

Thursday, October 17, 2024 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar



October 18	Fri	Bear Wear
October 21	Mon	
October 22	Tues	First Volleyball Game (Gr 7 students)
October 23	Wed	Caught Being the Bear Draw
October 24	Thur	
October 25	Fri	Professional Development Day - no school in session
Future Dates to Note		
October 28	Mon	Pumpkin Patch (tentative date - may need rescheduling due to supplier)
October 31	Thu	CPAC 8:30 am in person
November 1 - 7	Fri-Thr	Dance Week
November 11	Mon	Remembrance Day - no school in session
November 12	Tues	Professional Development Day - no school in session
December 6	Fri	Santa Sale
December 19	Thu	Winter Concert
December 20	Fri	Last day of school - and 1st term Report cards will be posted

Learning at IDEC

2024-2025 IDEC School Calendar

Hello Families,

Our Terry Fox run and Toonie for Terry drive was a great success this year. Thanks to everyone who came out to support the run, and donated a Toonie! Congratulations to Victoria in grade 2 for winning our Terry Fox T-Shirt raffle this year. Caulfeild IDEC students raised \$667 to support cancer research.

The October 3rd grade 6 trip to Bowen Island was a great success. Thank you to our teachers and Ms. Mcleod for organizing, and for Bowen Island Sea Kayaking for making it a memorable day. Thanks as well to our CPAC and families for making the trip possible through their support.

Next Tuesday will be our first Volleyball game of the season, with the boys team at home and the girls team playing at Chartwell. Thank you to our coaches Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Bradford and Ms. Lefeaux for their work with the teams.

The CPAC community fundraiser is open! Please see the CPAC section below for more information about the fundraiser and all of the important school initiatives that you can support.

-Nathan



IDEC Halloween



Costume day for staff and students is Thursday October 31st. Dressing up for Halloween provides us with an opportunity for fun and community building. It's also a great time to discuss ways we can make sure all students in our school feel safe and honored. At Caulfeild, we want everyone to know their culture is valued. While Halloween costumes are designed for fun, some perpetuate stereotypes. In the days ahead, many divisions will investigate the difference between cultural appreciation and appropriation and look at how stereotypes can hurt. Kids are making sure culturally based costumes are not part of our Halloween this year, because cultures are not costumes. Rather than laying out a set of rules for kids, many classrooms will be having conversations. This has brought up a lot of questions - as well as some beautiful insights - from students. We would like to invite Caulfeild families into the discussion, and encourage you to have conversations at home, too.

We ask that you arrive at school in costume that morning. Please bring a change of clothes and a bag as we will only be in costume for the morning. Please make sure costumes are suitable for school and comfortable enough to be in all morning through various activities. Students will need to change out of their costumes for the afternoon, as this will help prevent extra wear and tear on student's costumes so they are ready for their fun after school. A few other costume guidelines:

- Replica weapons (guns, knives, etc.) are inappropriate and not permitted
- Inflatable costumes are very risky. Teachers have all seen lots of tears from popped costumes over the years. Purchase with the understanding that these are not intended for a busy setting, and can be damaged. It happens. I do not recommend inflatable costumes at school.
- Masks are acceptable
- Blood and gore are not appropriate in a school setting
- Minimal makeup please - costumes will be removed just before lunch recess so consider a make-up free costume or use a small amount.

Thank you for helping us make this Halloween fun and safe for everyone!

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 student's 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.

[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 2025-2026

Applications for Kindergarten (in-catchment, out of catchment and out of district) AND for in-catchment registrations in Grades 1-12 is open. 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 receive. 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.



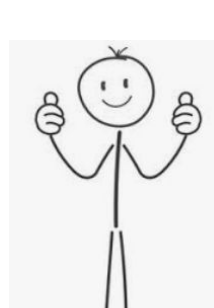
Pick Up and Drop Off: Important Reminders

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 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.

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

Important Update for Annual Community Fundraiser

We want to thank everyone who have donated to our annual school fundraiser. However, we have not reached our goal yet.

Funds Raised = \$16,845

Goal = \$25,000

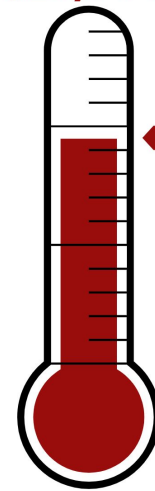
In previous years, we have achieved our fundraising goal every year which enabled us to continue providing same quality of programming, events, and resources to our students.

We believe we can continue to provide the same level of support to our school (from Mathletics subscription to a field trip, from Ultimate Frisbee program to iPad replacements). In order to do so and avoid budget cuts, we need to reach our goal of \$25,000 this year. We are extending our campaign by another week.

Please donate by October 23rd. We suggest \$100 per student, but any amount is appreciated. A tax receipt will be provided directly from West Vancouver School District.

School Community Fundraiser

\$25,000



Raised \$16,845

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.

These things are only possible because of your donations!

Connect with Us

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

WhatsApp Group: CPAC News - 2023/2024

Email: capac@wvschools.ca

WV Community Events



Youth & Vaping Information, Considerations & Impacts. 45 minute presentation and Q&A about youth vaping rates, products, industry influence, health impacts, addiction, prevention and local support. 60% of BC youth who have vaped tried their first vape between the ages of 12-14. Keynote Speakers: Lindsay MacDonald and Lauren Wilkinson, VCH; Nicole Kennedy, Foundry North Shore. Join Us Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00pm Rockridge Secondary School Players Hall.

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.

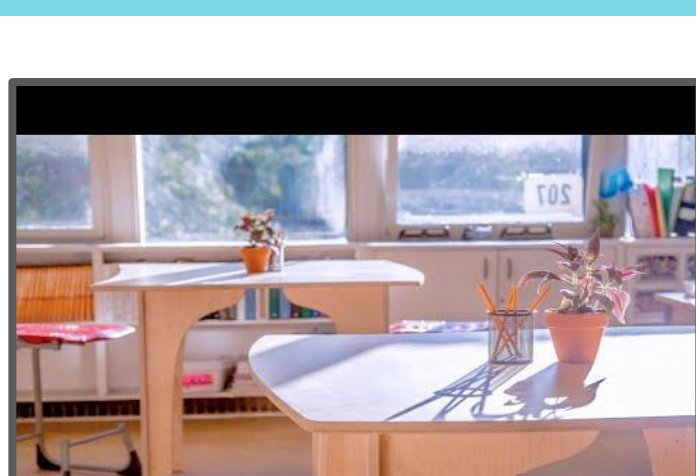
All school-specific information will continue to be featured in our regular ebulletin.

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 US! #westvaned

Tag us in your school success stories using our hastag



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