

Thursday, October 5, 2023 E-Bulletin



Bear Calendar

October 6	Fri	Bear Wear Day!
October 9	Mon	No school in session - <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>
October 10	Tues	
October 11	Wed	Parent Teacher Interviews for K - 7. <i>Early Dismissal at 12:50pm & No Hot Lunch</i>
October 12	Thur	
October 13	Fri	Bear Wear Day!
Future Dates to Note		
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
November 13	Mon	Remembrance Day Stat Holiday - no school in session
November 14	Tues	Non-Instruction Day - no school in session

2023/2024 iDEC School Calendar

Learning at iDEC

Hello Families,

I want to start with a thank you - for all of our parent volunteers who made the Welcome Back BBQ a success, we truly appreciate you showing your support. Our CPAC Executive team did an amazing job putting together one of our favourite events of the year, thank you.

To all of the families that were able to join us for our Open House, I hope you enjoyed a peek into our learning spaces. Our unique classrooms are an important part of the iDEC model, and something I want to touch upon in today's E-Bulletin. Several years ago, with parent and CPAC support, we began a process of reimagining our learning spaces as "the third teacher". Classrooms at iDEC provide a variety of seating and learning options that facilitate student collaboration, a key feature of student inquiry and learning. These are not "sit and get" classrooms of old, with a teacher sharing knowledge to rows of notetakers, instead our spaces make room for the teacher to facilitate and join discussions about the learning throughout the process of student inquiry. The Natural Pod furniture in every classroom contribute to a calm space for all learners.

You'll find this information and more on our [iDEC Website](#).

Happy World Teachers' Day! This is a day where we recognize and celebrate the incredible work that teachers do. Here at iDEC, we are so incredibly lucky to have such amazing teachers, who care so much about our students and their learning. They get up early, they stay late, they plan long into the night about ways to help kids to learn and grow in ways that are engaging and fun. They deserve our gratitude and our thanks everyday, but especially today on World Teacher's Day.

This week we welcomed new members of the team to Caulfeild. UBC Teacher candidates will be joining us throughout the year. Ms. Jones will be working in Division 7 with Ms. Cheng, Ms. Lefeaux will host teacher candidate Ms. Lee in Division 11, and Ms. Lapinskie has invited Ms. Masi to join Division 10. Student teachers are a valuable addition to any school team, and I'm sure you'll join me in joining them to our community.



-Nathan

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up again on the 11th! Please note we have an **Early Dismissal at 12:50 pm on this day**. Conferences will be in-person, or virtual on request. If you haven't booked already, the system will be open until **3:00 pm October 10th**. **There will be no more bookings after this time.**

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 and choose your child's teacher
- Choose the date and time that works best for you from the options provided.
- Conferences are 10 minutes long.

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



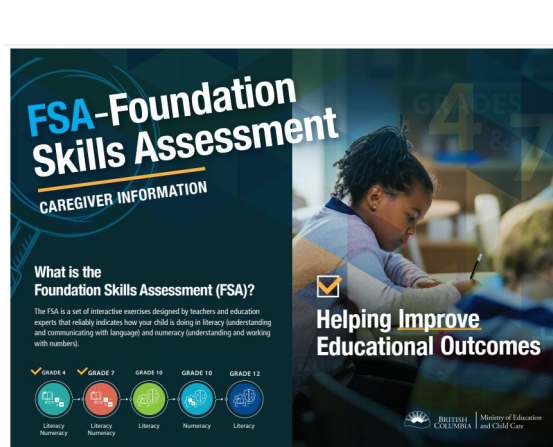
Welcome Ms. Salmon

Welcome to iDEC, Ms. Salmon! Many families had the opportunity to meet our new Music and Band teacher at our Welcome Back BBQ and Parent Teacher Interviews. She comes to us this summer from Ireland, where she had previously taught as an elementary school music and band teacher!

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.

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 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

Thank You to all who helped at the BBQ Social!



We are very grateful to all the parents who came out and helped to make this event successful. Indeed we had many challenges that evening starting with a faulty grill. Our parents came through and transported the hotdogs to their nearby homes to get cooked. Our hearts are full of appreciation for this amazing parent community that we have. Quick thinking from some of our PAC Exec. members helped us get the first couple of hundred hotdogs started and in the meantime Mr. Blackburn arranged a replacement grill to be delivered. Nevertheless we had an enjoyable evening allowing the parents to mingle and we were happy to see a lot of smiling faces all around. Setting up, cooking, wrapping and serving was all done by parent volunteers. And cleanup was a breeze thanks to everyone chipping in. We look forward to our next social with hopefully less hiccups !!!

Thank You to all Room Parents Volunteers

We will be arranging the first meet and greet for the new Room Parents fairly soon. And discussing what the role and responsibilities look like. We are short of 2 divisions so far, so if anyone would like to volunteer for **Div 8 and 9** please let me know. If you have already reached out to me and haven't heard from me, I may have misplaced your email so please do email me at 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 have started this week, 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 details [here](#))

Please note The start of this program has been delayed by a week to Oct 12

Friday ZenLabs 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.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



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](#)

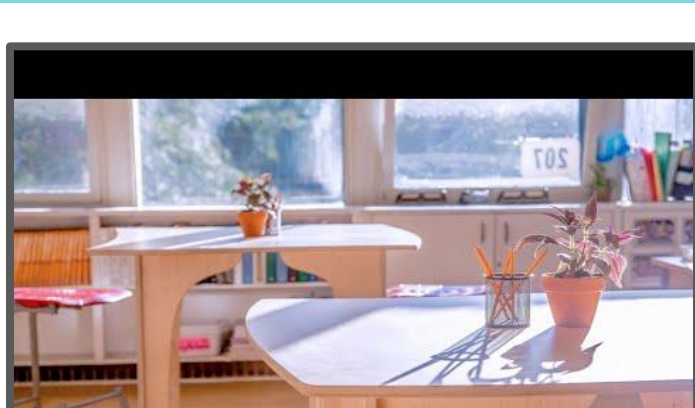
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Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools

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](#)



[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](#)

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