

Thursday, October 3, 2024 E-Bulletin



Bear Calendar

October 4	Fri	Bear Wear West Van Little League Visit, Primary
October 7	Mon	
October 8	Tues	
October 9	Wed	Parent Teacher Conference (Gr K-7) - early dismissal at 12:50. <i>There will be a lunch break, but no Hot Lunch today</i>
October 10	Thur	Terry Fox Run. We need volunteers! Email Ms. Mcleod if you can help at rmcleod@wvschools.ca
October 11	Fri	Bear Wear

Future Dates to Note

October 15	Tues	Photo Retakes
October 16	Wed	Kindergarten Families Parent Teacher Meetings
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		Dance Week

Learning at iDEC

2024-2025 iDEC School Calendar

Hello Families,

First, a thank you for everyone who supported **Open House and BBQ** on September 26th. Despite the rain, parent volunteers made it happen! Thanks to everyone in CPAC who organized the event and for all of the parent volunteers who cooked food, prepared tickets, put out tables, and so much more. It was so nice to welcome so many of our families back to school.

Last week I wrote about the meaning of the iDEC in our name. Today I'd like to share with you a little more information about something that is important to students and staff at Caulfeild iDEC; **Be the Bear**. Here at Caulfeild, we are Bears. It is an emblem, or a logo, like you would find at many schools, but it is also much more. When we say "Be the Bear" we championing our Bear Traits. Our ten Bear Traits (pictured below) help to guide us in how we approach our learning and how we treat ourselves and each other. We "Be the Bear" in the classroom and on the playground, when we are competing in sports or on a field trip. We are always Bears. Every day, students catch each other being the bear, and bring a bear paw to the office drop box. These students are celebrated on the last Wednesday of every month. We are proud of our Bears. Ask your student if they know what it means to "Be the Bear". I bet they do.

Next Week is the **Terry Fox Run**, and we are looking forward to raising money for the Terry Fox Foundation which supports cancer research. Students will be invited to bring a "Toonie for Terry" tomorrow and throughout next week. We will also have a run around the block. This is where we need your help. Every year, we ask at least **10 Parent Volunteers** to position themselves on the route, wear a high vis vest, and be present to support student safety. If you are able to help us on the afternoon of Thursday, Oct 10th, please reach out to Ms. Mcleod at rmcleod@wvschools.ca today!

Parent Teacher Conferences for grades 1-7 began this week and continuing next Wednesday on October 9th. We will dismiss at 12:50 again on that day. We will have a lunch period, but Hot Lunch will not be served. Check out the very full *Lost and Found* while you are here. Items not Collected will be donated to charity on *Friday, October 11th*. Tomorrow, Friday October 4th, the West Vancouver Little League will visit all primary classrooms to run a short throwing and catching workshop.



Saturday, October 5th is **World Teachers Day!** Thank you to our teachers, who play such an important role in supporting their students.

-Nathan

RESPECTFUL

REFLECTIVE **UPSTANDER**

INCLUSIVE **CREATIVE**

CURIOUS **TENACIOUS**

VULNERABLE **SUPPORTIVE**

COURAGEOUS



Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up! The conferences will be in-person, or virtual on request. We are providing an online appointment booking system through School Interviews. Please follow the instructions below to book your interview time. Once you have booked your appointment you will receive a confirmation email. If you requested a virtual meeting, click 'Virtual' and let your child's teacher know via email, so they can send you a TEAMS link to join your virtual appointment the day before your conference.

- October 2 (Gr 1 - 7)
- October 9 (K - 7)
- October 16 (K only)

Use this booking [Link](#) to book your interviews

If you are prompted for an event code, enter: **27mmw**

- Enter your information (parent email, parent name, phone number and student name)
- Here you can indicate the number of students that you need to book for,
- Click on GO
- Choose your child's teacher
- Choose the date and time that works best for you from the options provided.
- Conferences are 10 minutes long. Please note the early dismissal times at 12:50 pm for October 2 & 9

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

[KINDERGARTEN](#)

[GRADE 1](#)

[GRADE 2](#)

[GRADE 3](#)

[GRADE 4](#)

[GRADE 5](#)

[GRADE 6](#)

[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

As a school community, we rely on fundraising to support our school to continue deliver iDEC program and other amazing learning experiences. Our Annual Community Fundraiser is our biggest fundraiser (along with our Hot Lunch Program). *The success of this fundraiser determines whether we can continue to offer the same type of support for our school.*

This year we need to raise \$25,000.

By donating, [you're helping us provide vital programs, upgrade technology, and make important school improvements](#) that create a better learning environment for everyone.



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!

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

[DONATE HERE](#)

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!)

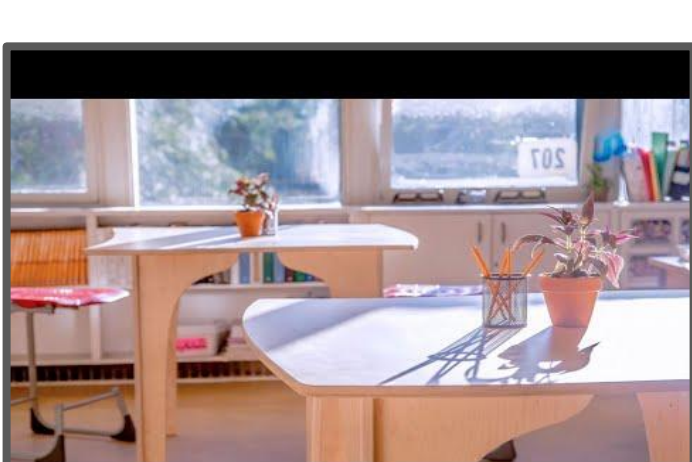
[West Van Schools Update September + October 2024 \(patronpoint.com\)](#)

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.

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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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