



Thursday, October 10, 2024 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

October 11	Fri	Bear Wear
October 14	Mon	<i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> - no school in session
October 15	Tues	Photo Retakes - Please remind your child if they need retakes.
October 16	Wed	Kindergarten Families Parent Teacher Meetings
October 17	Thur	Fire and Earthquake Drill
October 18	Fri	Bear Wear
Future Dates to Note		
October 22	Tues	First Volleyball Game (Gr 7 students)
October 25	Fri	Professional Development Day - no school in session
October 28	Mon	Pumpkin Patch
October 31	Thu	CPAC 8:30 am in person
November 1 - 7	Fri-Thr	Dance Week
November 11	Mon	<i>Remembrance Day</i> - no school in session
November 12	Tues	Professional Development Day - no school in session
December 6	Fri	Santa Sale

Learning at iDEC

2024-2025 iDEC School Calendar

Hello Families,

Today was the **Terry Fox Run**! Thank you to our Local Initiatives club members in grade 6 and 7 for organizing the toonie drive, and to our parent volunteers keeping children safe along the course. Pictures are coming next week.

Thank you as well to all of the families who were able to attend our Parent Teacher Conferences this week and last. Kindergarten conferences will also continue next week on Wednesday, October 16th. It is a pleasure to welcome families to share in the learning and help us set some goals for the year ahead.

To continue last week's discussion of **iDEC**, I want to share one more aspects of the 'Inquiry Based' part of our name that we like to celebrate as a community. Several times a year, beginning in November, our school comes together in groups of students from every grade level to learn and share on an important topic. We call this a **Whole School Inquiry**, and the first theme of the year is about connecting with the needs of our community. We're calling it "The Empathy Initiative". Students and families will hear more about it in November.

While **Halloween** is a few weeks away, several students have asked me about the guidelines for costumes. I will provide a more detailed explanation next week, but for now this can get us started. If you're still not sure, just ask your teacher! A few points; Cultures are not costumes. Replica weapons of any sort - real or fantasy - are not welcome at school. Blood and gore are not appropriate for school. Please remember as well to limit makeup and bring a change of clothes for the afternoon. More next week.

The **West Vancouver Little League** provided all students in Divisions 16 - 9 will a throwing workshop on Friday. Thank you to our coach for a fun day! Pictured below you can see some young pitchers, as well as some of Mrs. Prins Division 12 classroom working on the concept of symmetry. **Lost and found** items will be donated at the end of the day tomorrow (Friday). Please see pictures below and collect your items.

Our **Annual Community Fundraiser** is online! Every dollar of donation goes directly to support your childrens' school experience. Please take a moment to read Page 2 under the CPAC section for more information.

-Nathan



Typing Pal

What is it? Typing Pal School Edition is a web-based application that encourages keyboarding practice for students, from beginner to intermediate. We are making this available to all students from Kindergarten to Grade 9.

Students should go to the unique url for their school: [School Login](#) and choose "Log in with Google." If students have more than one Google account, they will be asked to choose their account - they should choose the school one.

When students first log in they are prompted to take a diagnostic type of test that will give the program an idea of where to start them. From there, the program will cater to each students' speed/ability. **Happy typing!**

School Photos

Exciting news! Your online gallery from your school photo session is now live!

- Please visit this link to access the gallery: <https://vando.imagequix.com/K9L3W9Z>
- Your webcode to access your images was provided on photo day.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- **Your order deadline is: October 21st 2024** (after the deadline a late fee is applicable)

Missing your login code? No problem!

1. Visit <https://www.mountainwest.ca/support-for-families>
2. Enter the information required.
3. Your code will be emailed within 1 business day.

Retakes:

- Did you miss the first photo day or are needing a retake?
- If you would like retakes they will be held at the school on: **October 15th 2024**
- [Click Here](#) to sign up. The cutoff to sign up is **October 10th 2024**

[Click Here](#) to find out more about ordering.

Foundational Skills Assessment

Foundational Skills Assessments (FSAs) are for Grade 4 and 7 students. All students in these grades across BC will write the FSAs beginning in October. The link to practice materials and more information for families can be found [HERE](#). If you have any questions or concerns about the FSAs, please contact your classroom teacher or Mr. Blackburn.

Registration for 2024-2025

Applications for Kindergarten (in-catchment, out of catchment and out of district) AND for in-catchment registrations in Grades 1-12 will be open on Monday, October 15th. Please note that current Caulfeild students are not required to re-apply for the next school year. Grade 7 students going to Rockridge also do not need to apply, they will automatically transfer. Rockridge counsellors will visit us in late winter/early spring to distribute transfer forms at that time. **HOWEVER**, if your first choice for a secondary school is not Rockridge then you must complete an online application according to the student registration timelines. Please see this link for the deadlines.

Dress for the Weather

Dress for the Fall Weather Fall is here and so is the rain (sometimes)! All recess periods will be outside regardless of the weather unless extreme conditions make outdoor play unsafe. Please ensure you send your children to school equipped for outdoor play. With the amazing playgrounds and outdoor spaces we have at iDEC, embracing the natural world is an expectation. Outdoor recreation periods are an important part of a child's physical activity and social time. Please send your children to school equipped with raincoats, hats and boots for rainy days.



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.

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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[GRADE 1](#)

[GRADE 2](#)

[GRADE 3](#)

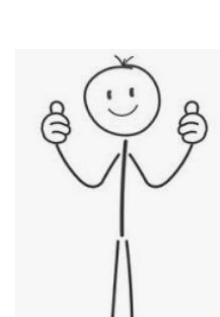
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[GRADE 7](#)

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

Annual Community Fundraiser Update

This year we need to raise \$25,000. 100% of the raised money goes to our school.

Funds Raised = \$8,825
Remaining Balance = \$16,176

Please donate by October 16th. We suggest \$100 per student, but any amount is appreciated. A tax receipt will be provided directly from West Vancouver School District.

These things are only possible because of your donations!

DONATE HERE

As a school community, we rely on fundraising to support our school to continue delivering iDEC program and other amazing learning experiences.

Did you know?

- Field trips cost over \$16,000 annually.
Technology replacements and upgrades require about \$13,000 each year.
We allocate \$9,500 for teacher discretionary funds to enhance classroom experiences.
Curriculum enhancements, including sports and arts programs, cost around \$8,000.
School improvements to learning spaces and classrooms total over \$6,000.

Connect with Us

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



WV Community Events

We are changing how we share community news and events. Starting now, individual "Community Connections" will no longer be included in our school bulletins. Instead, all local programs, events, and resources will be found in one convenient location, accessible through a single link that we'll update and share with you each week.

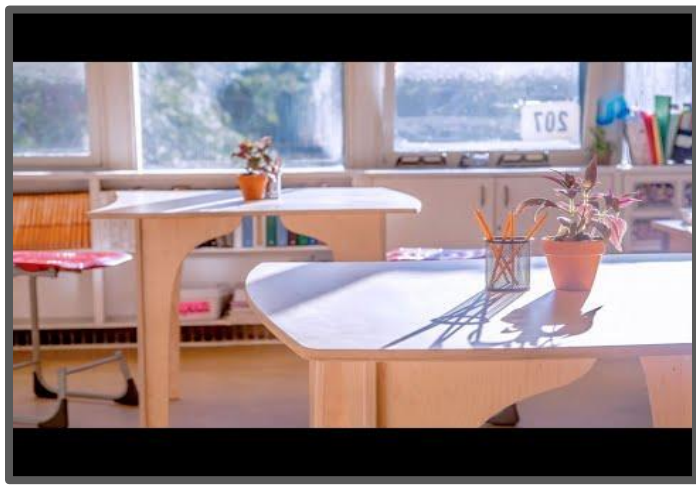
All school-specific information will continue to be featured in our regular ebuletin.

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



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 US! #westvaned

Tag us in your school success stories using our hastag



- Facebook: /westvancouver.schools
Twitter: @westvanschools
Instagram: @westvancouver.schools

Connect with Caulfeild iDEC

School Website: Caulfeild iDEC Elementary

Phone: 604 981-1200

Email: Caulfeild@wvschools.ca

Twitter and Instagram: @caulfeildschool

Please check the lost and found!

