

Friday, January 19, 2024 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

January 19	Fri	Rockridge Band & Choir will Perform in our Den at 1:15 pm Thursday Hot Lunch is coming home with students today
January 22	Mon	Happy Monday
January 23	Tues	First Basketball Game. Boys at Gleneagles, Girls at Caulfeild
January 24	Wed	Primary Snack Program: Whole apple & cheese string Caught Being the Bear Draw
January 25	Thur	CPAC Movie Night
January 26	Fri	Bear Wear Friday
Future Dates to Note		
January 29	Mon	Pro-D Day - no school in session
February 9	Fri	Lunar New Year Events
February 16	Fri	Reading Break - no school
February 15,22		Physical Literacy
March 5	Tue	Gr 7 First Aid Course
March 6	Wed	Student Led Conference - Early Dismissal at 12:10 pm

[2023/2024 iDEC School Calendar](#)

Learning at iDEC

Hello Families,

I hope everyone was able to stay warm over the last few days. When you see snow or ice on the ground, please check the [district website](#), or our X/twitter account @caulfeildschool for updates. We aim to have information ready for families by 6:00.

This week we began our transition planning for our Grade 7s. On Tuesday the Grade 7 students participated in a presentation with Mr. Baker, a Rockridge Vice Principal. He shared information about life at Rockridge, course selection, the IB program, and much more. Course selection forms went home, and need to be returned by the end of the month. Teachers have extra if it is missing.

Our first Basketball games are on Tuesday. Remember that families are responsible for getting their students to and from games. I would like to thank coaches Stevens, Senyk and Vukelic for their dedication to the teams. On Tuesday, our Boys team is away at Gleneagles, and the Girls are home here at Caulfeild.

This week, our Grade 1 / 2 classes will soon become the host of roughly 100 salmon eggs through the Salmonids in the Classroom programs. This program provides students with amazing hands-on learning opportunities as we get to watch first hand salmon eggs transform into alevin, then fry, before we release them in a local stream

Our CPAC is hosting the first Movie Night of the year! See the CPAC section below for more information.

We did miss a couple of days on our second week back, so we will need to reschedule some things. Our Kindergarten families will hear from their teachers when we are able to reschedule the **Hearing Screening** with Vancouver Coastal Health. We did manage to make time in the week for a wonderful performance from the Rockridge Concert and Jazz Bands. Ms. Collins and Mr. Parker were warmly welcomed by iDEC students, who were excited to see some familiar faces in both ensembles. It was a joy to hear the wonderful music happening at Rockridge.



-Nathan

Foundational Skills Assessment

Students in Grades Four and Seven across British Columbia completed assessments in Literacy and Numeracy in November. These annual assessments of academic skills provide parents, teachers, school, school district, and the ministry with important information on student progress. Caulfeild iDEC parents and guardians of Grade Four and Seven learners, please check your children's backpacks as their marked assessments will be sent home last week. The assessments are a snapshot of your child's progress. Please note that this is the **ONLY** copy of your child's booklet.

BC Learning Surveys

STUDENT SURVEY Each year in British Columbia, students in grades 4 and 7 are asked to complete the Learning Surveys. The learning survey asks students questions about their school experiences. Parents with children in Grades 4 and 7 are also invited to complete a parent survey. A parent may complete a survey for each child in the targeted grades. The parent survey is available in English, French and 16 other languages. Parents can complete surveys on their own time at any point in the year before April 29th, 2025.

For more information, and to login to the parent survey, use this [LINK](#).

<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>

Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

Every school in British Columbia develops a Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) The Framework for Enhancing Student Learning combines accountability with evidence-informed decision making to support a system-wide program of continuous improvement. It formalizes the planning and reporting expectations for all school districts with a focus on improving equity of learning outcomes and enhancing the intellectual, social, and career development of all students in the K-12 public system.

For the past three years, the iDEC FESL has focused on the best ways in which we as a school community can answer the following question;

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?

The Caulfeild teams works together to find ways to build a resilient school community that is inclusive for all students. We have regular planning meetings to discuss and implement opportunities for students to feel welcome, included and successful, as well as to build strategies for social-emotional wellness and problem solving. I have discussed some of these strategies with families, and here in the Ebulletin in the past. You will also find our most recently published outline for these opportunities on our website, [HERE](#), with a year three update coming before the end of the month.

When you see the published update, you'll notice that we are careful to measure, using student, staff and family surveys, how well were doing as we build toward a more inclusive school community. Highlights of the new publication will show that, at Caulfeild;

- Students feel that they are able to solve problems peacefully, and they report greater feelings of empathy and care for their peers at rates greater than the school district average, and that these numbers are *increasing year over year!*
- Year over year, students are feeling like school is a place where they "feel like they belong" and "feel good about myself". While a majority of our students feel this way, the number has *increased each year for the past two years!*
- Families report that their children feel safe, welcome and peaceful at school, most or all of the time!

While there is always room for improvement and growth, Caulfeild iDEC can be proud to say that students increasingly feel welcome, safe and included here at school.

Indigenous Education School Plan

Indigenous Education seeks to improve success and supports for Indigenous students, and increase the presence of Indigenous culture, languages and history for all students. It also aims to help teachers bring Indigenous knowledge into their teaching practice. To this end, each school in West Vancouver develops an Indigenous Education School Plan. This is a 'living document' which changes and evolves throughout the year.

This year at Caulfeild, our school plan involves working closely with our Indigenous Success teacher, Mrs. Jackie Gladstone, who works with classrooms and individual students to support academics, and to share indigenous culture with classes.

Our Indigenous Education School Plan is posted each year to our website. You'll find it [HERE](#). Some highlights of the plan this year include; sharing a land acknowledgement and Squamish greeting on the announcements each day, our primary Salmon release overseen by S7aplek, Teacher professional development with Squamish Nation Elder Tsawayisia Spukwus, honouring Orange Shirt Day with a school wide art project, and much more.

If any families would like to join our team and participate in some of these conversations, please reach out!



Reminder to send your children to school dressed for the weather - we always have outdoor recess time. Please help them be prepared!

Pick up and Drop Off

Thank you to all the families who help to keep our pick up and drop off orderly as possible. Just a few reminders to keep in mind when you come through the roundabout.

- Please avoid getting out of your car at the roundabout.
- Please remember not to park in the roundabout at any time.
- Use the Wheelchair accessible spaces only if you are entitled to them, we have families who need them. Even for a quick stop - it's not ok.
- Please avoid idling whenever possible. The few minutes before I start calling names, for example.
- Remember that the pull out on Keith Road is where our first Grade 7s are picked up. We have Grade 7 families who need accessible spaces, so leaving the first few spaces open is important for the safety of our kids.

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



Snow Day Hot Lunch

Snow Day Hot Lunches have been rescheduled. Hot Lunches that were supposed to be delivered on Wednesday January 17 will be delivered on Monday 22nd. Hot Lunches that were supposed to be delivered on Thursday January 18 will be delivered on Friday January 19 towards the end of the day so they can go home fresh and warm.

Movie Night - January 25th

Join us at the school for our annual Movie Night. We will be showing **DC League of Super-Pets** on Thursday, January 25th. Doors open at 5:30 pm, the movie will start at 6:00 pm.

Important: If you want a meal with the movie, you need to **place your order by the end of January 23rd on munchalunch.com** ('Movie Night!' tab).



- ★ Movie Meal for \$10 (includes 1 slice of cheese pizza, popcorn, and juice box).
- ★ Slice of cheese pizza for \$5.
- ★ A limited amount of pizza and popcorn will be available on-site for cash. We recommend you order in advance.
- ★ Please note: **No unaccompanied** children will be allowed in. Kids of all ages need to be accompanied by an adult. One adult can bring multiple children.

Bear Wear Pop-Up Sale - January 25th



During school drop off and Movie Night you will have a chance to try on and purchase new and lightly used **Bear Wear** on January 25th. Cash only, please. If you have Bear Wear in good condition that you no longer need, please bring it to the office.

All proceeds from the Movie Night as well as the Bear Wear Sale will go towards CPAC initiatives supporting our school.

After-School Programs

Winter Term after-school programs will start next week. The lineup is below, please note we have Basketball split into 2 programs by age. Monday will be for Gr 2-4 and Thursday will be for Gr 5-7 (many parents requested this). The Zen Maker Club will be running a longer program this term that will carry over into the spring term. All details and registration info can be found [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)

Email: capac@wvschools.ca

WV Community Corner

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR

Personal Project Exhibition

PRESENTED BY ROCKRIDGE GRADE 10 STUDENTS
IN COMPLETION OF THEIR MYP CERTIFICATE

**COME EXPLORE THEIR LEARNING JOURNEYS,
DISCOVERIES AND WHAT WAS CREATED IN THE PROCESS!**

FEB. 8, 2024 - 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Rockridge Secondary - 5350 Headland Dr., West Vancouver

Neurodiversity and Dance Classes

My name is Miss Tammy and I teach neuro-affirmative dance classes on Tuesdays from 7:00-7:45 pm at the Vanleena Dance Academy, 1457 Marine Drive, our West Vancouver location. All interested families are invited to contact me directly at dance@vanleena.com to learn more about the program (we also offer a free trial class!).

Cybersafe from Exploitation

Parent Presentation

January 23, 7:00 PM
at the Kay Meek Arts Centre.

Click [HERE](#) for more information

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 | 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.

West Vancouver Community Centre | Atrium

FREE

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QUESTIONS
 604-925-7270

It's all about the early years!

- Connect with local community resources and services for young children and families
- Discover programs and childcare opportunities
- Engage in fun, free activities!

Special attraction
This year's fair will feature a free *Sing Along with Katie*. Sing to familiar tunes and Katie's original songs!

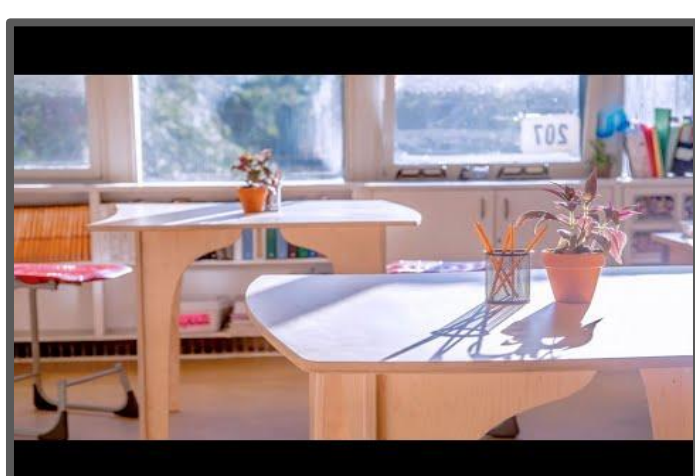
Participating organizations
 Vancouver Coastal Health • Saplings Outdoor Program • Cypress Corner Childminding
 • West Vancouver Schools, and many more!

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

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