

## Thursday, September 12, 2024 E-Bulletin

### Bear Calendar

<b>September 13</b>	<b>Fri</b>	Bear Wear!
<b>September 17</b>	<b>Tues</b>	First Cross Country Meet 3:45 - 5:00 at Ambleside.
<b>September 18</b>	<b>Wed</b>	Remember 2:00 Dismissal each Wednesday
<b>September 20</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Professional Day - No School in Session</b>
<b>Future Dates to Note</b>		
<b>September 23</b>	<b>Mon</b>	First Day of Hot Lunch Orders
<b>September 24</b>	<b>Tue</b>	2nd Cross Country Meet 3:45
<b>September 25</b>	<b>Wed</b>	Caught Being the Bear Draw
<b>September 26</b>	<b>Thur</b>	Student Photo Day Welcome Back Open House (5:30 - 6:00 ) and BBQ 6:00 - 7:00)
<b>September 27</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Orange</b> Shirt Day
<b>September 30</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - school is not in session</b>
<b>October 1</b>	<b>Tue</b>	Immunization Clinic #1
<b>October 2</b>	<b>Wed</b>	Parent Teacher Conference - <b>early dismissal at 12:50</b>
<b>October 9</b>	<b>Wed</b>	Parent Teacher Conference - <b>early dismissal at 12:50</b>

## Learning at iDEC

### 2024-2025 iDEC School Calendar

Hello Families,

What a week! For our newest families, our EBulletin is shared every Thursday. We use this space to talk about school programs and initiatives. I also try to share as many photos and videos of events and learning as I can. Below the opening write up, we always have important information and reminders that every family should know. On the second page, you'll find key information from our CPAC, as well as community and school district events.

Our CPAC works hard to bring our community together and make Caulfeild iDEC a special place learn. If you would like to know more about how to be part of CPAC, become a room parent, or how so get Bear Wear, look to our CPAC section below. You can always reach out to [capac@wvschools.ca](mailto:capac@wvschools.ca), or just come to a meeting! Dates will be posted in this Ebulletin.

This week, students have settled into their new classrooms, and are getting to know their classmates and teachers. While families will all hear from teachers soon, if you have any questions or concerns, we have a full list of staff contact information on our website, available [HERE](#).

In the coming weeks, I will talk about what it means to be a Bear, what iDEC really means, our new View Boards, school life, sports, the iDEC News, and so much more. Stay tuned!

Nathan



### Cross Country and Athletic Fees

Our Cross-Country season is beginning soon. Any student in Grades 3-7 that is interested were invited to attend a meeting this Tuesday at the morning recess in the Den to meet the coaches, Ms. Lapinskie and Ms. Prins, and receive information about the season, and receive a PERMISSION FORM with detailed information, including practice and Meet locations and dates.

Meets are held at Ambleside on Tuesday September 17, 24, and Oct 1st. Parents are responsible for arranging transportation to and from the meets. They end promptly at 5:00, though some races will occur earlier, so arriving early is suggested. The order for races is typically; Grade 7, 3, 4, 5, 6. Children do not have to remain at the Meet after their run and can leave before 5:00 if they sign out with a teacher. Remember to wear **Bear Wear or a Red T-shirt** to the meet!

Practices will be held on Monday and Thursday mornings at 7:45 - 8:20, beginning on Sept 12th for all students who have returned a signed permission form.

WVECA Athletic Fees - Due to the increasing cost of fees associated with running our Elementary Athletics programs in all West Vancouver schools, the WVECA will be charging \$10 per student per sport for the 2024-2025 school year for all students who sign up. Payments will be made through School Cash Online which has been set up for each school through the District. If your child is not participating in district sports, you will not incur this charge.

### Pick Up and Drop Off: Important Reminders

All students in K-7 will be dismissed at 2:30 pm, except on Wednesdays when we dismiss at 2:00. For orderly and quick dismissal, please park using the street parking and walk to the designated pick-up space near the top of the roundabout. With all students dismissed together, the driving through the roundabout should only be used by families who absolutely need to remain in the car, with priority for primary students, as we expect lineups to be busy and long. If your child is not ready (outside and waiting), we may need to move you along and out of the line in order to keep traffic moving.

- Please **DO NOT** stop for pick up and drop off at the north side crosswalk on Caulfeild Drive. This is a no stopping zone because stopping puts students in dangerous situations. There are places to stop preceding and following the crosswalk. Check for signage. WVPD will support periodic enforcement of this area.

- Car (Gr. 7): Please use parking spaces along Caulfeild Drive your child can safely enter your vehicle. Do not stop on Caulfeild Drive unless there is a parking space available. Please reserve at least two parking spaces near the front for students and families with accessibility needs.

**Emergency Release forms - please complete your paper forms AND the online [Policy and Procedure Form](#) by September 19th!**

### A Thank You

As we grow as a school, we need to find every inch of space. Our thanks to Brandi, Sunny and Tori for helping us with sorting, organizing and storing some of the school materials this week. We appreciate all the hard work to make more learning spaces for the teachers and kids.

### Optional Accident Insurance for Families

Each year the school district reminds families that they have the option to purchase insurance coverage against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. There are many different voluntary plans that provide coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. Families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider.

### Personal Digital Devices in Schools

On January 26th, 2024, the Province announced three significant actions to enhance the safety and well-being of students in relation to digital technology, including the introduction of restrictions on the use of personal digital devices in schools (this would apply to cell phones, laptops, tablets, smartwatches, etc.). These updated policies will be in place for the 24-25 school year.

Most West Vancouver Schools already have technology guidelines in place. We recognize that the unregulated use of personal devices can be a significant distraction from learning. These devices can interrupt class time, interfere with student focus and disrupt the educational environment. However, we also understand that when used thoughtfully and with supervision, digital technology can offer valuable opportunities for our students. These tools can enhance the learning by enabling students to create content, communicate, collaborate and share.

Starting in September we will be refocusing our approach with personal digital device use in both elementary and secondary schools. In compliance with our technology guidelines, personal digital devices will only be used with the direct permission of the teacher and/or administrator, who will provide clear guidelines to ensure their use is intentional and purposeful in supporting student learning. Additionally, considerations will be made to accommodate students' medical and health needs, accessibility, and accommodation requirements.

Applicable times:

**Elementary Schools:** Personal digital device expectations will be in effect throughout the full school day, including before school, after school, and during break times.

In September, we will ask parents and guardians to support these guidelines by minimizing calls and texts to their children during school hours. It is important for students to remain focused and engaged in their learning without the expectation of responding immediately to messages. We also encourage families to start thinking about how they can support these new expectations to ensure a smooth transition for everyone.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation as we work together to create a safe and productive learning environment for our students.

### School Supplies for September 2024 iDEC

Supply kits are now available to order and will be delivered directly to your home so you have the ability to pre-label your child's supplies and add supplies to your order for home use or for another child outside our school. Please click on the link of your child's grade for next year. You will then see the list of supplies. Create an account and complete your shopping cart order

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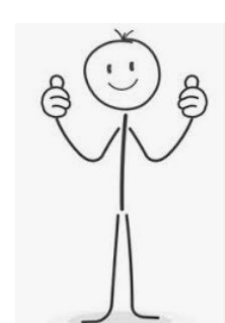
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### Daily Health Checks



Parents are asked to do daily health checks of children before sending children to school. As flu and cold season is still 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](mailto: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.

### Call Back for Lates and Absences

Please remember to either **email us** at [caulfeild@wvschools.ca](mailto:caulfeild@wvschools.ca) or use the call back line (604-981-1205) if your child will be late or absent from school.

## CPAC Announcements



### Hot Lunch Open for Ordering

We offer Hot Lunch every school day starting Monday, September 23rd.

Place your order here: <https://munchalunch.com/login>. All orders and changes take 7 days to be processed. If you want your child to receive lunch on September 23rd, you need to order by September 16th.

If you have never ordered hot lunch with us, you will need to setup an account first here: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/Caulfeild>. Please ensure you have your child's correct division number. If you need help, please email our Hot Lunch Coordinator Candace at [Candacehavelock75@gmail.com](mailto:Candacehavelock75@gmail.com).

All proceeds from this program go towards our school's fundraising program.

Happy Ordering!!

### After School Programs Fall Term

We are pleased to announce that our after-school programs will start the week of September 23rd. You can find all the registration details [HERE](#).

Here's the fall lineup:

Monday:

- Chess Club, Grades 1-7

Tuesday:

- Lights Up Musical Theatre, Grades K-7

Wednesday:

- Multisport, Grades 1-3
- Zen Makers Lab, Grades 4-7

Thursday:

- Farsi Class, Grades 1-5

### Bear Wear Sale

Show your Caulfeild spirit with Bear Wear on Bear Wear Fridays and at school events throughout the year. Kid and adult sizes are available. With limited opportunities to purchase Bear Wear, you'll want to get yours now!

**Order by September 20** at

<https://oddballworkshop.com/collections/caulfeild-elementary-school>

Passcode: Caulfeild2024

Your orders will be delivered to school by mid-October. If you are not sure about the sizes, we have samples in the school office.



### CPAC News WhatsApp Group

Welcome to the CPAC News WhatsApp Group. We've launched this group to streamline communication within our school community. You'll get the latest updates on school events, CPAC initiatives, and important announcements.

Join [HERE](#)



### Connect with Us

Website: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/caulfeild-elementary/parents/>

WhatsApp Group: [CPAC News - 2023/2024](#)

Email: [capac@wvschools.ca](mailto:capac@wvschools.ca)

## WV Community Corner



Click [HERE](#) for more information

**Indigenous Arts & Culture Workshop** [this fall](#).

**Small Group Music Classes:** [Ukulele, Acoustic Guitar and Singing Classes are starting in September.](#)

**Language Program for Various Ages:**

[Give yourself a gift of language skills in French, Spanish, Mandarin, Farsi, Korean, American Sign Language \(ASL\), Ukrainian and English as a Second/Third Language.](#)

Click here for [PD Day Camps](#)

**Browse all 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:**

[www.westvancouver.ca/newcomers](http://www.westvancouver.ca/newcomers)

## 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](#)

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 US! #westvaned

Tag us in your school success stories using our hashtag



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Twitter and Instagram: [@caulfeildschool](#)