

Thursday, September 19, 2024 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

September 20	Fri	Professional Day - No School in Session
September 23	Mon	First Day of Hot Lunch Orders
September 24	Tues	2nd Cross Country Meet 3:45, Ambleside
September 25	Wed	CPAC Meeting online at 7:00 pm Remember 2:00 Dismissal each Wednesday Caught Being the Bear Draw
September 26	Thu	Student Individual Photo Day Welcome Back Open House (5:30 - 6:00) and BBQ (6:00 - 7:00) Bear Wear!
September 27	Fri	Orange Shirt Day
Future Dates to Note		
September 30	Mon	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - school is not in session
October 1	Tue	Grade 6 Immunization Clinic #1
October 2	Wed	Parent Teacher Conference - early dismissal at 12:50
October 4	Fri	WV Little League visits with K-3
October 9	Wed	Parent Teacher Conference - early dismissal at 12:50
October 10	Thu	Terry Fox Run

Learning at iDEC

2024-2025 iDEC School Calendar

Hello Families,

There is so much to share with you this week! First, I want to invite all families to our Open House and Welcome Back BBQ on Thursday, September 26th. We will open the school to families to visit our learning spaces between 5:30 - 6:00, then we will invite everyone to an outdoor BBQ to socialize with the community. BBQ tickets are sold in advance and available on School Cash Online. If you are available to volunteer, we could use your help! Learn more [HERE](#).

Our first Cross Country Meet was held at Ambleside this Tuesday. Thanks to Coaches Prins and Lapinskie for all their hard work getting the team ready to run. The Caulfeild iDEC team did a great job. Students should be very proud!

The Primary Snack Program pilot ended in June. However, the school will provide snacks to all students who need them, no questions asked. A basket of granola bars and other foods are available to all students in the office. As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare [Feeding Futures initiative](#), the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their school principal or to feedingfutures@wvschools.ca if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

Students returned to school this year with a few new surprises. This year, each class at Caulfeild iDEC is equipped with a ViewBoard. Our CPAC began supporting the installation of ViewBoards last spring, when they sponsored them in the Music Room and the Learning Commons. This Summer, our school district provided each Caulfeild iDEC classroom teacher with one as well. A ViewBoard is a digital whiteboard, but it is also so much more. We are only just beginning to explore the endless possibilities for learning and student engagement. I invite you to drop by and take a look at our Open House!

We also have a new Ga Ga Ball pit! Students in every grade are excited to learn and play Ga Ga Ball. I want to thank the Kuypers family, who sponsored the construction of the Ga Ga Ball pit in gratitude of Caulfeild iDEC "Teachers and staff, past and present." Thank you as well to Dick's Lumber and the Kleaman family, who donated the wood, and Blake from Cliffside Handyman Services for the construction.

I hope to see you at our Open House on the 26th! Next week; what is iDEC? Remember, tomorrow (Friday) is a **Professional Development Day**, we'll see everyone again on Monday.

Nathan



Cross Country and Athletic Fees

Meets are held at Ambleside on Tuesday September 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 so 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.

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 to use at 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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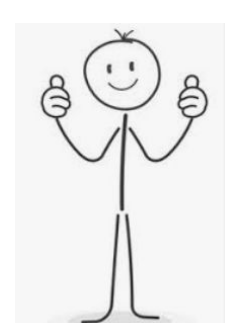
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Daily Health Checks



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 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 or use the call back line (604-981-1205) if your child will be late or absent from school.

CPAC Announcements

1st CPAC General Meeting

Join the meeting on Wednesday, September 25th at 7:00 pm.

JOIN THE MEETING HERE

Meeting ID: 299 340 835 266
Passcode: rv93DE



What Will We Be Discussed?

- ★ What is CPAC? And what role does it play in your child's learning experiences?
★ Special Speaker: Principal Mr. Blackburn will talk about our iDEC program and the plans for this year.
★ Special Announcement: Our music teacher Ms Salmon will join us to share some exciting news.

Please Note: All parents and guardians of Caulfeild students are members of CPAC and are encouraged to attend CPAC general meetings.

Welcome Back BBQ

Come to the Welcome Back BBQ at the school on Thursday, September 26th at 5:30 pm.



ORDER BBQ FOOD HERE

Pre-orders are required
Order BEFORE September 23rd

What Can You Expect?

- ★ Get to know the school community
★ 5:30-6:00pm Visit the classrooms
★ 6:00pm to 7:00pm BBQ
★ Beef or Veggie Hot Dogs available

Please Note: Meal tickets will be distributed to students before the event.

Volunteers Needed

We need your help at the Welcome Back BBQ! This event runs because of our amazing parent volunteers, please sign up to help out! VOLUNTEER HERE

Hot Lunch Program

Hot Lunch programs start Monday, September 23rd.

PLACE LUNCH ORDERS HERE

All orders and changes take 7 days to be processed & remember to supply your own cutlery. If you need help, please email Candace at Candacehavelock75@gmail.com.

After School Programs

Our after-school programs start on Monday, September 23rd.

REGISTER HERE

- Monday: Chess Club, Grades 1-7
Tuesday: Lights Up Musical Theatre, Grades K-7
Wednesday: Multisport, Grades 1-3 OR Zen Makers Lab, Grades 4-7
Thursday: Farsi Class, Grades 1-5

Bear Wear Sale Ends Sept 20

Order Your Bear Wear by Friday, September 20th.



ORDER BEAR WEAR HERE

Passcode: Caulfeild2024

Please Note: 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.

Connect with Us

Website: https://westvancouver.schools.ca/caulfeild-elementary/parents/
WhatsApp Group: CPAC News - 2023/2024
Email: 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

Memorial Library News

The WVML September/October e-newsletter for kids, families and educators is here! We have lots to offer after school, weekends and on School's Out days (including around the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - we're open September 30!) As usual, storytimes are all still drop-in (and we currently have French storytime running on Saturdays!)

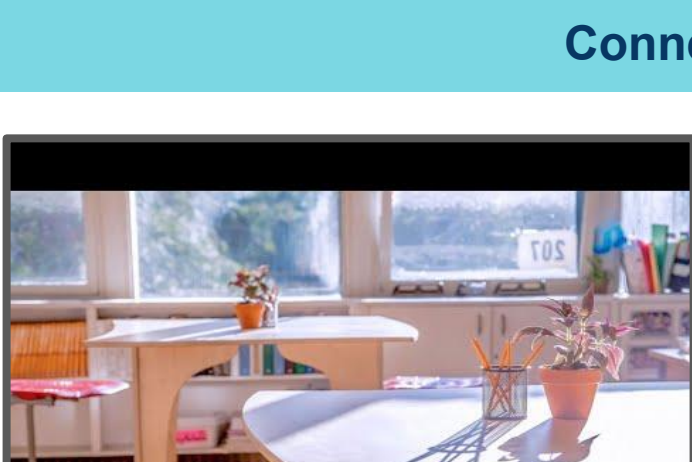
West Van Schools Update September + October 2024 (patronpoint.com)

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.

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Tag us in your school success stories using our hashtag



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