

Thursday, November 21, 2024 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

November 22	Fri	Bear Wear
November 25	Mon	
November 26	Tues	CPAC meeting 7:00 pm (virtual)
November 27	Wed	Boys Volleyball Jamboree (afternoon at Rockridge)
November 28	Thur	Girls Volleyball Jamboree (afternoon at Rockridge)
November 29	Fri	Bear Wear
Future Dates to Note		
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
January 9 - 15		Field Hockey

Learning at IDEC

2024-2025 IDEC School Calendar

Hello Families,

We are excited to announce the start of our first **Whole School Inquiry** of the year! A Whole School Inquiry is a unique opportunity for our entire school community to come together in multi-age groups to explore a meaningful topic over several weeks. On Tuesday, IDEC will launch **The Empathy Initiative**, a school-wide inquiry designed to inspire students to develop empathy and take initiative in supporting others within our community. Through this program, students will:

- Learn about the importance of empathy—the ability to understand and respect others' feelings and perspectives—and how it drives positive change.
- Connect with local organizations such as the Santa for Seniors, North Shore Neighbourhood House, and Harvest Project to explore ways they can make a difference.
- Participate in activities like creating kindness planners, committing to and reflecting on acts of kindness, and collaborating in multi-age groups to share their experiences.

This initiative will foster critical thinking, collaboration, and ethical decision-making, helping students understand the impact of their actions on their community. Together, we're growing changemakers who care deeply and act boldly to make the world a better place. To kick off this Inquiry, we invite families to support the **Harvest Project** by donating non-perishable food items on **Tuesday, November 26th**. Please send your donations with your child on that day.

We have the **Santa Sale** coming up on December 6th. Families have already begun donating their items for the sale. Thank you! Please drop by any time with your gently used items.

As part of a continuous improvement cycle, each school in British Columbia commits to a three year plan for school improvement and student achievement. This plan is known as the **Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL)**. As we begin another three year improvement cycle, we ask that parents help us to sharpen our focus by sharing what is most important to them. **Please provide your feedback [HERE](#)**.

Our next **CPAC** meeting will be hosted virtually on Tuesday, November 26th. Rockridge Principal Trevor Kolkea will be visiting the meeting to talk about the newest offerings at Rockridge. If you have any questions you'd like to discuss with Mr. Kolkea, send them my way to nblackburn@wvschools or join us on November 27th.

With the weather warnings we've had recently, I want to start by encouraging all families to become familiar with the **Winter Weather** information that we shared on Tuesday, November 12th. If you don't have it, please reach out. There is some additional information below for families.

-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.

District Weather and School Closure Procedures

The district aims to keep schools open on every regular instructional day, including those with snowfall. However, the final decision to send students to school resides with the parent or guardian since they are most familiar with the specific road and weather conditions around their home and community.

Weather Closure of Schools (Outside School Hours)

Any decision to close schools for the safety of children will be made by the Superintendent. Parents, students, and staff will be informed of the Superintendent's decision via the school district website at www.westvancouver.schools.ca and a School Messenger email

We endeavor to communicate this information to parents and staff by 6:00 a.m. on the day of closure.

Weather Closure of Schools (During School Hours)

If weather conditions create a concern for the safety of students returning home, the school principal can decide to dismiss school early after consulting with the Superintendent. The decision will be communicated to parents and students using the school's normal communication systems. Student safety is our first priority. Every effort will be made to keep schools open, but parents are encouraged to establish a plan for their children in the event of early dismissal or school closure.

As always, please refer to [this section of our website](#) for the latest information.

School closures may also appear on several local news sources including:

- News 1130 <http://www.news1130.com/>
- CKNW 98 <http://www.cknw.com/news/>
- Global TV <http://globalnews.ca/live/bc/>
- CBC <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia>



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.

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 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

Santa Sale is Coming - Let's Make It Magical

The holiday season is upon us, and that means it's time for one of the kids' favorite events of the year: Santa Sale!

On **Friday, December 6**, students are invited to shop for gifts for their family members. Each item will be priced at just \$2, and all proceeds will go to the charities selected by the Grade 6/7 *Local Initiatives Club*.



Accepted Ideas: Kitchen items, Christmas stuff, home décor, sealed toiletries, new purses, jewelry, puzzles, and board games (must be 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. All sets should be packed separately as sets.



NOT ACCEPTED: Clothes, shoes, damaged or broken items, unusable sports equipment, personalized paraphernalia, food, sharp objects, used

Volunteer to help with Santa Sale

Santa Sale magic can't happen without your support! We need your help **BEFORE THE EVENT:** putting away donations, sorting, and setting up the gym. Please [Sign Up Here](#)

CPAC Monthly Meeting with a Special Guest - November 26, 7pm

We are happy to announce that **Trevor Kolkea, the principal of Rockridge High School**, will join us for a presentation at the CPAC monthly meeting next Tuesday. If you have any questions for Mr Kolkea, please submit them in advance to NBlackburn@wvschools.ca.

You will also hear updates from Mr Blackburn and CPAC Exec. So please join us for a virtual meeting on November 26th at 7pm :

[Join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 251 004 358 587

Passcode: Qb969fN7

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

Community Connections & Events

- ongoing West Vancouver Rec Centre [Upcoming Events](#)
- ongoing West Vancouver Memorial Library [Information](#)
- 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 [Y Mind](#)

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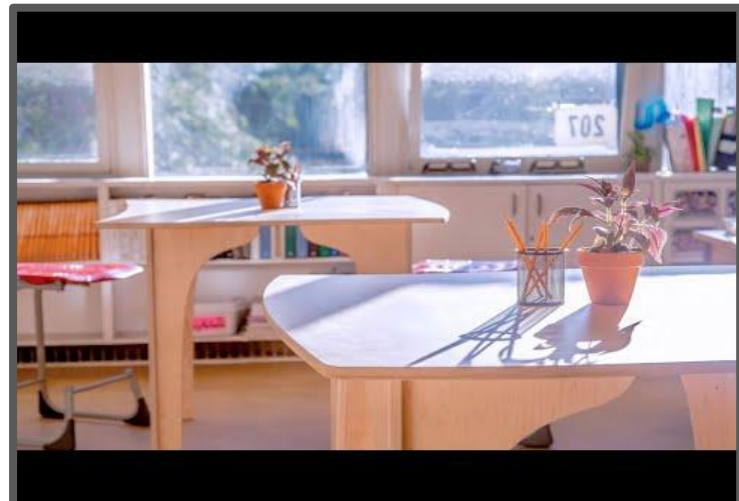
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Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools

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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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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