

Thursday, October 24, 2024 E-Bulletin
Bear Calendar


October 25	Fri	Professional Development Day. no school in session
October 28	Mon	
October 29	Tues	Volleyball Game #2. Girls at Home, Boys at Bowen Island Pumpkin Patch (Note Date Change)
October 30	Wed	Caught Being the Bear Draw
October 31	Thur	CPAC 8:30 am in person
November 1	Fri	Dance Week starts Drop Everything and Read Day
Future Dates to Note		
November 1 - 7	Fri-Thr	Dance Week
November 8	Fri	Remembrance Day Assembly at 11:00 am
November 11	Mon	Remembrance Day - no school in session
November 12	Tues	Professional Development Day - no school in session
December 3	Tue	Kindergarten Hearing Clinic
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,



There's so much happening at Caulfeild iDEC! This week in Division 9 We have begun an exploration of **Generative AI** with the help of Vice Principal for Innovation and Technology, Cari Wilson. Students have begun to use the district resource Magic AI to write jokes and tongue twisters, and will continue to explore the uses of this technology as well as how to ensure it is used responsibly.

Our Boys and Girls **Volleyball** teams played Chartwell on Tuesday. They have made their coaches proud not only with their skill, but also with their respectful attitudes. Way to "Be The Bear" grade 7s!

A few reminders; tomorrow is a **professional development day**, and there is no school in session. Tuesday is the **Pumpkin Patch** for divs 16-8. We would love more volunteers, please reach out to bennettjulia@gmail.com to help. Please look below for **Halloween** costume guidelines. Below you'll find some fall art from Ms. Bradford's class, Ms. Sutcliffe's class and Ms. Hartley's class.

-Nathan


Photo Retakes

Exciting news! Your online gallery from your school retake photo session is now live, and contains both original and retake images! A new order deadline is provided, which allows you to choose from any images in your gallery without any late fees.

- 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: November 5 2024** (after the deadline a late fee is applicable)

Missing your login code? No problem!

1. Visit <https://weborders.mountainwest.ca>
2. Click on "Looking for your login code?"
3. Enter the information required.
4. Your code will be emailed within 1 business day.

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Phone: 1.888.644.4494

 Email: help@mountainwest.ca

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 students' speed/ability. **Happy typing!**

Reminder that School Starts at 8:30 am

We appreciate your best efforts to help Caulfeild have a successful start to each day, however we are noticing many students are arriving to school late. We strongly encourage students arrive and leave school during their scheduled times. We understand that there are occasional extenuating circumstances that cannot be helped. Please keep in mind that the staff at iDEC want all our learners to have the best possible start to their school day. Schedules and routines are extremely important to a child's development and academic achievement as key concepts and lessons begin at the start of our school day. Thank you for your cooperation in following these procedures as they help minimize classroom disruptions.

Registration for 2025-2026

Applications for Kindergarten (in-catchment, out of catchment and out of districts) 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 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

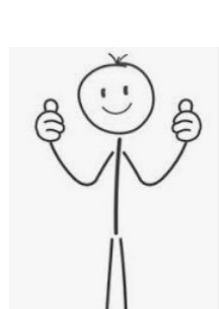
Fall is here and so is the rain! All recess periods will be outside regardless of the weather unless extreme conditions make outdoor play unsafe. Please ensure you send your children to school equipped for outdoor play. With the amazing playgrounds and outdoor spaces we have at iDEC, embracing the natural 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 lines 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.

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 - Thank you

Thank you for donating to our annual school fundraiser.

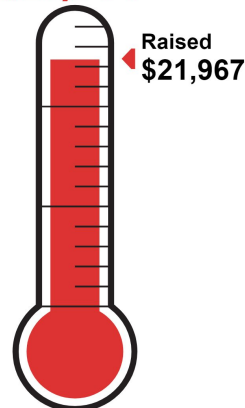
Thank you for supporting our school and investing in our children's learning.

Since we have not fully reached our target, we hope we can raise more with our Hot Lunch program and other smaller fundraisers in order to continue providing the same quality of programming, events, and resources to our students.

The fundraiser donation link will remain open, just in case ;)

Annual School Fundraiser

\$25,000



CPAC Monthly Meeting - October 31, 8:45am

We are inviting you to our monthly meeting that will take place in person on Thursday, October 31 at 8:45am in the non-fiction room next to the library. As always you will hear updates from the CPAC Exec and Principal and ask your question. As a BONUS, you will get to see the students' Halloween parade inside the school. This is the only opportunity to do so. See you on the 31st!

Primary Pumpkin Patch - Volunteers Needed

Our annual Primary Pumpkin Patch will take place on October 29th this year. We need YOUR help hiding pumpkins on October 28th at 3pm. We also need your help cheering kids as they search for pumpkins in the morning of October 29th (8:30-10:15am). Please come wearing a costume to make it more fun for the kids. You can bring a baby or a preschooler with you. If you can help, just come and meet us outside near the undercover area on the 28th at 3pm and the 29th at 8:30am.

Connect with Us

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

WhatsApp Group: CPAC News - 2023/2024

Email: capac@wvschools.ca

WV Community Events

Click HERE to access the links

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.

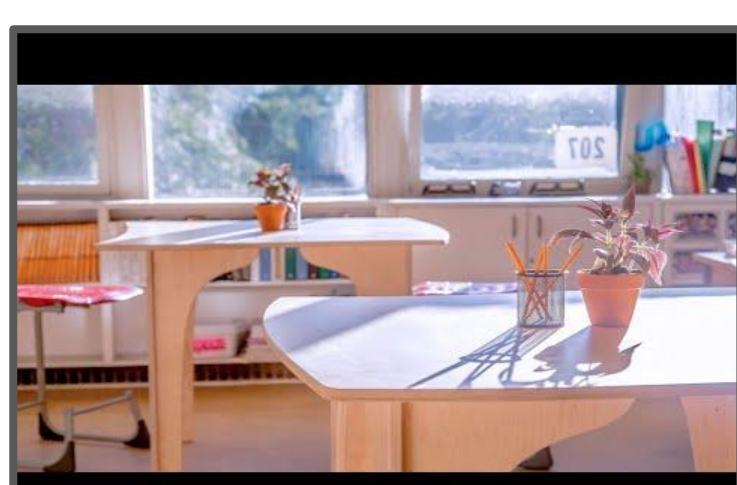
Did you know? 60% of BC youth who have vaped tried their first vape between the ages of 12-14.

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 update 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 hashtag



Connect with Caulfeild iDEC

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