

Thursday, October 26, 2023 E-Bulletin



Bear Calendar

October 27	Fri	Pumpkin Patch Event - Send a Sturdy Bag!
October 30	Mon	Dance Week
October 31	Tues	Halloween and CPAC General Meeting at 8:40 am
November 1	Wed	Primary Snack Program - Hummus & Whole mini cucumbers
November 2	Thur	Happy Thursday
November 3	Fri	Bear Wear
Future Dates to Note		
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 Caught Being the Bear Draw (Pink Shirt Day)
Nov 28-30		Scholastic Book Fair
December 4	Mon	Pro-D Day - no school in session
December 8	Fri	Santa Sale
December 15	Fri	Term 1 CSL Reports are Posted
December 21	Thur	Winter Concert

[2023/2024 IDEC School Calendar](#)

Learning at IDEC

Hello Families,

I hope you are having a wonderful week.

While there is a lot happening this week and next, I want to start by sharing some information about our CPAC Annual Community Fundraiser. Together with the Hot Lunch program, our Community Fundraiser is one of our largest drivers for fundraising, which helps the school to support learning in ways that your children love. Technology, beautiful classroom spaces, field trips, guest coaches and performances, music and sports are all supported by the CPAC Annual Community Fundraiser. Please take a moment to read the CPAC section on page two to find more information about how to support this initiative.

We are really excited to welcome the Royal Academy of Punjab to Caulfeild the week of October 30th to teach Caulfeild students traditional Punjabi dance. Students will have the chance to participate in 3-4 lessons with their class during the week and a school-wide performance on Friday, November 3rd. The Royal Academy originated in 2012 by a group of dedicated arts and Punjabi culture enthusiasts. The type of dance is called Bhangra, which is a type of traditional folk dance originating from the Punjab region of South Asia. Royal Academy's goal is to provide awareness and opportunities for fusion, exploration and connection through dance. We look forward to welcoming Royal Academy next week. If you would like to learn more about Royal Academy or their programs, please check out their [website](#).

This week we had our second monthly draw of Get Caught Being the Bear tickets. We hope all our Bears will continue to be inspired to be Get Caught Being the Bear as we now look toward our next draw and Pink Shirt Day. Congratulations to our October Draw Winners and prize recipients; Reese in Division 10, Riley in Division 11, Sara in Division 4 and Souren in Division 2. Congrats as well to our staff winner, Ms. Strahl.

It is our Primary Pumpkin Patch event tomorrow. Thank you to the CPAC and the parent volunteers who make this event happen. It is one of our favourite events of the year. Every student in Div 16 - 8 will have the opportunity to find a pumpkin in our forest and bring home a small pumpkin. Don't forget to send a sturdy canvas bag with your child tomorrow! Below you'll see some reading in Division 9 and some rhythm learning in Music class with Division 8.

-Nathan



MyED Parent Portal Access

Our first term marks will be posted on the My Ed Parent Portal in December. If you are not familiar with this site, now is a good time to make sure you can access your account. Here is a helpful [link](#) to access your Parent Portal. Please email cschier@wvschools.ca if you need any assistance with your login or password.

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. Rather than laying out a set of rules for kids, many classrooms will be having conversations. 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, but please do not send "scary" full face masks to school. Children will be asked to take them off.
- 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!

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, 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.

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.

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 take some precautions, as families follow our care instructions at home. [Health Link BC](#) is a good place to look for recommendations 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 or use the call back line (604-981-1205) if your child will be late or absent from school.

CPAC Announcements



CPAC Community Fundraiser

Oct 26th – Nov 12th



CPAC Annual Community Fundraiser

Today we are launching our Annual Community Fundraiser. This fundraiser is the main source of income (along with the Hot Lunch program) for all CPAC school and community initiatives. Please take a look at [the pdf we have put together](#) to sum up what the 2022-2023 year looked like in highlights.

For the 2023/2024 school year, we aim to raise a minimum of **\$25,000**. 100% of the money raised goes toward PAC projects that enrich the education of students in our school, such as:

- Technology maintenance and enhancement (iPads, Chromebooks, etc)
- Learning spaces updates and upgrades (sound-field system acquisitions, furniture replacements);
- Site licenses to enrich learning in Literacy and Numeracy;
- Class field trips;
- Teachers' supplementary supplies and materials;
- Music and Sports programs (Badminton with an Olympian, Ultimate Frisbee).

The campaign runs **October 26 – November 12, 2023**. We suggest a donation of **\$75-200 per child**, however any contribution is greatly appreciated. A tax receipt will be provided directly from the West Vancouver School District.

You can **donate [here](#)** or go to your School Cash Online account, choose the "Make a Donation" button, choose the fund destination "Caulfeild PAC Community Fundraiser" and amount, click on "Add to Cart", and follow the payment instructions.

We thank you for your support and are looking forward to another successful 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 will be holding our traditional pumpkin patch in school for the primary divisions on tomorrow - **October 27th**. This is a really fun event for the children and for the parents. If you would like to get involved, come in costume and meet us in the undercover area after the dropoff. You can bring younger siblings, babies and preschoolers with you.



Room Parent '23-'24

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to be room parents this year. You will be hearing from your respective parents fairly soon with their introductions and meet and greet plans. Please take time to respond to them and let's show them our appreciation by supporting them with their help in our classrooms and teachers this year.

- Division 1 Sharon Lee-Flynn
- Division 2 Viviane Mendes
- Division 3 Julia Bennet
- Division 4 Sareeta Bahadoorsingh Indar
- Division 5 Verena Lam
- Division 6 Jolie Rochard, Karen Coe & Heather Sherwin
- Division 7 Letitia Mukherjee & Yasmin Gordon
- Division 8 Jaye Block & Jennifer Utley
- Division 9 Jolie Rochard
- Division 10 Justine Lin
- Division 11 Carrie Johnson
- Division 12 Cindy Yang
- Division 13 Sunanda (Sunny) Saunders
- Division 14 Erin Vaughen
- Division 15 Joyce Chau
- Division 16 Carla Smiley Taves

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



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](#)

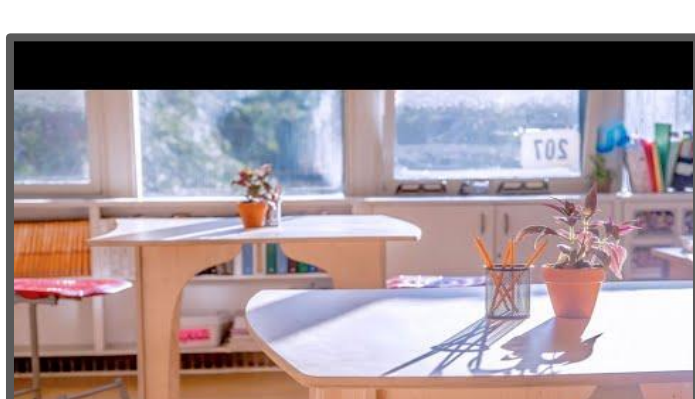
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Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools

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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](#)

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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