



## Thursday, December 12, 2024 E-Bulletin

### Bear Calendar

<b>December 13</b>	<b>Fri</b>	Bear Wear
<b>December 16</b>	<b>Mon</b>	Safer Spaces - Online Safety Seminars for intermediate students
<b>December 17</b>	<b>Tues</b>	
<b>December 18</b>	<b>Wed</b>	Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal 9:00
<b>December 19</b>	<b>Thur</b>	<b>Winter Concert (10:40 and 1:15)</b>
<b>December 20</b>	<b>Fri</b>	Last day of school - and 1st Report cards will be posted
<b>Future Dates to Note</b>		
<b>January 6</b>	<b>Mon</b>	School Reopens
<b>January 9 - 15</b>		Field Hockey
<b>January 10</b>	<b>Fri</b>	Flock to the Rock - Grade 7 students at 1:30 pm
<b>January 15</b>	<b>Wed</b>	Wear Black for Black Excellence
<b>January 20</b>	<b>Mon</b>	Rockridge presentation to the Grade 7 students
<b>January 27</b>	<b>Mon</b>	Pro-d Day <b>no school in session</b>
<b>January 29</b>	<b>Wed</b>	Lunar New Year

## Learning at IDEC

### 2024-2025 IDEC School Calendar

Hello Families,

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped organize and plan the **Santa Sale**, as well as to the families who generously donated. Together, we raised an incredible \$1,629.60 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation! Special thanks to Ms. Lefaux's Local Initiatives Club for their dedication and hard work in making this event a success.

Today, we hosted two engaging **Inquiry Showcases**. Divisions 3, 4, and 5 invited families to explore their fascinating space journeys, while Divisions 1 and 2 shared their learning about molecules, elements, and the periodic table. On Wednesday, we look forward to performances by the Band and Choir. On Monday, we'll be welcoming *Safer Spaces* to deliver virtual education on online safety for grades 4-7. These sessions will cover essential topics such as staying safe online, understanding the risks of social media, and practicing digital citizenship. Tickets are available for our **Winter Concert** now!

Please don't miss the important updates in the E-Bulletin below, which include information about our new **iDEC Hats** on Page 2 and details on ways to support PJ. Below, you'll also find photos capturing moments from the Empathy Initiative, where multi-age groups created heartfelt cards for seniors, as well as highlights from our Band and Choir Performance on Wednesday, the Santa Sale, and Divisions 7 and 8's recent visit to Rockridge.

-Nathan



### Winter Concert Information

We are excited to host two Winter Concerts, with all students performing in both shows! Due to the large size of our school, we must limit ticket sales to **two tickets per family in total**.

- **Tickets:** \$5 each, with all proceeds supporting the IDEC music program.
- **Purchasing Tickets:** Tickets can be purchased through **School Cash Online**.
- **Delivery:** Tickets will be sent home with students. Please bring them to the performance.

#### Additional Information:

- If families mistakenly purchase more than two tickets, **extra tickets will be cancelled and refunded** due to space constraints.
- To join the waitlist for extra tickets or to let us know your family will not attend, please email **Catherine Schier** at [caulfeild@wvschools.ca](mailto:caulfeild@wvschools.ca).
- If extra tickets are available closer to the performance, we will contact families on the waitlist.

Details about class costume expectations and booking tickets will be shared soon. Thank you for your support in making this event a success!

## West Vancouver Registration

**West Vancouver Schools Registration Opens January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 . K-12 registration for both in-district and out-of-district students opens on January 15!** If you have students in your family or network who are looking to join our district, please help spread the word about this important date.

West Vancouver Schools offer a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community that values excellence in education. Our schools take pride in creating meaningful learning experiences and providing opportunities that support the growth, well-being, and success of every student.

To learn more about registration expectations and processes, please visit our admissions page: [West Vancouver Schools Admissions](#)

We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our vibrant and supportive school community!

## Personal Digital Devices

Digital devices are thoughtfully integrated into learning and knowledge-sharing at Caulfeild IDEC. We value collaboration with families to foster a balance between appropriate device use and healthy habits. Stay informed about your child's Personal Digital Device usage as part of our shared commitment to their growth and well-being. Read more [HERE](#)

## Support for Pauline Johnson

Last Thursday École Pauline Johnson suffered a kitchen fire incident that has caused a shift in their holiday plans for their annual Santa's Workshop event. The school gym and kitchen are currently out of commission for the time being, which means that they are not able to hold this big event there this year. Unfortunately, there was a sizable amount of donations that got damaged during the incident, and from a health and safety perspective, they are not able to have our children use these items as part of the Santa's Workshop. With all the challenges facing this event, a group of strong-willed parents were determined to save Christmas for all and have devised an alternative plan to still keep the Santa's Workshop tradition alive at PJ this year. It's truly a Christmas miracle in the making, but to ensure its success, we are asking for any possible community help.

Starting from now until December 17, PJ is asking for help with this miracle by increasing any/all donations. They need anywhere between 400-500 more items minimum to even be able to run this event successfully. If you have items in your home (gently used) that you could drop off at PJ, please place your donations at the front office of the school at any time. Please no books, clothing or any baby items accepted as the children don't typically select these items as gifts for their family.

## 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.

## Dress for the Weather

All recess periods will be outside regardless of the weather unless extreme conditions make outdoor play unsafe. Please ensure your children are dressed for the weather with appropriate outdoor gear. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### Caulfeild Branded Cap Sale

Buy them for your kids or yourself, or give them as Christmas gifts! 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.



**Order until December 14!** at <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/caulfeild-branded-hats>. The hats will be distributed to the students at school by the end of the term.

### After-School Programs Winter 2025

Our after-school programs will start the week of January 13. You can find all the details and registration info [HERE](#). Here's the Winter lineup:

- Mondays:** Chess or Basketball
- Tuesdays:** Lights Up Musical Theatre
- Wednesdays:** Multi-Sport Program or Zen-Maker Lab
- Thursdays:** Farsi Class
- Fridays:** Baseball West Vancouver Little League 'Academy'

*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://westvancouver.schools.ca/caulfeild-elementary/parents/>

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

Email: [cpac@wvschools.ca](mailto:cpac@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](#)

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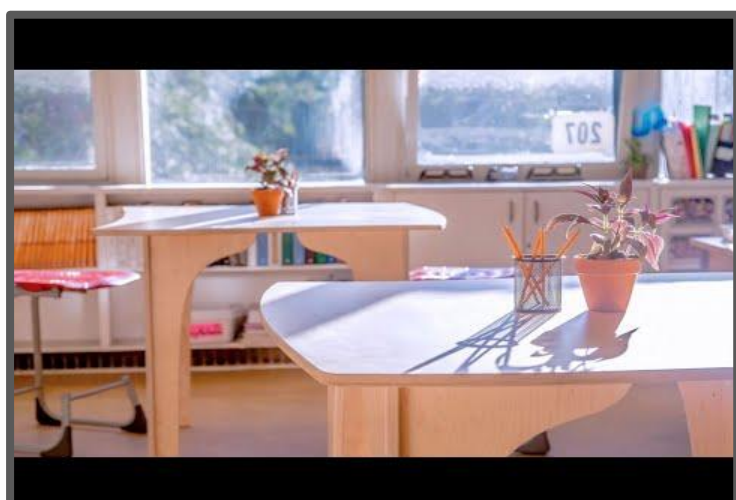
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### Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools

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.

## 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 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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#### Connect with Caulfeild iDEC

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Twitter and Instagram: [@caulfeildschool](#)