

Thursday, November 30, 2023 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

December 1	Fri	Bear Wear
December 2	Sat	Deadline for Purdy's chocolates orders
December 4	Mon	Pro-D Day - no school in session
December 5	Tues	Happy Tuesday
December 6	Wed	Primary Snack Program: Cheese and Crackers
December 7	Thur	Happy Thursday
December 8	Fri	Santa Sale Bear Wear
Future Dates to Note		
December 15	Fri	
December 21	Thur	Winter Concert, 1:10 and 5:30. Maximum of 2 Tickets purchased per Family. Information below.
December 22	Fri	Last day of school - Winter Break starts! 12:10 Dismissal Term 1 CSL Reports are Posted
January 8	Mon	School Reopens!
January 11	Thur	Rockridge Information Night for Incoming Grade 8 students & families
January 8-12		K-5 Field Hockey Sessions

[2023/2024 iDEC School Calendar](#)

Learning at iDEC

Hello Families,

What a week! This week, we hosted the annual **Scholastic Book Fair**. Thank you to Ms. Gatto and Ms. Smith for organizing the event and to all of our amazing parent volunteers for their time. While we don't yet have a final tally, from how things are looking, this should be a record year for the Book Fair at Caulfeild. As you know, a portion of the profits goes to support adding books to our Library!

We had our "Caught Being the Bear Draw" this week. Congrats to Thiago (Div 10) for excellent classroom participation (Respectful), Kian (Div 12) for using respectful language (Inclusive and Respectful), to Ethan (Div 8) for doing extra clean up without being asked (Supportive), Ekansh (Div 2) for being helpful (Upstander) and Ms. Gatto for making a new student feel welcome (Inclusive).

Congratulations to all of the Caulfeild iDEC students who represented our school so well as this past weekend's **Robotics** competition at West Vancouver Secondary School. Our team had a number of successful competitors. Way to go!

The **Santa Sale** is next Friday, December 8th. The santa sale is a great opportunity for students to experience the gift of giving. Students will get the chance to buy gifts for their loved ones which they can give this holiday season. In order to make this a successful santa sale and for all students to have the opportunity to purchase gifts, we need your help in collecting more donations! Please see more information below. All money raised will go to a charity, which will be selected by Ms. Lefaux's Local Initiatives Club.

Please read below for some important **staffing news, iDEC Winter Concert information**, and more.

-Nathan



Staffing News: A Note from Ms. Rudson

It is with sadness that I share the news of my departure as Vice Principal of Caulfeild iDEC. Due to some shifts with the Vice Principals in West Vancouver Schools, I will be starting as Vice Principal of Ecole Pauline Johnson in January. I have been lucky to get to meet and connect with so many families and experience such learning and growth with our dedicated learners.

Beginning in January, Caulfeild will welcome Ryley McLeod as Vice Principal and grade 6 teacher. Ms. McLeod is currently teaching at Bowen Island Community School. She has a strong passion for teaching and learning, and I know that she will be a great fit for Caulfeild. I want to assure you that we are working hard to ensure that this transition is as smooth as possible for the Caulfeild community.

Leaving this community, which has been so welcoming and kind to me, is difficult. Thank you for everything.

-Hannah

Caulfeild iDEC WINTER CONCERT

- 1 This year, the students have taken ownership of choosing the song their class will perform.
- 2 Each class voted for which winter song they felt would suit their group and respect each others' beliefs.
- 3 The students listened to a number of songs before voting for their favourite.
- 4 The results of the class votes were often landslide victories and even sometimes unanimous!
- 5 It is great to see students taking initiative, being leaders and making their own creative choices. We hope that you all enjoy our Winter Concert and see the power of giving students ownership over their performances. Their passion and drive is something to be proud of.

Winter Concert at Caulfeild - Dec 21st

On Dec 21st we will be hosting our Winter Concert at Caulfeild iDEC. We will have two performances with the whole student body at 1:10 pm and 5:30 pm. Because we are such a large school, we will need to limit tickets sales to two tickets per family in total. That said, one ticket can be for the afternoon and one ticket can be for the evening. Details on booking and class costume expectations will be shared soon. Tickets will be \$5 each, with all proceeds going to support the music program at iDEC.

Ticket Booking Information: Families can go onto School Cash Online [link](#) to purchase your tickets. Please remember to limit ticket purchases to two per family. Tickets will be delivered to students to take home, and we ask that you bring them to the performance. Due to our limitations on space, if families accidentally book more than two tickets, we will not be able to honour them. They will be cancelled and refunded. If you would like to be put on a waiting list for up to 2 more tickets, **or you will not be attending the concert**, please email [Catherine Schier](mailto:Catherine.Schier@caulfeild@wvschools.ca) at caulfeild@wvschools.ca. If we have unsold tickets when we get closer to showtime, we will begin to contact those families on the waitlist.

SAVE THE DATE!

FOR OUR ANNUAL
INFORMATION NIGHT FOR
INCOMING GRADE 8 STUDENTS AND
FAMILIES

Date: Thursday, January 11th, 2024
Time: 7pm
Where: Rockridge Secondary
5350 Headland Drive, West Vancouver

Information Night for Rockridge Families

Calling Grade 7 Families! Don't miss out on visiting Rockridge. There's so much to see - save the date!

Survey for the Ministry of Education and Child Care

We know that many families depend on school-age child care to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent's full work day. That is why the Province's [ChildCareBC plan](#) is working to expand access to child care for all families that want and need it.

The Ministry of Education and Child Care is conducting a parent survey to better understand the regional and provincial demand for school age child care.

While we know there is unmet demand for school-aged child care, there is no current provincial or regional data quantifying the demand. Your participation will help the Province plan for future school-aged child care expansions.

Who should fill out this survey? If you have children attending Kindergarten to Grade 7 at a B.C. school, we want to hear from you about your family's child care needs.

What will this survey be used for? The survey results will be used to support planning for future initiatives under the ChildCareBC plan. All responses are voluntary and anonymous; you and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Information will be combined and shared with your school and district as a summary.

How do I complete the survey? [HERE](#) and is available in 18 languages. The survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete and is available starting November 21. Please only complete the survey once. The link is intended especially for you. Please do not share the link with anyone else.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca. If you encounter any technical difficulties, please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) at support@awinfosys.com.

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 Update

Thank you to our Caulfeild School community! A few donations over the last few days helped us exceed our \$25,000 goal. In total, we raised \$26,045!

The additional funds will be put to good use, replacing the old classroom **Emergency Preparedness kits**. The expense of \$2,500 was approved at the CPAC General Meeting and the school started ordering those kits today. The remaining funds will go towards our regular budgeted expenses such as field trips, technology and learning space updates, license subscriptions, sports and arts programs, etc.



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to our amazing parent volunteers who helped set up and run the Scholastic Book Fair. Did not only it get our kids excited about reading, but it also helped raise funds for our library.



Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser - Order Now

Order Today! Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser ends this Saturday, December 2nd. Stock up knowing that 25% of profits go back to our school. Pick-up will be on December 15th at Caulfeild School.

Important: Make sure to use the correct link when ordering and not just the first one you see. The division that sells the most chocolate will win a pizza party at the school.

Instructions: Use this [link](#) to place your order. Scroll to your corresponding division page. Enter your email in the box indicated, if you have registered before you will be automatically joined to the campaign, if not you will be prompted to register and then be joined. Click "Shop Online" to start shopping. You can also invite friends and family to help. Simply ask them to follow the same steps above.

Santa Sale - Sign Up To Help

We need more items! Please donate as early as possible and remember the sale is only as good as the items donated (all items must be in good condition). Donation boxes are located in the primary hallway and outside near the roundabout, you can drop off your items up until December 7th.



Donation Item Ideas: Cool kitchen items, Christmas stuff, home décor, sealed toiletries, new purses, jewelry, puzzles and board games (complete sets), books, picture frames, toddler or baby items (no clothes), candles, toys, DIY items ("new this year") you or your kids have made i.e. jewelry, clay creations.

We will also collect gently used Bear Wear (we plan to hold a Bear Wear pop-up sale of new and collected items in January).

Not Accepted: Clothes (except for Bear Wear), shoes, damaged or broken items, unusable sports equipment, personalized paraphernalia, food, sharp objects, used or open toiletry, and delicate glassware such as wine glasses or dinnerware.

Get Involved: Volunteer your time to make this Santa Sale the best yet! Guaranteed to get you in the holiday mood, sign up using this [link](#).

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)

Email: capac@wvschools.ca

WV Community Corner



Let's Play Wheelchair Basketball

At WV rec centre - drop ins welcome!
Ages 5-12
All equipment and wheelchairs are provided
Registration is [here](#)

Tuesday, December 5

Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities

"Social Media Awareness" Family Session on December 5th at 6:30 pm click [here](#) for tickets.

This free 60 minute session is being hosted by the Ministry of education and ERASE

Rec Centre Happenings:

Winter Break camp registrations are now open: [LINK](#)
Browse your recreation activities and programs here: [LINK](#)
Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us: [LINK](#)



The Incredible Years
Incredible Years™ Parenting Program (IY) for Children Aged 2-7 Years



The program will focus on strengthening parenting competencies and fostering parent involvement with their children. Click [here](#) for more information.

When: Wednesday evenings, January 10 to April 17, 2024

(Note: the program will run during Spring Break, March 18, 2024 to April 1, 2024)

Time: 6:15 - 8:15 pm

Where: Online through Zoom

Cost: Free

Eligibility: Residents of the North Shore with children aged 2-7 years old.

Registration: for more info or to be added to the waitlist, please contact Marlae Vermeer (Family Counsellor, Hollyburn Family Services): mvermeer@hollyburn.ca

Is your child entering Kindergarten in September 2024?

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JUST B4
Early Learning Program

Just B4 is a preschool program for 4 year old children who will be entering Kindergarten starting in September 2024.

- Strengthens the early years to Kindergarten transition
- Joyful, play-based opportunities to develop skills essential for living and learning together
- Opportunity to connect with other children and families in the community
- Guided by the BC Early Learning Framework & First Peoples Principles of Learning

Just B4 is geared to children who are **not** currently enrolled in preschool, full-time childcare or other format early learning programs.

For more information and to register please email District VP of Early Learning & Childcare [Laine Anderson](mailto:Laine.Anderson@wvschools.ca) [Laine Anderson](mailto:Laine.Anderson@wvschools.ca) @wvschools.ca

Location: Properties Family Hub portable at Chartwell Elementary School (1300 Chartwell Drive)
Program: 2 afternoons per week (1:00 pm - 3:00 pm) starting in November and running through June

Fee: \$125 per month

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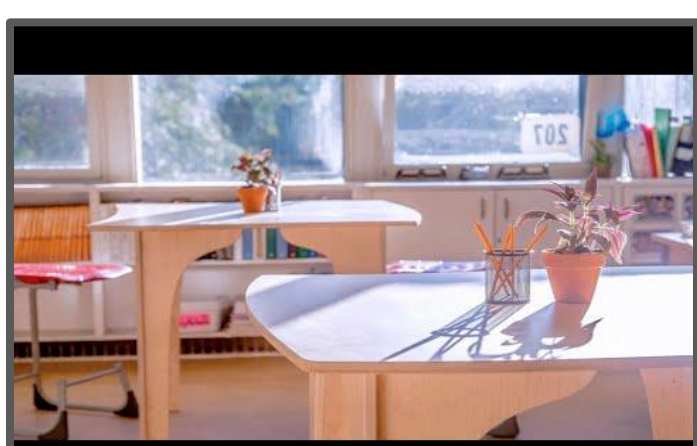
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Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools

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/chrkenedy>

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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