

Thursday, September 21, 2023 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

September 22	Fri	No School in Session (Pro-D Day)
September 25	Mon	Hot Lunch Program starts
September 26	Tues	CPAC General Meeting at 7:00 pm Grade 6 Field Trip to Bowen Island Make Movement Matter- Physical Literacy Team Visits Cross Country Race #2
September 27	Wed	School Photo Day (Individual) Make Movement Matter- Physical Literacy Team Visits
September 28	Thur	School Opening Night & Welcome Back BBQ 5:30 - 7:00 pm
September 29	Fri	Orange Shirt Day
Future Dates to Note		
October 2	Mon	No School in Session
October 4 & October 11 & Oct 18 (K only)	Wed	Parent Teacher Interviews. Sign Up information coming next week Early Dismissal at 12:50pm on both days. No Hot Lunch on Oct 4th or 11th.
October 20	Fri	Pro-D day, no school in session

[2023/2024 IDEC School Calendar](#)

Learning at IDEC

Hello Families,

What a week! On Wednesday, we had our Terry Fox Run. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers, and to the families who have donated to the Terry Fox Foundation in your child's name. Thank you to our Local Initiatives Club, a group of grade 6 and 7 students have supported the run in many ways, from announcing the run, to making posters and warming up the runners. A big thank you to Ms. Lefeaux and Ms. Bradford for their support in helping to organize the run and fundraising efforts as well.

In the last eBulletin, I spoke of our Bear Traits, and mentioned that I'd like to share a little background about Caulfeild for the upcoming few weeks. Today, I want to speak about the IDEC in our name.

iDEC stands for Inquiry Based Digitally Enhanced Community. Let's start with "Inquiry Based". Throughout the week, our teachers have collaboration time to work together in order to jointly plan Units of Inquiry. These units are the building blocks for how we learn at IDEC. Together, we also engage in "Whole School Inquiries" in which each classroom investigates a question on the same topic. In the past, we have explored issues such as Inclusion and Belonging. Our Inquiry Showcases, in which classes invite families to witness their learning, are a highlight of the year for many students and families alike.

The "Digitally Enhanced" part of our name comes from our dedication to providing our students with opportunities to embrace digital world, and teach our students to be positive Digital Citizens. Our intermediate classrooms work on a "BYOD, Bring Your Own Device" model, and CPAC has supported getting iPads and digital subscriptions into classrooms from Kindergarten to Grade 7. Mr. K. is our Digital Design teacher for all students in Grades 4 - 7. Students in Digital Design learn about navigating a variety of digital tools.

Throughout the year, our teachers will share with families more about their Units of Inquiry, as well as their use of digital tools. I look forward to seeing the learning unfold.



Pictured: A few of our ribbon winners at the first Cross Country Meet. A scene from the Terry Fox Run



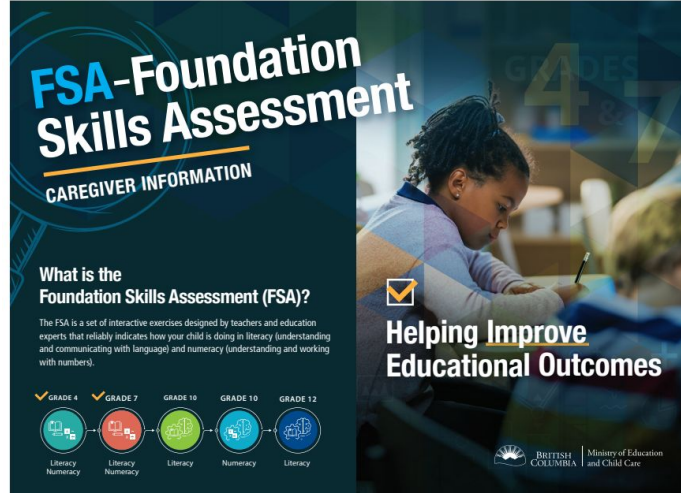
We are excited to begin the year with each of you. Our first opportunity to bring everyone together will be the **Welcome Back BBQ at IDEC!** Save the date for **Thursday, September 28th**. Please also check your child's backpack for a flyer with more information. And remember, CPAC always needs volunteers. If you are interested, please reach out to CAPAC@wvschools.ca

-Nathan

Foundational Skills Assessment

Foundational Skills Assessments (FSAs) are for Grade 4 and 7 students. All students in these grades across BC will write the FSAs beginning on October 3rd. The link to practice materials and more information for families can be found [HERE](#).

If you have any questions or concerns about the FSAs, please contact your classroom teacher or Mr. Blackburn.



Cross Country - 2023

Bear's Cross Country - Race #1 Success

The Cross Country Running season is underway! Congratulations to our Caulfeild Bears X-country running team. Our team is made up of students in Grades 3 through 7. Participation on the team includes attending two practices per week and three district-wide meets at Ambleside. If students are unable to attend the meets, they may participate in the practices only, but not the reverse. Practices are on Mondays and Thursdays before school (7:45-8:30 am) on the gravel field.

Schedule of Meets at the Ambleside Field:

- Tuesday, September 26th 3:45-5:00 PM
- Tuesday, October 3rd 3:45-5:00 PM

The race order for all three meets is: Grade 7, Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5, Grade 6. On race day, please wear Bear Wear or a red shirt and do not arrive before 3:30 as coordinators will be setting up the course. Please ensure you do provide yourself with extra time to find parking and enter the park as it can get very busy. Each school will have a designated space for spectators and runners.

Parent Volunteers – If you are a parent volunteering at Ambleside, please arrive at the field by 3:30pm in order to be briefed on the guidelines and expectations.

Spectators – If you are there to watch your child race, please ensure that you are giving students and other families appropriate space. Designated areas where families are able to watch will be clearly defined next week to ensure nobody is on the course while students are racing.

Terry Fox Run

A big thank you to everyone for all your support. On behalf of the parent community of Caulfeild Elementary, we are able to make a donation of **\$687** to the Terry Fox Foundation.



Staff Highlight - Ms. Rudson

My name is Ms. Rudson and I am absolutely delighted to be joining the Caulfeild community. During my time with West Vancouver Schools, I have taught a range of elementary and secondary grade levels, spent most of this time at École Cedardale. I value athletics and, over the past few years, have had the pleasure to coordinate the district Track and Field meet and the Elementary Volleyball Jamboree. My background is in Math, Science, French Immersion, and the IB Primary Years Programme, and I am really looking forward to bringing my knowledge and passion to Caulfeild. I am thrilled to be part of your community and look forward to getting to know all of the amazing Caulfeild families.



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.

Student Planners

Last week most of the Caulfeild students received an IDEC Student Planner. Student Planners are a required supply for all students in Grades 1-7. It is one of the communication tools that is used to keep students organized and parents informed. We kindly request that payment be made through your child's School Cash Online account <https://westvancouver.schoolcashionline.com/> Thank you.

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

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 be virtual and you can join [here](#).

Welcome Back BBQ

This is our biggest social event this year and all parents and students are invited to participate. The hotdog meal purchases for the evening are available on cashonline right now. All meals have to be purchased in advance, there may not be cash sales on the day. We will have a list of all sales made online, and will confirm the purchase when you collect your meals. We look forward to seeing you and catching up.

We will be selling our Caulfeild logo balls this evening, as part of an ongoing fundraiser. These balls are cash only \$25 per ball. There will be soccer and basketball balls to choose from.

We do request that we get some volunteer help to make this occasion fun and successful for all. We need help with grilling, cutting buns, wrapping, checking of names, cash sales etc. So if you are coming to the BBQ and don't mind giving some time up for helping out please look at the signup link [here](#) and reserve a spot. We thank you in advance for this time.

Hot Lunch Open for Ordering

Our Hot Lunch program is offered every school day and **starts Monday, September 25th**. Go to <https://munchalunch.com/login> to place your orders. If you are new to the school or are a new parent to Munchalunch please visit <https://munchalunch.com/schools/Caulfeild>. Please remember it takes 7 days to process all new orders and changes to your orders.

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!!

Call for Room Parents Volunteers

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to be Room Parents this year. But we are in need of many more. Room Parents coordinate with their teacher to support classroom activities during the whole academic year. This is a great **opportunity to connect with your child's teacher** as well as other parents in the class. If you are interested please email Aneela Mallick aneela.mallick@gmail.com and indicate your name, your child(ren)'s name, grade, and division.

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 details [here](#))
- **Tuesdays** Lights Up (Registration details [here](#))
- **Wednesday** (starting Oct 18th) Sportball (Registration details [here](#))
- **Thursday** Farsi Class (Registration link coming soon)
- **Friday** Zen Maker Labs Stem Learning (Registration details [here](#))

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

Kindergarten Information Session

WELCOME TO YOUR FUTURE

Opportunity awaits!
Parents & Guardians of children entering Kindergarten in September 2024 (children born in 2019) are invited to join us for our K info session.

Please join us for an evening with community partners and school district staff to learn about the Kindergarten registration process and early learning offerings in our community.

This event is for parents and guardians only, please note that child care will not be available.

PLEASE REGISTER HERE

Date: Thursday, October 5th, 2023 6:30-7:30 pm
Location: Kay Meek Studio Theatre, 1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver

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October 4th, 2023

Doors open at 6 pm
Event from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

North Vancouver Education Services Centre

5th floor - 2121 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver
Street parking is available

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Connect and Learn

Click [HERE](#) for information on Monthly Online Events for Parents and Caregivers this Fall



Click [here](#) for the Fall Newsletter

FamilySmart
Help for the Hard Times
WORKSHOP
OPEN HOUSE FOR PROFESSIONALS

Click [HERE](#) for more information

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](#)

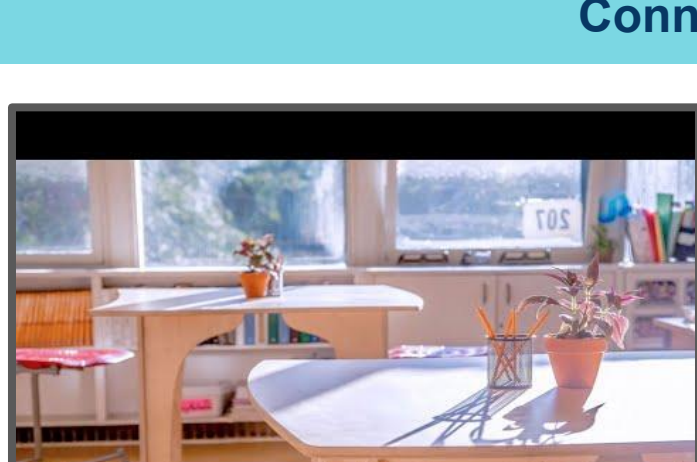
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Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools

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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