

**Thursday, October 19, 2023 E-Bulletin**



**Bear Calendar**

October 20	Fri	Pro-D day, no school in session
October 23	Mon	Photo Retakes & DEAR (Drop everything and read) Day
October 24	Tues	Volleyball Game (Grade 7s)
October 25	Wed	Caught Being the Bear Draw - <b>Pink Shirt Day</b> <b>Primary Snack Program</b> - whole apple & cheese strings
October 26	Thur	
October 27	Fri	Pumpkin Patch Event
<b>Future Dates to Note</b>		
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
November 17	Fri	Cyber Safety Presentation - Gr 5,6 & 7
November 22	Wed	Immunization Clinic - AM
Nov 28-30		Scholastic Book Fair
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,

I hope you are able to stay dry this week! We have a lot happening at Caulfeild in the next few weeks and I want to thank everyone for reading the EBulletin carefully as a family each and every week.

Our Volleyball teams showed their coaches that they understand what it means to #bethebear. They were supportive and tenacious. Well done team, thank you coaches!

Earlier today, a notice went home to the families in Divisions 16 - 8. BC is starting the [Feeding Futures: Universal Snack Program](#) on Wednesday, Oct 25th. All primary (k-3) students in BC (Grades 3 / 4 Multi-age classrooms included) will have a small snack provided to them every Wednesday. If you are a primary family, or in Div 8, please read the email carefully and reach out to teachers and Mr. Blackburn with any allergy concerns. Nut products will not be provided. This is not intended to replace a lunch or snack sent from home.

Please remember to send a strong and sturdy bag for the primary pumpkin patch next Friday (the 27th). Photo retakes are on Monday, and please take a moment to read the Traffic and Safety Update below.

-Nathan



Division 2 (Left)  
Grade 1 & 2 Cohort (Right)

**Remembrance Day**

As part of our Remembrance Day Service we ask families to share their personal family connections to those that have served in military service. You can contribute in two ways:

- Send in a photo of your family member – include the name, rank and/or country of service
- Personal Family Story - include the name, rank and/or country of service and include a short paragraph that details the family members experience (just a few key points).



We will honour the contributions and memories of families in our Caulfeild Community at this year's Remembrance Day Ceremony. If you would like to be involved please send your information to Ms. Rudson, [hrudson@wvschools.ca](mailto:hrudson@wvschools.ca), with the word REMEMBRANCE in the subject line. In order to be included in our Remembrance Day Ceremony, please send your contributions by November 1st. More details about our Service that will be held on November 10th will be shared in the coming weeks.

**Traffic and Safety Notice**

**Please tell your children** - Cross only at the crosswalk near the roundabout at Caulfeild and Keith Road if you walk to school from the North or North West. Some students crossed the road through the construction near Meadfeild, ignoring the instructions from the road construction crew, to get to school.



*"Please be advised milling and paving work is scheduled to begin on Caulfeild Drive, between Birchfeild Place to Rutland Road, on Monday October 16, 2023. The work is expected to take approximately two weeks to complete. If possible, all work will take place Monday to Friday, between 7:30am and 5:30pm, and Saturdays, between 8:00am and 5:00pm."*

**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 opened 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**

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

To find out more about ordering, [Click Here for support.](#) Phone: 1.888.644.4494 Email: [help@mountainwest.ca](mailto:help@mountainwest.ca)

**Our iDEC HALLOWEEN Costume Guidelines**



Costume day for staff and students is Tuesday, October 31st. Dressing up for Halloween provides us with an opportunity for fun and community building. It's also a great time to discuss ways we can make sure all students in our school feel safe and honored. At Caulfeild, we want everyone to know their culture is valued. While Halloween costumes are designed for fun, some perpetuate stereotypes. In the days ahead, many divisions will investigate the difference between cultural appreciation and appropriation and look at how stereotypes can hurt. Kids are making sure culturally based costumes are not part of our Halloween this year, because cultures are not costumes. This has brought up a lot of questions - as well as some beautiful insights - from students. We would like to invite Caulfeild families into the discussion, and encourage you to have conversations at home, too.

We ask that you arrive at school in costume that morning. Please bring a change of clothes and a bag as we will only be in costume for the morning. Please make sure costumes are suitable for school and comfortable enough to be in all morning through various activities. Students will need to change out of their costumes for the afternoon, as this will help prevent extra wear and tear on student's costumes so they are ready for their fun after school. A few other costume guidelines:

- Replica weapons (guns, knives, etc.) are inappropriate and not permitted
- Inflatable costumes are very risky. Teachers have all seen lots of tears from popped costumes over the years. Purchase with the understanding that these are not intended for a busy setting, and can be damaged. It happens.
- Masks are acceptable
- Blood and gore are not appropriate in a school setting
- Minimal makeup please - costumes will be removed just before lunch recess so consider a make-up free costume or use a small amount.



Thank you for helping us make this Halloween fun and safe for everyone!

**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.



**Head Lice**

There are a few things that all families should know about Head Lice procedures in school. First and foremost, it is essential that families notify the school if they discover head lice. While it will remain confidential, once we receive this information we can then send out notifications and care instructions to all families in the affected division(s). Classrooms can also begin to take some precautions, as families follow our care instructions at home. [Health Link BC](#) is a good place to look for information for the identification and treatment of head lice. For more information on this topic, here is some information from Vancouver Coastal Health: [Getting Rid of Head Lice](#)



**Call Back for Lates and Absences**

Please remember to either **email us** at [caulfeild@wvschools.ca](mailto: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 Annual Community Fundraiser 23-24**

We will be launching our Annual Community Fundraiser on October 26th. Details on how to donate and suggested donation amount will be included in next week's ebulletin. This fundraiser is the main source of income (along with the hot lunch program) for all CPAC funded events, as well CPAC funded school initiatives. Please take a look at the pdf we have put together to sum up what the 22-23 year looked like; in highlights. Please [click here](#) to view the document. We urge you to please consider contributing to this fundraiser so that we can continue to support our school for the rest of this school year.



**CPAC General Meeting - October 31, 8:40am**

Please join us for our first (post-COVID) in person meeting on Tuesday, October 31 at 8:40am in the Learning Commons room on the 2nd floor. In addition to hearing updates from the principal and CPAC Exec, you will have a chance to connect with other parents over coffee at the beginning of the meeting and observe the Halloween parade at the school. You would not want to miss all the fun.

**Primary Pumpkin Patch**

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](mailto: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 parent volunteers to help kids hunt for pumpkins. If you are interested, come in costume and meet us in the undercover area after the dropoff. You can bring younger siblings, babies and preschoolers with you. Please email [capac@wvschools.ca](mailto:capac@wvschools.ca) if you wish to volunteer for this morning.

**Diwali in School**

We will be doing a Diwali display in the school hallway again this year as we did last year. If any parents are interested in helping out, please let us know. We will be doing a traditional Rangoli design on the floor for this display, and any help with that would be great. You can email me if you'd like to help at [aneela.mallik@gmail.com](mailto:aneela.mallik@gmail.com) thanks.

**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](mailto:capac@wvschools.ca)

**WV Community Corner**



**Attention All Females! West Van Minor Hockey Association is hosting Girl Power this week!**

West Vancouver Minor Hockey Association 3rd annual 'Girl Power' event is Friday, October 20th from 1 - 4 p.m. at West Van Arena. This **FREE** event is open to all girls living in West Van from 5 - 18 years of age. No experience is necessary! There will be on-ice and off-ice sessions and even a pizza party! Gear will be provided for those new to the sport. That evening all interested girls can attend a UBC Thunderbirds female hockey game vs Trinity Western (transportation not provided). Tickets are free for Girl Power participants + 1 adult each! Please register [HERE](#) by October 16th or as soon as possible to secure your spot.

**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!



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

**BABYSITTING & STAY SAFE COURSE**

Click [HERE](#) for more information

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



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](#)

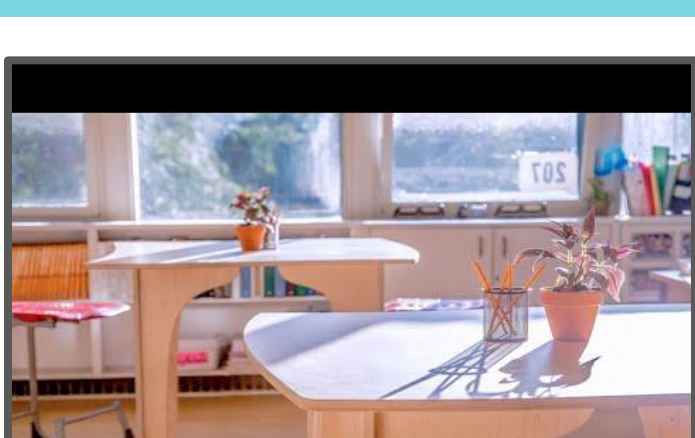
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**Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools**

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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.

**Connect With Us**



[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 since 2019.

**Connect with Caulfeild iDEC**

**School Website:** [Caulfeild iDEC Elementary](#)

**Phone:** 604 981-1200

**Email:** [Caulfeild@wvschools.ca](mailto:Caulfeild@wvschools.ca)

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