing.

## Decriminalization and Substance Use

**Ministry of Education and Child Care**

Talking to Children and Youth about Decriminalization and Substance Use: Resources for Parents/Guardians and Caregivers  
January 21, 2023

**Background**  
As you may be aware, Health Canada has granted the Province of British Columbia an exemption from the federal Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, allowing the removal of criminal penalties for possession of small amounts of certain illicit substances for personal use.

Decriminalizing people who use drugs is a part of the Government's work to tackle the toxic drug crisis, intended to remove the shame and stigma associated with substance use and support people in accessing important health and social services.

To be clear, this exemption does not apply to licensed child care or K-12 school properties. The federal Controlled Drugs and Substances Act continues to apply to these settings, meaning there will continue to be criminal penalties for possession of illegal substances, regardless of amount, while on child care and/or K-12 school properties.

This exemption also does not apply to youth aged 17 and younger, who will continue to be subject to the federal Health Canada Act (HCA). This means that youth aged 17 and younger will not be permitted to possess illicit substances in any amount.

It is important to note that decriminalizing people who use illicit substances does not mean legalizing drugs. This is not the same as legalizing cannabis in the federal government etc. Decriminalized drugs will not be sold in stores and they are not legal to manufacture. Drug trafficking and similar drug-related offences involving illegal substances in any amount will remain illegal.

Removing the shame and stigma associated with substance use is one tool of many in British Columbia's response to the toxic drug crisis as laid out in a [Policy on Drugs](#), the government's roadmap for building a supportive and resilient society for mental health and addiction care.

This plan also guides the creation and expansion of substance use services for British Columbia – including doubling the number of youth treatment beds – ranging from prevention and early intervention to intensive treatment and crisis intervention. Proven services include the opening of 14 Forensic centres across the province, which provide wraparound mental health and substance use support to young people.

**Talking to Young People**  
While decriminalization will not apply to youth aged 17 and younger, this important change could provide an opportunity to talk openly with your child or youth about substance use and addiction.

The Ministry of Education and Child Care's [Recent Research and a Safe Education \(Research\) Substance Use Update](#) provides students, parents/guardians, caring adults and educators with information and resources to support conversations with youth about substance use. The website has been updated to include information regarding the exemption to decriminalize people who use drugs and what decriminalization means – and when it does not mean – for youth in BC.

## Baseball Academy Open House 2023

### Baseball Academy

**Join us!**

West Vancouver Schools is celebrating 10 years operating the Premier Baseball Academy where the elite student-athletes have advanced to play on Provincial and National teams, as well as both College and Professional baseball. The reason for our program's success is that we focus on long-term development that aligns with the Provincial and National team high-performance pathway. Come on out to learn more about this affordable academy that provides the athletes with a clear pathway towards post-secondary baseball.

Open House

When: Thursday, February 23rd 7:00 - 8:00 pm  
Location: Library at West Vancouver Secondary School, 1750 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver

What's new?

Beginning in the fall there will be an educational component that is designed to help parents and students understand and navigate the pathway forward in the sport of baseball!

RSVP

To hear more about this exciting program please RSVP to  
**Tara Ledingham**  
[ledingham@wvschools.ca](mailto:ledingham@wvschools.ca)

Affordable, first class high performance training from elite coaches at either Inside Performance OR Parkgate Park, for course credits and all during school hours.

## Early Learning

**WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN**

Early Learning Events hosted by West Vancouver School District and our Community Partners

**Events at Schools**  
April 2023 - June 2023  
Stay tuned for invitations from the school your child is registered at for invitations to school-based events.

Look out for flyers in your community for these events closer to the date.

DISTRICT EVENTS	DISTRICT EVENTS
<b>Early Years Fair and Kindergarten Information Session</b> January 28, 2023   10:00 am - 12:30 pm West Vancouver Community Centre	<b>Children Fun Fair</b> June 17, 2023   10:00 am - 12:30 pm West Vancouver Community Centre
<b>Play Up Play</b> February 11, 2023   10:00 am - 12:00 pm West Vancouver Memorial Library	<b>Drop in sessions for children and families at our Strong Start Centres</b> HighPoint Community Centre   Learn More   Register Eagle Harbour   Learn More   Register
<b>Beacon Island Community School Children's Fair</b> March 18, 2023   10:00 am - 12:30 pm BCLC Gym	<b>Parent Engagement Sessions</b> Saturday, May 6, 2023   10:00 am - 12:00 pm West Vancouver Community Centre
<b>Story and Play in the Forest</b>   Learn More Saturday, April 8, 2023   10:00 am - 11:00 am with Shannon Ostry at John Lawson Park	<b>Coffee, Connect and Chat Sessions</b> For New and Returning Families Thursday, June 29, 2023   10:30 am - 2:00 pm West Vancouver Memorial Library
<b>Intelligence Early Learning Gathering</b> Tuesday, March 7   1:30 pm - 5 pm Highland Learning Centre	<b>Welcome to Kindergarten Parent Night</b> Thursday, June 15, 2023   6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Highland Learning Centre
<b>Opportunities to Create and Build</b> with your child using recycled materials Date and Venue TBD	

## 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

**Christine Hulme**  
@mrs\_hulme

Welcome to the Lunar New Year celebration at Caulfeild! Thank you to all of our students and volunteers who made this wonderful event possible. @WVFeliciaZHU @chrkennedy @SeanNosek @WestVanSchools

Happy WVMEA Support Staff Day! We donut we would do without you @CaulfeildSchool! @WestVanSchools



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.

**Connect with Caulfeild iDEC**  
 School Website: [Caulfeild iDEC Elementary](#)  
 Phone: 604 981-1200  
 Email: [Caulfeild@wvschools.ca](mailto:Caulfeild@wvschools.ca)

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