

Thursday, September 7, 2023 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

September 8	Fri	Welcome to School Assembly! Bear Wear Day
September 11	Mon	Kindergarten Gradual Entry Continues Students will learn their new teachers and classmates
September 12	Tues	Students begin their day in their NEW line up spaces. Signs will be posted
September 13	Wed	Dismissal is 2:00 for all students, every Wednesday
September 14	Thur	
September 15	Fri	Bear Wear Day Last day for Kindergarten Gradual Entry
Future Dates to Note		
September 20	Wed	Terry Fox Run
September 22	Fri	No School in Session (Pro-D Day)
September 27	Wed	School Photo Day (Individual)
September 28	Thu	School Opening Night & Welcome Back BBQ 5:30 - 7:00 pm

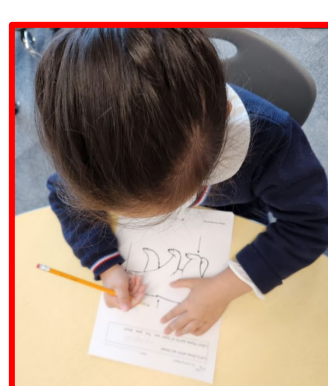
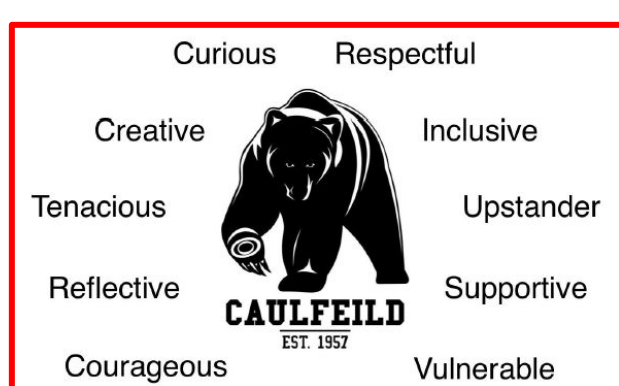
[2023/2024 iDEC School Calendar](#)

Learning at iDEC

Hello Families,

The return to school has been an exciting, cheerful and special time for students and staff alike. Reconnecting with families and students has been a joy for all of us here at iDEC.

This week is Bear Week. Throughout Bear Week, we focus our learning on our Bear Traits and finding out what it means to **Be the Bear**. Caulfeild iDEC prides itself on academic excellence, and this year is no different. When we complete the process of building the best possible classrooms for your children on Monday, we will begin that important work in earnest. Until then, Bear Week allows us the opportunity to begin the year focusing on our shared values.



On Monday, students will be welcomed into their new classrooms. Teachers have given much thought and effort into making the best educational decisions for organizing and placing students in their classes. These conversations began in June of last year, and have continued throughout this week. Given the care and consideration taken in creating classes and the cascading effects that can occur when changes are made, no changes can or will be made to the classes once assigned. Thank you for your understanding. Caulfeild, like most schools in British Columbia, will have a variety of multi-age classrooms this year. For more information on Multi-age classrooms, information can be found [HERE](#). Children will be feeling both excited and nervous for the year ahead. For children feeling nervous with their placement, remember to focus the conversation at home on the positives they can look forward to in their new learning space, including new friendships and learning opportunities. A new school year has great potential for new friendships and new experiences. I know that Caulfeild teachers will do everything to make this year a great experience for your child.

On Tuesday morning, September 12th, students will begin lining up in their new spaces. Teachers will introduce their new lines on Monday. See this [LINK](#) for a map.

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

Staff Announcements

We are very excited to welcome the arrival of some fantastic new staff to our iDEC team this year!

Ms. Hannah Rudson is our new Vice Principal and Grade 6 teacher. Ms. Rudson comes to us this year from Cedardale. We are overjoyed to welcome her to the team.

Ms. Nisia Minicucci will join us in one of our primary classrooms, filling in full time for Ms. Ellis while she is on leave. Ms. Minicucci has previously worked at Mulgrave, and some years ago was an Education Assistant right here at Caulfeild.

Ms. Hannah Salmon is an experienced band and music teacher from Ireland. She brings a wealth of experience to her new role as a Music and Band teacher here at Caulfeild iDEC.

Ms. Ting Ting Chou will join Ms. Carsky on the Inclusive Education team. Ms. Chou comes to us from Hollyburn, where she worked for many years as the Learning Support Teacher. Before this, she worked in our school district as a behaviour support teacher.

Ms. Parisa Mehregan hasn't been back to Caulfeild since her grade 7 graduation. Since then, she has gone on to become a well regarded teacher and is a welcome member of our grade 6 team, working in Division 4 on Thursdays and Division 3 on Fridays.

Ms. James-Kretschmar will join us on Mondays in division 14, teaming up with Ms. Constantineau.

Mr. Panny Kyriakides will be returning to Caulfeild iDEC this year in a new role, as our Digital Design teacher.

And joining our wonderful team of Education Assistants this year will be Jocelyn Labrador and Shia Shin.

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), we must move you along and out of the line in order to keep traffic moving.

- **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.

Band Registration and Start Up

Calling all Grade 6 & Grade 7 students!! Thank you parents and students who have already registered for iDEC band for the 2023-2024 school year. For students who are interested in joining and have not yet registered it is not too late! To register please click on the following link: [Elementary Band Program page](#). If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Salmon directly; hsalmon@wvschools.ca

Band Start-up Reminder: I am very excited to announce the start up of iDEC band for 2023-2024 school year. A reminder to students and parents that rehearsals will begin next week, Tuesday, September 12. Rehearsals: Tuesday's - 7:45am - 8:30am and Friday's - 8:30am - 9:15am in the music room.

Check List: Instrument, Band Book (Essential Elements Book 1) and a Pencil

Please let me know if you have any questions: hsalmon@wvschools.ca

Cross Country and Athletic Fees

Our Cross-Country season is beginning soon. Any student in Grades 3-7 that is interested will be invited to attend a meeting this Friday at the morning recess in the Den to meet the coaches, receive information about the season, and receive a PERMISSION FORM with detailed information, including practice and Meet locations and dates.

***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.

Payments will be made through School Cash Online which has been set up for each school through the District. All families of students in Grades 3-7 will receive a School Cash Online message saying the payment link for Cross Country fees will be live as of September 7th. **Please note that we ask you to wait until your child has come home on Friday this week to discuss their participation.** Please only pay if they are participating.

If they WOULD like to join the team:

1. Complete the permission form and return it to the school as soon as possible, with a deadline of Tuesday, September 12th to submit the form.
2. Pay the \$10.00 fee via the School Cash Online link.

If they WOULD NOT like to join the team: NO further action is required.

Emergency Release forms - please complete your paper forms AND the [online Policy and Procedure Form](#) by September 15th! The paper verification forms were not included in the packages at this time, they will be sent home at a later date.

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

Welcome Back

We were happy to see so many familiar and new faces at our Welcome Back Tea on Tuesday. We would like to thank all the amazing parents helping with this event and signing up for upcoming volunteering opportunities.

We are really looking forward to this new school year and have a lot of exciting events lined up. We will have Hot Lunch and After School programs starting in October this term (more info in the upcoming ebulletin). School Opening Night with CPAC Welcome BBQ will take place on September 28, 5:30pm. So please mark your calendars.



Bear Wear – Online Ordering Open

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 now 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.

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

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



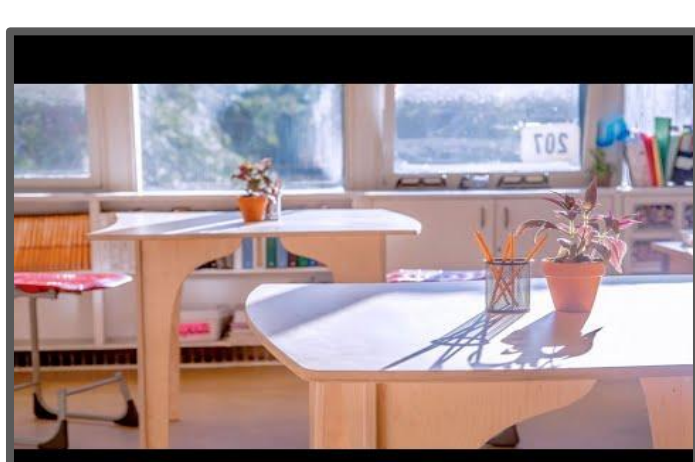

Space is available in the open level 6 - 8 yrs gymnastics program on Wednesday's from 2:30-3:30pm. Classes take place at the **West Vancouver Community Centre**. Click [here](#) to register.

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.

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[iDEC Virtual Tour
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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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