

Thursday, September 14, 2023 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

September 15	Fri	Bear Wear Day Last day for Kindergarten Gradual Entry
September 17	Sun	Bear Wear Order deadline
September 18	Mon	Full Day Kindergarten is in Session Toonies for Terry (Terry Fox Run) Collection Begins! Volunteers will come to classrooms each day this week.
September 19	Tues	First Cross Country Race (3:45 pm at Ambleside Field)
September 20	Wed	Terry Fox Run (after lunch) & Dismissal is 2:00 for all students, every Wednesday
September 21	Thur	Last Day for Terry Fox Donations (Toonies for Terry)
September 22	Fri	No School in Session (Pro-D Day)
Future Dates to Note		
September 25	Mon	Hot Lunch Program starts
September 26	Tue	CPAC General Meeting at 7:00 pm
September 27	Wed	School Photo Day (Individual)
September 28	Thu	School Opening Night & Welcome Back BBQ 5:30 - 7:00 pm

[2023/2024 iDEC School Calendar](#)

Learning at iDEC

Hello Families,

It has been a busy week. On Monday, students were introduced to their new teachers and classrooms for the year. We know that this can leave students feeling nervous, so throughout Bear Week we made sure to introduce students to every teacher at their grade level with a game or activity related to the important values of Caulfeild Elementary. Students learned what it means to be Supportive with Mr. Muthanna, how we can be Upstanders with Ms. Dunbar, what it means to be inclusive with Ms. Cheng, and much more. It was a gentle way for students to get to know teachers, and vice versa, as we carefully built our classrooms each evening.

In the coming weeks, we will share more with students in classrooms, and here in the eBulletin, about what we value here at Caulfeild. We'll learn more about our Bear Traits, about our Code of Conduct, our FESL (Framework for Enhancing Student Learning), what iDEC means, and much more.

Thank you for taking the time to read the eBulletin as a family each Thursday. When we get all of the Policy and Procedures forms returned (see below for the link) we'll share pictures and videos as well.



We are excited to begin the year with each of you. Our first opportunity to bring everyone together will be the **Welcome Back BBQ at iDEC!** Save the date for **Thursday, September 28th**. Look for more information to come. And remember, CPAC always needs volunteers. If you are interested, please reach out to CAPAC@wvschools.ca

-Nathan

Terry Fox Run

September 20th is our Caulfeild Terry Fox Run. Each division will review details about our Terry Fox Run such as where students are running, safety expectations while on the run, and how donations are used. *Ask your child who they are running for.* Students are encouraged to wear **RED or WHITE** to support the Terry Fox Run.

Donations - This year for our Terry Fox Run, students are being asked to support Cancer Research through the donation of a Toonie for Terry. Our grade 6 and 7 student volunteers will be collecting donations beginning Monday, September 18 - Thursday, September 21st.

Parent Volunteers: We need your help! If you are interested in Volunteering on September 20th, 12:50 - 1:50 for our Caulfeild Terry Fox Run, please contact Ms. Rudson at hrudson@wvschools.ca. We are looking for at least 10 volunteers!

Important: Please make sure your Online Policy and Procedure form is completed so your child can participate.

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.

Pick Up and Drop Off: Important Reminders

Caulfeild will no longer stagger our dismissal. All students in K-7 will be dismissed at 2:30 pm. For orderly and quick dismissal, please park using the street parking and walk to the designated pick-up space near the top of the roundabout. With all students dismissed together, the driving through the roundabout should only be used by families who absolutely need to remain in the car, with priority for primary students, as we expect lineups to be busy and long. **If your child is not ready (outside and waiting), especially if they are in an intermediate grade, we must move you along and out of the line in order to keep traffic moving.** Thank you for your cooperation.

- **Parent walking pick up:** For walking pick up, teachers will walk the children out of the school each day and have them ready at the designated pick-up time by the yellow posts at the top of the roundabout. Students will be released to parents by the classroom teacher in an orderly fashion. Parents should be waiting to the side, by the rock, and not in and among the dismissal area. A parent must meet students in K-3 for pick up. After school playdates must be communicated to the teacher. Please be on time, as there is no teacher supervision for students following the dismissal bell.
- **Car (Gr. 7):** Please use parking spaces along Caulfeild Drive so your child can safely enter your vehicle. Do not stop on Caulfeild Drive unless there is a parking space available. Please reserve at least two parking spaces near the front for students and families with accessibility needs.

Cross Country and Athletic Fees

Our Cross-Country season has begun! Please return permission forms and pay the athletic fees as soon as possible if your child plans to participate. The first race is Tuesday, September 19th at 3:45 pm at the Ambleside Track. Only students with submitted forms will be able to participate. Extra forms can be found in the office.

Cross Country Volunteers!

If you would like to volunteer for cross country and did not indicate so on the permission form, it is not too late! Please reach out to Ms. Rudson at hrudson@wvschools.ca by Friday the 15th of September at 3:30 pm if you would like to volunteer.

***NEW* WVECA Athletic Fees** - Due to the increasing cost of fees associated with running our Elementary Athletics programs in all West Vancouver schools, the WVECA will be charging \$10 per student per sport for the 2023-2024 school year. These fees were Board approved in the Spring of 2023 for the upcoming school year.

Emergency Release forms - please complete your paper forms AND the [online Policy and Procedure Form](#) by September 15th!

Traffic Update: Caulfeild Dr (between Rutland & Meadfeild) has been closed for water main roadwork for the summer and will continue until at least mid-October. The info/updates can be found here: [Traffic Updates | District of West Vancouver](#)

Bring Your Own Device

BYOD - Bring Your Own Device Bringing your own device at iDEC is a cornerstone of how we learn in our intermediate classes (Gr. 4 to 7). For new families to Caulfeild iDEC, please refer to [this helpful guide](#) with regard to selecting a device for your child. If you are a returning family and are looking for a new laptop for your child, you may also find this document helpful.

Call Back for Lates and Absences

Please remember to either email us at caulfeild@wvschools.ca or use the call back line (604-981-1205) if your child will be late or absent from school.

CPAC Announcements

Hot Lunch Open for Ordering

Our Hot Lunch program is now open for ordering! We offer Hot Lunch every school day **starting Monday, September 25th**. Please visit <https://munchalunch.com/login> to order by Monday, September 18th if you want your child to receive lunch on September 25th. All future orders and changes to your order need to be submitted at least 7 days in advance of the food delivery date. If you are new to the school or are a new parent to Munchalunch please visit <https://munchalunch.com/schools/Caulfeild>.

This year we are excited to launch some **new North Shore vendors**: Lunch Box Deli, Cornelia Fine Tacos and Sakura Ichiban Japanese Cuisine. Our goal is to offer a healthy and delicious meal that the kids will enjoy. For simplicity, orders are repeated which is easier for the parent, but doesn't allow variety in meals. If your child wants more variety you will need to make an order and then deselect the dates you don't want and then make payment. Making multiple payments for multiple orders is the only way to get variety on an individual vendor's menu throughout the term. If you need help, please email me at Candacehavelock75@gmail.com.

As always, please remember to **pack your child's cutlery**. All proceeds including remaining account credits at the end of the school year go towards our school's fundraising program.

Happy Ordering!!

Bear Wear – Online Ordering Closes on Sunday

Show your Caulfeild spirit with Bear Wear on Bear Wear Fridays, at school sporting and other events throughout the year. Kid and adult sizes available. With limited opportunities to purchase Bear Wear, you'll want to get yours now! You can **order Bear Wear online by the end of Sunday, September 17th** at

<https://www.paddlevancouver.ca/collections/caulfeild-elementary-school>

Code: Caulfeild2023

Your orders will be delivered to school by mid October. If you are not too sure about the sizes, we have samples in the school office.

After School Programs Fall Term

We are pleased to announce After School Programs will start the week of October 2nd, with the exception of Monday and Wednesday programs. Since Oct 2nd and Oct 9th are statutory holidays, Chess and Basketball will start Monday Oct 16th. And we have Parent Teacher Conferences first 2 wednesdays in October so Sportball will start on Oct 18th. The lineup is the following:

Monday (starting Oct 16th)
Chess (Registration details [here](#))
Basketball (Registration link coming soon)

Tuesdays Lights Up (Registration details [here](#))

Wednesday (starting Oct 18th)
Sportball (Registration link coming soon)

Thursday Farsi Class (Registration link coming soon)

Friday ZenLabs Stem Learning (Registration details [here](#))

CPAC General Meeting - September 26, 7pm

We would like to remind you that monthly CPAC general meetings happen last Tuesday of the month in the evening or in the morning. All parents are welcome to attend. CPAC Chair and Executive team report on what has happened and present upcoming initiatives. The principal provides updates as well. At the end of the meeting we offer time for attendees to ask questions and provide feedback.

Our first CPAC General Meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, September 26th at 7pm. It will happen virtually via MS Teams. So please mark your calendars.

Connect with Us

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

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

Twitter: @CaulfeildPAC

Email: capac@wvschools.ca

WV Community Corner

Optional Accident Insurance for Families

Each year the school district reminds families that they have the option to purchase insurance coverage against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. There are many different voluntary plans that provide coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. Families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider.



KINDERGARTEN PICNIC

We invite you to bring a picnic blanket, your copy of the book 'I Hear You Forest' and join us for a fun afternoon!

FRIDAY 1:00 - 2:00 PM
15 SEPTEMBER 2023

Join Kallie George, author of the book and Shannon Ozirny from the WV Memorial Library as they walk us through the magical outdoors

on the grass field at 1735 Inglewood Avenue
West Vancouver

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GIRLS WITH SUPERPOWERS!

A Coding Club for Girls in Grades 6, 7 and 8

If you are a girl in Grade 6, 7 or 8 who attends a West Vancouver School and you are interested in coding, this club might be for you!

This year, there will be three cohorts, as follows:

COHORT 1 - for real beginners. We will be learning block based coding to create simple games and interactive stories. Group meets online Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 7:40. Mid October to December. Laptop, desktop or iPad needed.

COHORT 2 - need some experience. We will be using language based coding to look at blending art and tech. Group meets online Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 7:40. February to April. Laptop, desktop.

COHORT 3 - need some experience AND an Apple device (Macbook, iMac, or newer iPad). This group will be using Apple's Swift Language and working towards designing and creating app prototypes. This group meets online Tuesday nights from 7:45 to 8:45. Mid October to April/May.

If you are interested, please email Ms Wilson (District Vice Principal of Innovation and Technology) at cwilson@wvschools.ca. Please include your name, school and grade. Registration will remain open until October 6th. Space is limited in all three cohorts, so register soon!

There is no cost for this club but students need to have access to a device (as noted above) and need to be able to attend regularly.

Fall Programs at WV Community Centre & Gleneagles Community Centre

[Click here to view the programs and activities available](#)

Want to learn languages, science, Lego, chess..., visit

<https://westvancouver.ca/learning>

Live! Music Series, Thursday, October 19, 4-5pm, Free Come enjoy the musical hour with Gergana Velinova Jazz Trio in the Atrium [Event info](#)

Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us:

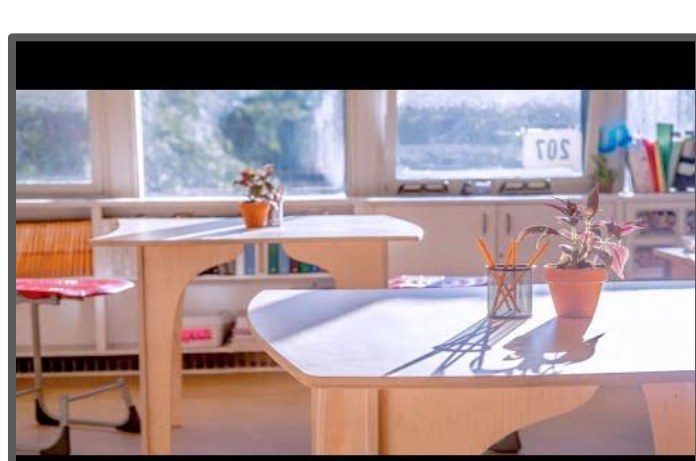
<https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers>

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.

Connect With Us



[iDEC Virtual Tour](#)
[Click Here](#)

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.



[CLICK HERE](#)

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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