

Thursday, November 14, 2024 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

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| November 15 | Fri | Bear Wear |
| November 18 | Mon | |
| November 19 | Tues | 3:30 Volleyball Game #4 |
| November 20 | Wed | |
| November 21 | Thur | |
| November 22 | Fri | Bear Wear |
| Future Dates to Note | | |
| November 26 | Tue | CPAC meeting 7:00 pm (virtual) |
| December 3 | Tue | Kindergarten Hearing Clinic |
| December 6 | Fri | Santa Sale |
| December 16 | Mon | Safer Spaces - Online Safety Seminars for intermediate students |
| December 19 | Thu | Winter Concert |
| December 20 | Fri | Last day of school - and 1st term Report cards will be posted |
| January 6 | Mon | School Reopens |

Learning at IDEC

2024-2025 IDEC School Calendar

Hello Families,

Our **Remembrance Day** Assembly on Friday was beautiful. My thanks to all of our teachers and students who worked hard to put together a lovely event. Thank you to our guest, Ron Beesley, president of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 60, and to the Ng family, who have Daphne, Enzo and Chantelle at Caulfeild, for presenting the wreath at the Cenotaph on our behalf last Monday.

Does your child love to sing or play a musical instrument? Caulfeild parent and local piano teacher Sylvia Yee would like to organize a **Caroling** performance this winter, with practices held after school at Caulfeild. Read [HERE](#) for more information, and reach out to Sylvia at sylvia.ym@gmail.com if your child would like to participate.

Please see our email from Tuesday on **Winter Weather**. We include some information about clothing, safety, emergency contacts, etc. I hope all families had a chance to review it together this week.

See the CPAC information on the next page to learn about upcoming events. We are beginning to prepare for the December **Santa Sale**, and CPAC needs your help! There are many ways to support the event, read on below to learn how.

Your Sept/Oct [iDEC NEWS](#) is now live, and so is the [Dance Week](#) video!

-Nathan



[Text Messaging](#) – For parents/guardians who would like to be notified via text of a school emergency such as power outages, severe weather or safety alerts via SMS

Please text a "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 to ensure you are on the list.

Whole School Inquiry and the Harvest Project

On Tuesday, September 26th, Caulfeild iDEC students will have a presentation from the Harvest Project as part of our Whole School Inquiry "The Empathy Initiative". With this Whole School Inquiry, we are asking students to consider how they can grow up to be empathetic problem-solvers who know how to work in teams and lead change. School is a great place to begin creating these opportunities for students, and many classrooms are choosing a local initiative to support through an action initiative this fall. The Harvest Project is one opportunity to support change.

The Harvest Project serves the North Shore community by 'extending a hand up' to residents who find themselves on the margins - reaching out with a safety net that includes no cost coaching/counsel, grocery + nutrition support, clothing support through our Clothes for Change thrift store, financial coaching, art therapy and short-term no-interest loans through our rent bank, along with referrals to other supports in the community.

On Tuesday, November 26th, all students will hear a presentation from The Harvest Project to launch our Whole School Inquiry. We are asking that families send a donation for the Harvest Project on that day. This may include non-perishable food items, clothing, personal care items, and more. To learn more about The Harvest Project, click [HERE](#). To understand more about items that students could donate, click [HERE](#).

Thank you for your support.



MyED Parent Portal Access

Our first term marks will be posted on the My Ed Parent Portal in December. If you are not familiar with this site, now is a good time to make sure you can access your account. Here is a helpful link to access your Parent Portal. Please email cschier@wvschools.ca if you need any assistance with your login or password.

Extra Halloween Candy

Once again this year at IDEC you will be able to donate your extra candy until November 15th. We will use these donations to give back to a North Shore charity. Last year donated candy went to the Lookout Society. We would also like to ask that students continue to bring healthy snacks to school to fuel their body for learning. This not only helps fuel our learners nutritiously, but ensures wrappers are properly recycled at home.

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 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 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, equipping for 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 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.

Caulfeild PAC

CPAC Announcements

Santa Sale - We Need Your Help!

The kids' most beloved event of the year, Santa Sale, will take place on Friday, December 6. It invites students to shop for gifts for their family members. Each item at the sale is \$2. All proceeds will go to the charities the Gr 6/7 'Local Initiatives Club' chose.



Help make the best sale possible for the students! From November 18th to December 5th families are asked to **donate new or gently used items for the sale**. Please donate as early as possible. **The sale is only as good as the items donated (all items must be in good condition!!)**. Donation boxes will be located in the primary hallway and outside near the roundabout. Students or parents can drop off donation items.



Donation Ideas: Cool kitchen items, Christmas stuff, home décor, sealed toiletries, new purses, jewelry, puzzles and board games (complete sets), books, picture frames, toddler or baby items (no clothes), candles, toys, DIY items you or your kids have made i.e. jewelry, clay creations.



Not Accepted: Clothes, shoes, damaged or broken items, unusable sports equipment, personalized paraphernalia, food, sharp objects, used or open toiletry, and delicate glassware such as wine glasses or dinnerware.



We also need your help to prepare for the event: store and sort donations and set up the gym the day before; as well as help during the event: to collect money, restock items, and help our little shoppers. Please look at the available slots and **SIGN UP [HERE](#)**.

As a school community, we rely on fundraising to support our school to continue delivering iDEC program and other amazing learning experiences. Donations are accepted all year long - please use the link below if you would like to make a donation.

[DONATE HERE](#)

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.

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

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

Email: capac@wvschools.ca

WV Community Events

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| ongoing | West Vancouver Rec Centre Upcoming Events |
| ongoing | West Vancouver Memorial Library Special Events |
| ongoing | West Vancouver Otters Swimming Registration information |
| ongoing | West Vancouver Little League Registration information |
| ongoing | West Vancouver Soccer Registration information |
| ongoing | West Vancouver District - youth events Rise UP and Y Mind |

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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.

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[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.

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