



## Thursday, December 19, 2024 E-Bulletin

### Bear Calendar

<b>December 20</b>	<b>Fri</b>	Last day of school - and 1st term Report cards will be posted
<b>January 6</b>	<b>Mon</b>	School Reopens
<b>January 7</b>	<b>Tues</b>	Happy Tuesday
<b>January 8</b>	<b>Wed</b>	DPAC/Liaison meeting with principal and CPAC chairs (9:15 - 11:30)
<b>January 9</b>	<b>Thur</b>	Field Hockey starts (Jan 9 - 15)
<b>January 10</b>	<b>Fri</b>	Flock to the Rock - Grade 7 students at 1:30 pm Bear Wear Fridays!
<b>Future Dates to Note</b>		
<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,

As we conclude our first term, I want to express my deepest gratitude for the incredible support and involvement from the Caulfeild IDEC community. This term has been filled with meaningful opportunities for learning, growth, and connection. Events like our *Winter Concert*, *The Empathy Initiative*, the *Santa Sale*, the *Pumpkin Patch*, field trips, school sports and clubs, and our *Inquiry Showcases* have enriched our students' experiences in so many ways. These moments would not have been possible without the tireless contributions of our Teachers, CPAC and our amazing parent volunteers—thank you for your time, creativity, and dedication to our school.

Our students have thrived academically and socially this term, and we look forward to building on this momentum in the new year. On behalf of our entire staff, I wish you all a joyful and relaxing holiday season with your loved ones.

**Learning Updates** will be posted to the family portal by the end of day tomorrow (Friday). Unlike last year, this Friday Dec 20 is a full school day and we dismiss at our usual time of 2:30. Make sure to register early for **after school programs** so that we can ensure that they continue in the new year. See Page two for more information.

-Nathan



### Access to Learning Updates

Our first term marks will be posted on the My Ed Parent Portal on Friday, December 20th. If you are not familiar with this site, now is a good time to make sure you can access your account. Here is a [LINK](#) to access your Parent Portal.

Please email [cschier@wvschools.ca](mailto:cschier@wvschools.ca) if you need any assistance with your login or password.

### Personal Digital Device Expectations

As we reflect on the first four months of the school year, we're proud to recognize the progress we've made together in implementing our Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations. Thanks to the collective efforts of our students, families, and staff, we've seen a significant improvement in how digital devices are used in our schools. This has fostered more focused and engaged learning environments, aligning with our shared goal of supporting student success.

This success would not have been possible without everyone's ongoing support and commitment. While we celebrate these strides, it's important that we remain consistent in maintaining these expectations and continue to remind and support students to ensure this positive momentum is sustained.

#### Why We're Doing This

The purpose of these expectations is to minimize distractions and maximize learning opportunities. Digital devices, when used appropriately, are powerful tools for collaboration, creativity, and communication. However, ensuring they don't interrupt instructional time or disrupt the learning environment remains a priority.

#### What You Can Continue to Do

Here are some ways families can help reinforce these expectations at home:

- Celebrate Progress** - Acknowledge your child's efforts in adhering to the guidelines and discuss how this has positively impacted their focus and learning.
- Reinforce Healthy Habits** - Continue encouraging a balanced approach to device use at home by promoting activities like reading, outdoor play, and family time.
- Model Consistency** - Show your support by modeling mindful device use when on the school grounds or in the school building AND during shared family time.
- Support School Communication** - Please avoid contacting your child during instructional time, this includes communication through phones and smartwatches. Remind them that non-urgent messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.
- Stay Engaged** - Revisit the Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices to refresh your understanding of the expectations and discuss them with your child.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support in making this initiative 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!

### 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 clothing 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](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.



CPAC Announcements

Hot Lunch Orders Winter 2025

We will open Hot Lunch orders for the next term on December 26th. Hot Lunches will be served from the first day of the term. You can order any time on Munchalunch, but remember it takes 7 days to process the orders.

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'

Happy Holidays!
We hope you enjoy your winter break and we will see you in 2025.

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: capac@wvschools.ca

WV Community Events

Community Connections & Events
November 30 - onwards: Dundarave Festival of Lights
ongoing: West Vancouver Rec Centre
ongoing: West Vancouver Otters Swimming
ongoing: West Vancouver Memorial Library
ongoing: West Vancouver Soccer
ongoing: West Vancouver Little League

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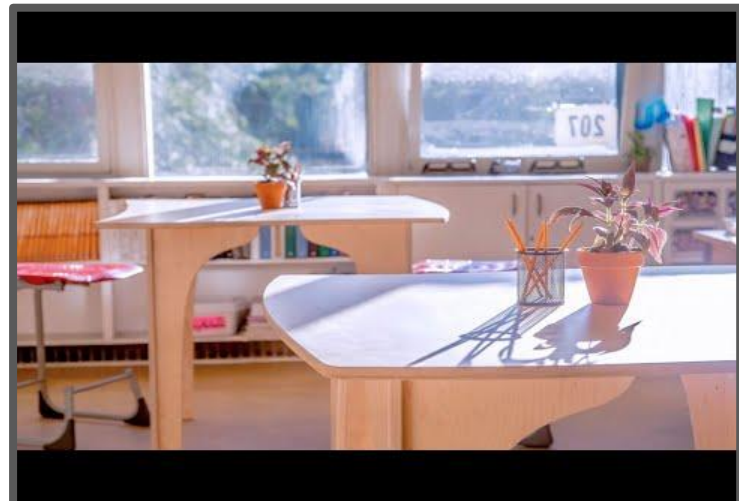
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Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools

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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iDEC Virtual Tour
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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.

CONNECT WITH US! #westvaned

Tag us in your school success stories using our hashtag



Connect with Caulfeild iDEC

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