

Thursday, October 12, 2023 E-Bulletin



Bear Calendar

October 13	Fri	Bear Wear Day!
October 16	Mon	Kindergarten 2024 registration opens up
October 17	Tues	First Volleyball Game (Grade 7) ArtStarts Performance- Uzume Taiko Drum
October 18	Wed	Parent Teacher Interviews for Kindie parents only (<i>regular dismissal time</i>)
October 19	Thur	
October 20	Fri	Pro-D day, no school in session
Future Dates to Note		
October 23	Mon	Photo Retakes
October 27	Fri	Pumpkin Patch Event
October 25	Wed	Caught Being the Bear Draw - Pink Shirt Day
Oct 30-Nov 3		Dance Week
November 5	Sun	Time Change - Clocks roll back 1 Hour
November 13	Mon	Remembrance Day Stat Holiday - no school in session
November 14	Tues	Non-Instruction Day - no school in session
December 4	Mon	Pro-D Day - no school in session
December 8	Fri	Tentative date for the Santa Sale
December 21	Thur	Winter Concert

[2023/2024 iDEC School Calendar](#)

Learning at iDEC

Hello Families,

In the past few weeks, I've been sharing a little about what it means to be an iDEC school. This week, I want to touch on a topic that is important to the community that we are building; our FESL.

FESL stands for "Framework for Enhancing Student Learning". In British Columbia, each school is required to have a framework plan which outlines specific goals and objectives to improve student success. In the 2021/2022 school year, our teachers and Principal Kolkea discussed several ideas for improving student success. These discussions, along with a family survey which indicated a desire a focus on social/emotional wellness and community building, led to the development of our FESL goal statement;

How can one's sense of belonging and connection to our inclusive community be strengthened through fostering resilience and social emotional well-being in order to equip individuals to face challenges and thrive throughout their lives?

Throughout the 2022/2023 school year, and into this year, we have found many ways to build an inclusive community. The CPAC and teachers have brought families together through the return of movie nights, Inquiry Showcases, The Open House and BBQ, Holiday Celebrations, and much, much more. We have connected with our community through initiatives such as the Whole School Inquiry into *Inclusion*, beach clean ups, the Jump Rope for Heart pie throw and charity sponsorships during the holiday season. We celebrated resilience by finding ways to reinvigorate and recognize our Bear Traits, through teacher professional development and partnerships with our school liaison officer and the West Vancouver Memorial Library, among others. We also introduced Social Emotional Learning programs such as Open Parachute in the upper intermediate classrooms, and Second Step and EASE for younger students. Our Code of Conduct was also rewritten to focus on a Restorative Justice approach.

There's really too much to name. Our FESL document is published each year and available to all families on our website, [HERE](#).

And we would like to hear from you. We have created a survey for parents in the iDEC community. We want to know how we can continue to improve our students' sense of belonging and connection at school. If you wouldn't mind taking a minute to respond, it would be greatly appreciated. This is not a test! There are no right or wrong answers, and your responses are completely confidential. When answering the survey, think about your child's experiences over time at Caulfeild iDEC, not just this year.

FESL Parent Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/oJBRwjPurfRaDWNv5>

Thank you to all of the families who participated in our Parent Teacher Conferences this week!

Best,

Nathan



Reminder that School Starts at 8:30 am

We appreciate your best efforts to help Caulfeild have a successful start to each day, however we are noticing many students are arriving to school late. We strongly encourage students arrive and leave school during their scheduled times. We understand that there are occasional extenuating circumstances that cannot be helped. Please keep in mind that the staff at iDEC want all our learners to have the best possible start to their school day. Schedules and routines are extremely important to a child's development and academic achievement as key concepts and lessons begin at the start of our school day. Thank you for your cooperation in following these procedures as they help minimize classroom disruptions.

Registration for 2024-2025

Applications for Kindergarten (in-catchment, out of catchment and out of district) AND for in-catchment registrations in Grades 1-12 will be open on Monday, October 16th.

Please note that current Caulfeild students are not required to re-apply for the next school year. Grade 7 students going to Rockridge also do not need to apply, they will automatically transfer. Rockridge counsellors will visit us in late winter/early spring to distribute transfer forms at that time. HOWEVER, if your first choice for a secondary school is not Rockridge then you must complete an online application according to the student registration timelines. Please see this [link](#) for the deadlines.

Student Photos are ready!

Please visit this link to access the gallery: <https://weborders.mountainwest.ca>

Your webcode to access your images was provided on photo day.

Order deadline is: Wednesday October 18th, 2023 *late fee is applied to orders after this date*

Missing your login code? No problem! Visit <https://weborders.mountainwest.ca>

Click on "No code? Click here"

Enter your student's last name, grade and student number & Order your photos!

Did you miss the first photo day or are needing a retake?

They will be held at the school on Monday October 23rd 2023

Please visit this link <https://retakes.mountainwest.ca/caulfeildelementary> and sign up by Thursday October 19th, 2023

To find out more about ordering, [Click Here for support](#).

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: help@mountainwest.ca

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.



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.

Room Parent Information

CPAC is currently helping to build a team of dedicated room parents. Room parents are a long-held tradition at Caulfeild iDEC. The room parent acts as a liaison between class parents and the CPAC. They also help teachers in various ways, from supporting classroom initiatives to rallying volunteers, and more.

For the room parent to best communicate with the parents, it's necessary to have a list of everyone's emails. Room parents only use the BCC function when sending out communications, and all communication from room parents needs to be proofread and approved by the teacher before it is emailed to other parents.

However, before our teachers share family email addresses with the room parents, I want to give all families the chance to ask questions, or, if they choose, opt out of their email address being shared with the room parents. While I believe there is a lot of value in participation if you do choose to opt out, please share your **email address, child's name and teacher's name** with me (nblackburn@wvschools.ca), and I will ensure that we do not share your email address with room parents.




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

Did you know?



Last year with your donations the school purchased 17 iPads and 6 Chromebooks among other things!

Click the image to learn more about the impact of your donations.



[Click HERE](#)

Room Parents Volunteers

We are only short of one room parent for **Div 8**, if you are interested please email me at aneela.mallick@gmail.com and indicate your name, your child(ren)'s name, grade, and division.

Pumpkin Patch in School for K-3

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding our traditional pumpkin patch in school for the primary divisions on **October 27th**. This is a really fun event for the children and for the parents. If you would like to get involved we are looking for parent volunteers as follows;

Thursday October 26th after 3:00 pm, we will need a few parent volunteers to help hide the pumpkins in the forest. Please email Jacky Ng jacky0929@gmail.com if you want to help on this day for setting out pumpkins.

Friday October 27th 8:40 am till 10:30, we will need a few parent volunteers to be in the forest and guide the kids as they come out, when it's their grades turn. We have traditionally asked parents to be in costume i.e witches etc for this part. And you can bring younger siblings, babies and preschoolers with you. Please email CPAC capac@wvschool.ca if you are volunteering for this activity.



After School Programs Fall Term

The After School Programs are now running; for details see [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

Kay Meek Theatre is offering discounted tickets to the following concerts:

- Trio Fibonacci – Apply code TRIOF5
- Serenades and Divertimenti – apply code VETTA

Link to the [website](#), or Click [here](#) for more information!



BABYSITTING & STAY SAFE COURSE

At Gleneagles School on October 20th. Click [HERE](#) for the Registration Form.



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



Click [HERE](#) for more information



[Click here](#) for the Fall Newsletter

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](#)

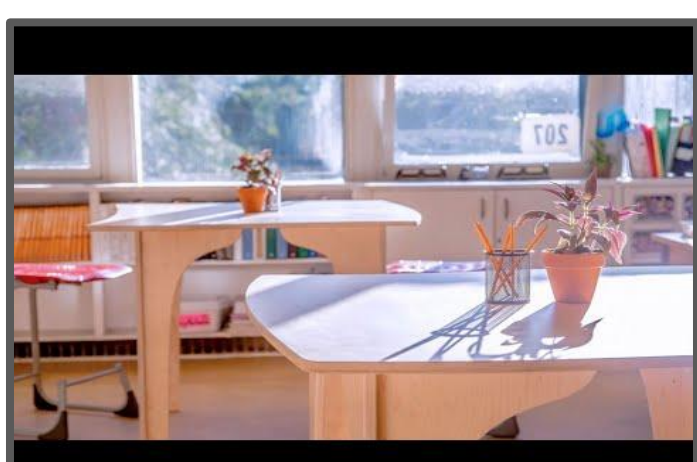
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Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools

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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 Click Here](#)



[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.

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 from 2019.

Connect with Caulfeild iDEC

School Website: [Caulfeild iDEC Elementary](#)

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Email: Caulfeild@wvschools.ca

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