

Thursday, November 28, 2024 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

November 29	Fri	Bear Wear
December 2	Mon	Div 7 and 8 Walking Field trip to Rockridge
December 3	Tues	Kindergarten Hearing Clinic
December 4	Wed	
December 5	Thur	Whole School Inquiry assembly
December 6	Fri	Santa Sale
Future Dates to Note		
December 16	Mon	Safer Spaces - Online Safety Seminars for intermediate students
December 19	Thu	Winter Concert (10:40 and 1:15)
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
January 20	Mon	Rockridge presentation to the Grade 7 students
January 27	Mon	Pro-d Day no school in session

Learning at IDEC

2024-2025 IDEC School Calendar

Hello Families,

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the **Harvest Project**. Your generosity will make a meaningful difference in meeting the needs of our community. We are excited to share more about our Empathy Initiative, a whole-school inquiry focused on building understanding and compassion. Details about how our school is engaging with this important theme can be found below.

Congratulations to our **Volleyball** teams for their spirited performances at this week's Jamboree! The boys competed on Tuesday, and the girls' team will take the court this Thursday afternoon at Rockridge. A big thank you to our coaches—Ms. Stevens, Mrs. Bradford, and Ms. Lefaux—for their dedicated and inspiring leadership.

Our first **Inquiry Showcase** of the year is here, and we are thrilled to invite parents of students in Divisions 9 and 10 to the Poetry Café tomorrow, November 29, at 1:20 PM. Students have been creatively exploring the art of language and are excited to present their work through spoken-word performances. We look forward to seeing you there!

This week's **"Caught Being the Bear"** draw highlights some wonderful contributions from our school community. Maverick from Division 11 was nominated by his Big Buddy for being a great listener and showing respect. Bautista in Division 13 was recognized by Ms. Seward for being supportive and encouraging a peer. Cadence from Division 8 was praised for her creativity in helping design a calming corner for her classroom. Richard from Division 7 was acknowledged by Mr. Blackburn for volunteering during a school grounds clean-up. Our staff winner, Ms. Stevens, was nominated by a student for her constant helpfulness. Congratulations to all, and thank you for embodying the values of our school!

Below, you'll find photos from the Harvest Project, Volleyball and our special visit from *Santa for Seniors*.

- Nathan



Framework for Enhancing Student Learning: Year One

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. We have several broad categories; Environmental Stewardship, Academic Achievement, Social-Emotional Learning (SEL), Inclusion & Equity, Community & Well-Being, 21st Century Learning & Innovation, First Peoples Principles of Learning to think about. What is important to you?

Our Year one goal is to engage stakeholders (Students, Teachers and Families) in the work of setting a goal and establishing some baseline data.

Please provide your feedback [HERE](#).

The Empathy Initiative

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.

The Empathy Initiative

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 Vancouver Christmas Bureau, North Shore Neighbourhood House, and Harvest Project to explore ways they can make a difference.
- Participate in activities like creating kindness planners, 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 invited families to support the **Harvest Project** by donating non-perishable food items on **Tuesday, November 26th**. Thank you for sending donations with your child on that day.

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>

Reminder that School Starts at 8:30 am

We appreciate 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.

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 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.

Caulfeild PAC

CPAC Announcements

Santa Sale is Coming - Let's Make It Magical

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*.

More Donations Needed

Please donate any **new or gently used items** for the sale. Students or parents can drop off items at the donation boxes located in the primary hallway or outside near the roundabout until December 5



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

We still need more volunteers to help with **setting up the sale in the gym on Dec 5 from 1pm**. Please [Sign Up Here](#)

Caulfeild Branded Cap Sale

We are launching the sale of our brand new Caulfeild Branded Caps. They are structured flat-brim stretch hats with a snapback closure and flat embroidery. You can customize your own brim curve! The hats come in 2 colours and are \$30 each. You can place your orders here:

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/caulfeild-branded-hats>. The hats will be distributed to the students at school by the end of the term.



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.

Connect with Us

Website: <https://westvancouverschools.ca/caulfeild-elementary/parents/>
WhatsApp Group: [CPAC News - 2023/2024](#)
Email: capac@wvschools.ca

WV Community Events

Community Connections & Events

November 30 - onwards	Dundarave Festival of Lights Information
ongoing	West Vancouver Rec Centre Upcoming Events
ongoing	West Vancouver Otters Swimming Registration information
ongoing	West Vancouver Memorial Library Information
ongoing	West Vancouver Soccer Registration information
ongoing	West Vancouver Little League Registration information



Click [HERE](#) to access the links



Youth Department

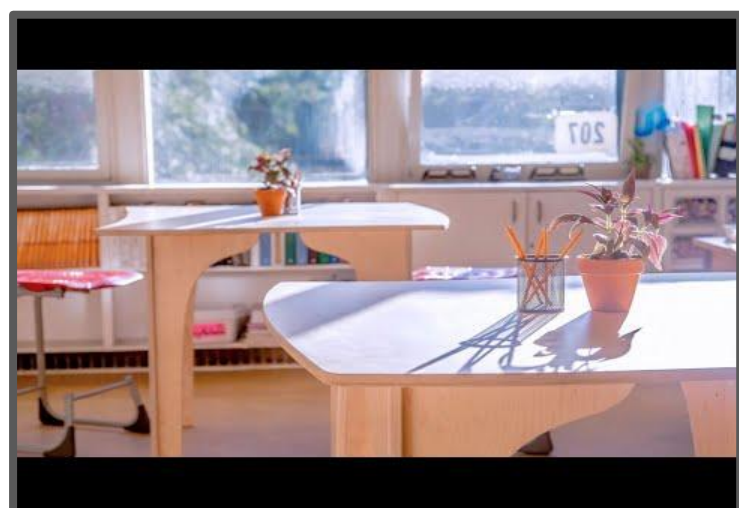
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Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools

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/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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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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