

Thursday, September 5, 2024 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

September 6	Fri	Bear Wear!
September 9	Mon	Kindergarten Gradual Entry Week #2 Begins
September 13	Fri	Bear Wear!
Future Dates to Note		
September 17	Tues	First Cross Country Meet 3:45
September 20	Fri	Professional Day - No School in Session
September 24	Tue	2nd Cross Country Meet 3:45
September 25	Wed	Caught Being the Bear Draw
September 26	Thur	Student Photo Day Welcome Back BBQ (5:30 pm - 7:00 pm)
September 27	Fri	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	Mon	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - school is not in session
October 1	Tue	Immunization Clinic #1
October 2	Wed	Parent Teacher Conference - early dismissal at 12:50
October 9	Wed	Parent Teacher Conference - early dismissal at 12:50

Learning at IDEC

2024-2025 IDEC School Calendar

Hello Families,

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! All of us at Caulfeild IDEC are thrilled to embark on this journey of learning, growth, and discovery together. This year, we have wonderful opportunities and experiences planned that will inspire creativity, curiosity, and a love for learning in every student. Let's make this year our best one yet by supporting one another, being kind, and working as a community. Here's to a fantastic school year ahead for each and every Caulfeild Bear!

This week is Bear Week. If you have read our [Welcome Letter](#) you'll know that we have been learning what it means to Be the Bear. Bear Week focuses on whole-school community-building activities for students and staff to foster connections across all grades. Students will transition to their new classrooms tomorrow (Friday).

Teachers have given much thought and effort into making the best educational decisions for organizing and placing students in their classes. Given the care and consideration taken in creating classes and the cascading effects that can occur when changes are made, no changes can or will be made to the classes once assigned. Thank you for your understanding. For children disappointed with their placement, remember to focus the conversation at home on the positives they can look forward to in the year ahead, including new friendships and learning opportunities.

Caulfeild, like most schools in British Columbia, will have a variety of multi-age classrooms across grade levels this year. The driving factor that determines organization in the public school system is based on enrollment numbers. As a public school we cannot be in the business of turning students away. Caulfeild teachers are experienced in teaching in Multi-Age spaces, and we have the collaborative opportunities to do it right! More information on multi-age classrooms, information can be found [HERE](#).

Students will have new lines to start their day on Monday morning. Teachers will show students where to line up, and we'll have signs posted as well.

-Nathan

Staff Announcements

Alicia Ellis joins the team with Mr. Muthana (Monday) and Mrs. Cheng (Tuesday) class one day a week.

Kayla Hamill is joining the team in Division 13, Monday - Thursday, with Emma Ellis teaching in Division 13 on Fridays.

Beverly Ann Lehman has joined the team as a full-time Inclusive Ed team member. Ting Ting Chou is moving to two days a week (Mondays and Tuesday)

Mr. K will continue to teach Digital Design, and has extended his role to teach with Ms. McLeod on Thursdays and Ms. Dunbar on Fridays

Jessica Cassady will be joining the ELL team on Wednesdays.

Christine Thornton is joining the EA team at IDEC once again this year.

Mr. Randy has taken a position at Hollyburn, and Jerome Damian will be joining us each day.

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.

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

Bring Your Own Device BYOD - Bring Your Own

Device Bringing your own device at IDEC is a cornerstone of how we learn in our intermediate classes (Gr. 4 to 7). For new families to Caulfeild IDEC, please refer to this [helpful guide](#) with regard to selecting a device for your child. If you are a returning family and are looking for a new laptop for your child, you may also find this document helpful.

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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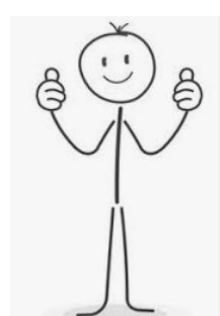
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Daily Health Checks



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 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.

Caulfeild PAC

CPAC Announcements

Welcome Back

On the first day of school, CPAC welcomed returning and new families with some coffee, treats, and CPAC info for the new year. Thank you to all the parents who came to talk to us and sign up to volunteer for our programs and first events.



If you are interested in **volunteering for our Hot Lunch Program** (to help distribute lunches to classrooms during the lunch break; you can volunteer for as many days as you want) or **Room Parent Program** (to coordinate with a homeroom teacher to support classroom activities and organize teacher gifts twice a year), please email us at capac@wvschools.ca.

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](#)



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

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

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WV Community Corner



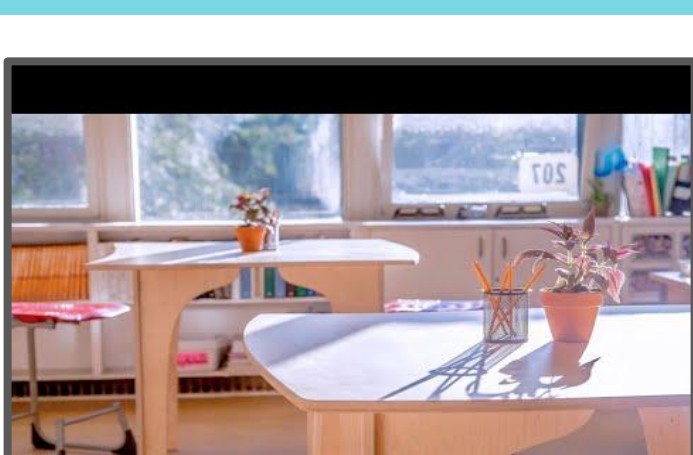
Click [HERE](#) for more information

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.

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