

Thursday, September 28, 2023 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

September 29	Fri	Orange Shirt Day
October 2	Mon	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation- No School in Session
October 3	Tues	Cross Country Race at Ambleside, 3:45
October 4	Wed	Parent Teacher Interviews for Gr 1-7 <i>Early Dismissal at 12:50pm No Hot Lunch</i>
October 6	Fri	Bear Wear Day!
Future Dates to Note		
October 9	Mon	Thanksgiving Monday - no school in session
October 11	Wed	Parent Teacher Interviews for K - 7. <i>Early Dismissal at 12:50pm No Hot Lunch</i>
October 17	Tue	First Volleyball Game (Grade 7) ArtStarts Performance- Uzume Taiko Drum
October 18	Wed	Parent Teacher Interviews for Kindie parents only
October 20	Fri	Pro-D day, no school in session
October 23	Mon	Photo Retakes
October 27	Fri	Pumpkin Patch Event

[2023/2024 iDEC School Calendar](#)

Learning at iDEC

Hello Families,

Tomorrow, September 29th is Orange Shirt Day at iDEC and schools around the country. Orange Shirt Day is a way for schools to recognize that Every Child Matters. This year, September 30th marks the [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#). Here at Caulfeild, teachers shared age appropriate information about the day, and asked students to reflect on the question, "How should school feel?". These conversations also help us to reflect on our school goal of ensuring that iDEC classrooms are welcoming and safe places to learn.

Another way that we work hard to encourage a safe and welcoming environment at Caulfeild is by recognizing and celebrating students and staff that have been 'caught' Being the Bear by embodying our bear traits. On the last Wednesday of the month, we hold a draw of everyone who has received a bear paw. This month's winners are Harrison, in grade one, for being Tenacious, Max in grade 3 for being Curious, and Tallulah and Amy in grade 6, both for being Supportive of their school mates. Congratulations to all of our bears. As I say on the announcements each morning, I hope you get caught "Being the Bear" next month!

My thanks to Candace Havelock, our Hot Lunch Coordinator, and all of our parent volunteers for making the first week of Hot Lunch a success!

A reminder that today is our Open House and Welcome Back BBQ. From 5:30 - 6:00, teachers will open their classroom doors and give students a chance to show off their spaces and places at Caulfeild. After 6:00, food will be available to all who ordered, and families have a chance to mix and mingle as we celebrate the start of a new school year together. Rain won't hold us back! If there is rain, we'll move the BBQ mixer into our Den (the gymnasium). I look forward to seeing you there.



-Nathan

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up! The conferences will be in-person, or virtual on request. We are providing an online appointment booking system through School Interviews. Please follow the instructions below to book your interview time. Once you have booked your appointment you will receive a confirmation email. If you requested a virtual meeting, click 'Virtual' and let your child's teacher know via email, so they can send you a TEAMS link to join your virtual appointment the day before your conference.

October 4 Gr 1 - 7
October 11 K - 7
October 18 K only

Use this booking [LINK](#) to book your interviews.

If you are prompted for an event code, enter: **7vtwy**

- Enter your information (parent email, parent name, phone number and student name)
- Here you can indicate the number of students that you need to book for,
- Click on GO
- Choose your child's teacher
- Choose the date and time that works best for you from the options provided.
- Conferences are 10 minutes long. Please note the early dismissal times at 12:50 pm in the calendar for October 4th & 11th to accommodate these conferences.

Dress for the Weather



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.



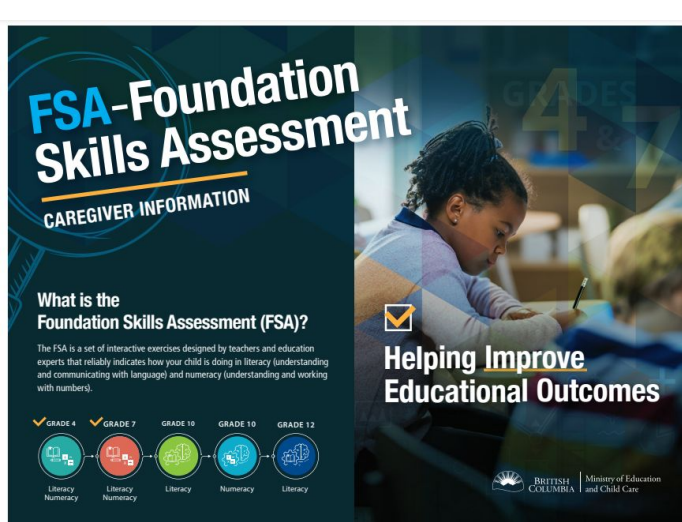
National Truth and Reconciliation Day Statutory Holiday October 2, 2023

The day honours the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a common component of the reconciliation process. The creation of this federal statutory holiday was through legislative amendments made by Parliament. On June 3, 2021, Bill C-5, An Act to amend the Bills of Exchange Act, the Interpretation Act and the Canada Labour Code (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation) received Royal Assent.. Caulfeild iDEC and all West Vancouver Schools also showed our support to honour Truth & Reconciliation by wearing ORANGE today. This week, staff and students engaged in conversations and learning around Truth and Reconciliation. Families are invited and encouraged to continue these discussions and learning at home, especially on October 2nd. Huy chexw (Thank you)

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

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.

Schedule of Meets at the Ambleside Field:

- 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.



New Reporting Order

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has implemented a new Learning Update Policy which defines and provides direction for the ways our school will be communicating your child's learning. The goal of the Learning Updates is to provide personalized, descriptive feedback to effectively communicate with students, parents, and caregivers about where students are in their learning, next steps, and how families and teachers can work together to support growth.

The provincial Reporting Policy mandates that students in Kindergarten through Grade 9 will be assessed using the four-point proficiency scale and students in Grade 10 through Grade 12 courses will be assessed using letter grades and percentages. Each term, students at all levels will be sharing self-reflections and making goals around British Columbia's Core Competencies – Communication Skills, Thinking Skills, and Personal and Social Skills.

Teachers will be communicating and reporting throughout the year in the following formats:

- 3 Formal Written Learning Updates (2 Mid-year Learning Updates, and 1 Summary of Learning)
- 2 Informal Learning Updates (ex. Parent-Teacher Conferences, Student-Family-Teacher Conference, Interim Report)

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, responsible for creating reporting requirements, has provided [reporting information for parents and caregivers](#) in the following languages: [English](#), [French](#), [Chinese \(Simplified and Traditional\)](#), [Tagalog](#), [Farsi](#), [Urdu](#), [Punjabi Gurmukhi](#)

Should you have any further questions, please reach out to me directly at nblackburn@wvschools.ca

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

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](#))

Hot Lunch Open for Ordering

Our Hot Lunch program is offered every school day. It started Monday, September 25th but you can still order. 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. If you need help, please email our Hot Lunch Coordinator Candace 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!!

Connect with Us

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: capac@wvschools.ca

WV Community Corner

Kindergarten Information Session

K registration for the 24/25 year opens on Monday, October 16th

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

Connect and Learn

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

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Click [here](#) for the Fall Newsletter

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](#)

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

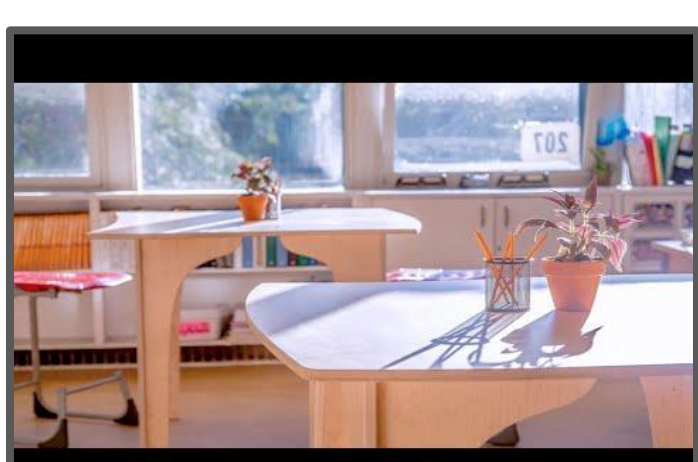
<https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers>

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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