



Thursday, February 15, 2024 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

February 16	Fri	no school in session
February 19	Mon	Family Day - no school in session
February 21	Wed	Primary Snack Program: hummus and mini cucumbers District Gardner to visit Divs 9,10,4 and 3
February 22	Thur	Physical Literacy
February 23	Fri	Bear Wear Day
Future Dates to Note		
February 27	Tues	CPAC Meeting - virtual at 7:00 pm
February 28	Wed	Caught Being the Bear Draw - Pink Shirt Day
March 1	Fri	ArtStarts - Interactive Fairy Tales
March 5	Tue	Gr 7 First Aid Course
March 6	Wed	Student Led Conference - Early Dismissal at 12:10 pm
March 8	Fri	Kindie Vision Screening
March 11 & 12	M-T	WV Little League in the Den for Div 8-16
March 13	Wed	Rescheduled K Hearing Screening
March 14	Thur	Jump Rope for Heart
March 15	Fri	Term 2 Learning Updates will be posted
March 18 - 29		Spring Break
April 2	Tues	School Reopens

[2023/2024 IDEC School Calendar](#)

Learning at IDEC

Hello Families,

It has been an exciting week! I have been proud to share more information with our school community about Black History Month by reading research from students about important figures in our History. The basketball team had a couple of hard fought games against West Bay, and we welcomed our Physical Literacy team to meet with students and teachers to talk about the importance of staying active. Today, a Vancouver Coastal Health Nurse met with all of our grade one and two classes about mindful eating. It's been a short but busy week here at IDEC.

Keep on reading to learn more about important information related to Lunar New Year, School Planning, some information about Pick Up and Drop Off, as well as the BC Learning Surveys.

-Nathan

Lunar New Year 2024

Our Lunar New Year event took place on February 9th. I want to thank all of the parents who came together to plan and organize this event. Thanks especially to Jacky Ng, who coordinated the volunteers and worked months in advance to make this event a special one. Our volunteers worked late into the evening on Thursday and throughout the day on Friday to set up for the event, which had games, activities, music, calligraphy, displays, tea, clothing, and so much more from a variety of Lunar New Year traditions around the globe.

This was an excited day for Caulfeild students.



Parking Along Caulfeild Drive

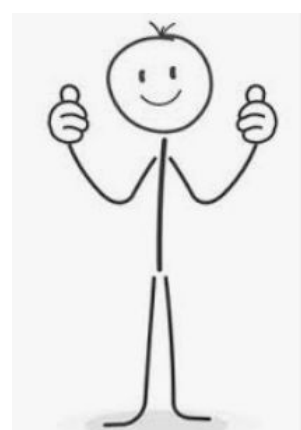
This is a reminder to all families that the crosswalk on the north side of the school is a no stopping zone. Parents have been seen to stop to drop at this site, which has been seen to cause dangerous and unsafe conditions during school drop off.

Also, we politely ask families to not park in the first two spaces along the pullout on Caulfeild Drive during pickup and drop off. Typically used by grade 7 families who dismiss from this exit, we also request that families hold two spaces near the front for those families those physical needs require a close parking space to the school. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

School Planning 2024 / 2025

Not returning next year? Our work in the office is well underway to prepare for September and the 2024-2025 school year. If you know your child(ren) will not be returning to IDEC in September 2024, please notify Ms. Schier as soon as possible via email at caulfeild@wvschools.ca Thank you for helping us keep our records and planning up to date.

Caulfeild is growing! As families and children come to our community, it is our responsibility to provide space for them at school. This may mean that some divisions may move to being multi age classrooms in 2024/2025. Caulfeild teachers are experienced teaching in multi-age classrooms, it is part of our heritage, and our collaborative structures and schedules make us uniquely positioned to do it very well. Research also shows that there are significant, positive effects on student achievement with multi age classrooms. For your information, class configurations are typically finalized in the first week of September. To learn more about multi age classrooms in West Vancouver Schools, click [HERE](#).



Daily Health Checks

Parents are asked to do daily health checks of children before sending children to school. As flu and cold season is upon us, we ask for your assistance to ensure that your child is healthy and well enough to participate in normal school activities. If your child is unwell, please report their absence through the school email at caulfeild@wvschools.ca or the Call Back Line at 604 981 1205. Parents are also reminded that communicable diseases should be reported to your classroom teacher and to the school office. This would include chicken pox, measles, etc. While not a communicable disease, we also ask that students and families report any cases of lice to the office. When we have a report, we can take some preventative measures within our community and classrooms.

BC Learning Surveys

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).

Pick up and Drop Off

Thank you to all the families who help to keep our pick up and drop off as 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. 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 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.

Caulfeild PAC

CPAC Announcements

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

Family Series **KAY MEEK**

Family Day Special

Frog Belly Rat Bone

Sat, Apr 6 | 3:00 PM

Grosvenor Theatre

Incorporating beautifully handcrafted puppets and an original pop/rock musical score. An Axis Theatre Production, featuring a musical adaptation from the book by Timothy Basil Ering.

Offer Valid Fri, Feb 16 to Tue, Feb 20, 2024

Use Code **FAM15**

kaymeek.com | (604) 981-6335

1700 Mathers Ave, West Vancouver

ACTIVITIES AT YOUR WV COMMUNITY CENTRE / GLENEAGLES COMMUNITY CENTRE

Spring Break Break camps – Music, Spanish or Korean Immersion, LEGO, Arts, Science/STEAM, Sports, Gymnastics, etc:

<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities/camps>

Spring Break Intensive Group Classes Also Available for All Ages: Beginner French Intensive & Music Theory Intensive

https://anc.ca.apm.activecommunities.com/westvanrec/activity/search?activity_select_param=2&activity_keyword=intensive%20spring%20break&viewMode=list

Important Dates: Spring Program Registrations (April – June)

General registration for Spring opens on Wednesday, March 6

Skating, Gymnastics, and Swimming registrations open on Wednesday, March 13

Spring Learning Programs

Interested in indigenous beading or cedar weaving, learning Languages, STEAM, Chess, Lego?

Adult Beginner French classes available: After-School Kids' Farsi, Korean, Mandarin classes are also available.

Explore the Learning Program: www.westvancouver.ca/learning

Browse your recreation activities and programs here:

<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities>

Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us:

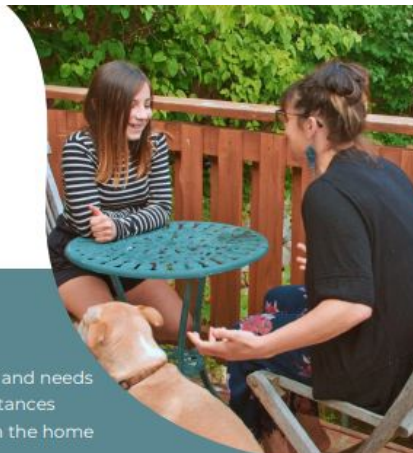
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SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION

An Online Presentation for Parents

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Learn why children/teenagers are drawn to substances
- Understand what causes and maintains substance use disorder and needs
- Increase your child's ability to make positive choices about substances
- Acquire practical conversation tools for discussing substances in the home



Presentation is on February 20, 22 or 28th. Please click [HERE](#) for more information and for registration details.

Safe Schools Presentations for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with adolescent Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Hayley Watson, will be hosting free virtual sessions on youth substance use for parents/guardians, caregivers and caring adults. Dr. Watson will provide valuable insights, practical tips, and resources to equip participants with the tools needed to guide their children and youth toward making positive choices when it comes to substance use.

Key Takeaways for Participants:

- Learn why children/teenagers are drawn to substances.
- Understand what causes and maintains substance use disorder and needs.
- Increase your child's ability to make positive choices about substances.
- Acquire practical conversation tools for discussing substances in the home.

Participants must register in advance due to limited capacity. Session dates are:

- February 20th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST - [Click here to Register](#)
- February 22nd, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST - [Click here to Register](#)
- February 28th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST - [Click here to Register](#)

athletics kids

Do you need help with sports registration fees?

ATHLETICS FOR KIDS CAN HELP!

Athletics for Kids funds BC children, who are currently enrolled in school, up to \$450 per year for sports registration fees so they can play the sports that they love!

Here's how to apply:

See if you're eligible for funding by going to our website at a4k.ca and clicking "Apply Now!"

604-221-7529
info@a4k.ca

[/athletics4kids](http://athletics4kids)

Pop Up PLAY

Take a (Story) Walk with Us!

Families with children ages 0-6 are invited to join us on Saturday March 2, 2024

Free, no registration required

What's a Story Walk? A multi-sensory experience where children enjoy interactive books, music, art and the outdoors.

Come dressed for the weather! These walks are stroller and child friendly.

When: **Saturday, March 2, 2024 (10:00-11:00 am)**
Event: POP Up PLAY: Story and Play with Katie Brock

Location: Meet at the covered picnic area at John Lawson Park. We will walk together through the park, immerse ourselves in story, and use our senses to participate in a fun scavenger hunt

A bit about Katie

Katie Brock is a beloved children's musician from Horseshoe Bay. She is an energetic, fun-loving performer who enjoys sharing her catchy tunes with both children and grownups alike. An avid outdoor enthusiast, Katie loves to sing, dance and make joyful music together with families in nature!

In partnership with the West Vancouver Memorial Library and North Shore Community Resources. We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of BC through the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

The 2024-2025 Premier Academies are open for registration! Please visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/> for further information.

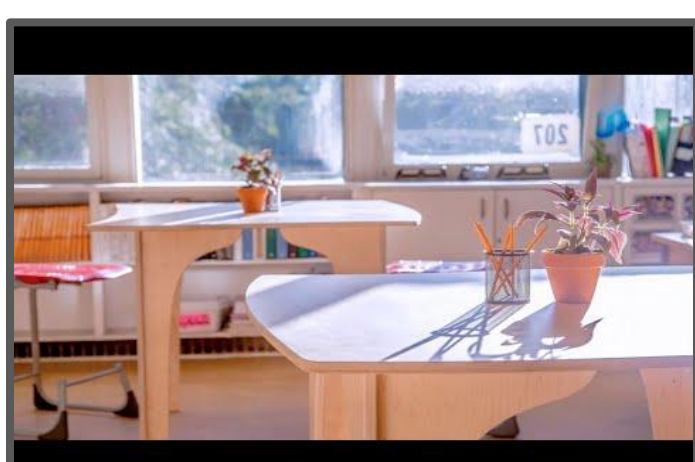
Premier Academies: Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Fencing, Field Hockey, Rugby, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball

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](#)

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.

Connect with Caulfeild iDEC

School Website: [Caulfeild iDEC Elementary](#)

Phone: 604 981-1200

Email: Caulfeild@wvschools.ca

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