



Thursday, December 5, 2024 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

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| December 6 | Fri | Santa Sale! |
| December 9 | Mon | Happy Monday |
| December 10 | Tues | Place for Sport Grand Opening at WVSS, 1:00PM |
| December 11 | Wed | Band and Choir Assembly |
| December 12 | Thur | Grade 5 & 6 Space Showcase |
| December 13 | Fri | Bear Wear |
| 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

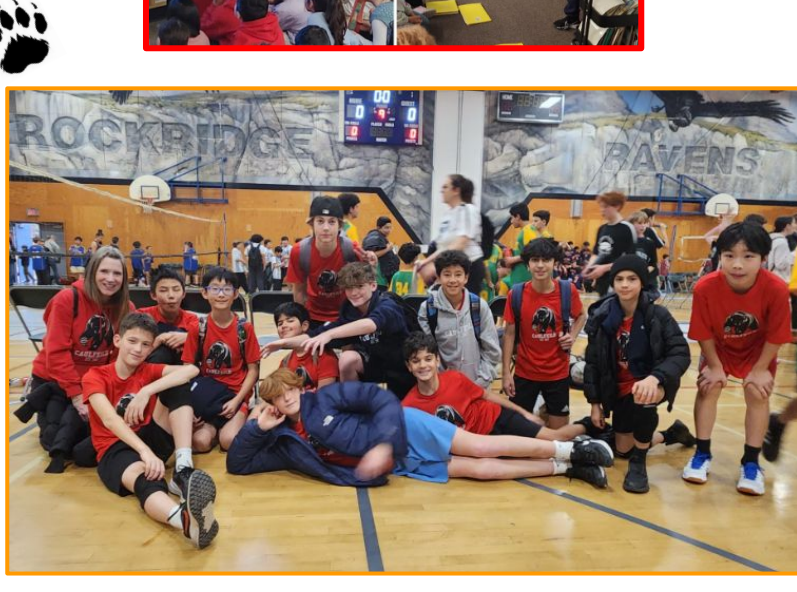
Hello Families,

There's so much happening at iDEC this week! Our Grade 7 Basketball Teams had an amazing time at the Jamboree—be sure to check out the photos. Multi-age groups worked together to create Kindness Planners as part of our Whole School Inquiry on empathy, fostering collaboration and understanding. We also celebrated our first Inquiry Showcase of the year, with Divisions 9 and 10 presenting thoughtful work on poetry and public speaking.

Tomorrow is our much-anticipated **Santa Sale!** Organized by our Local Initiatives Club, this year's event will support the Make a Wish Foundation. Items are priced at \$2 each, and primary students will have the help of their big buddy classes while shopping. Please remember to send your child with a sturdy bag if they plan to participate. A huge thank-you to CPAC and all the parent volunteers who have made this event possible.

Last year, we shared details about our updated **Learning Updates**, and this year there are no changes to the format. Families can follow [this link](#) from 2023 to review the structure and purpose of these updates. This year's Learning Updates will be available on the family portal by the end of the day on December 20th.

-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.
- 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!

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.

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 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 properly dressed and 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.



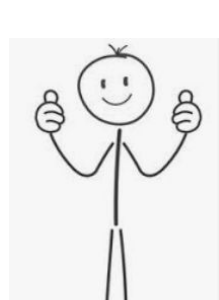
Pick Up and Drop Off: Important Reminders

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 Tomorrow!

Please make sure that your kids bring **toonies** and **sturdy bags** for their Santa Sale purchases.

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.

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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| 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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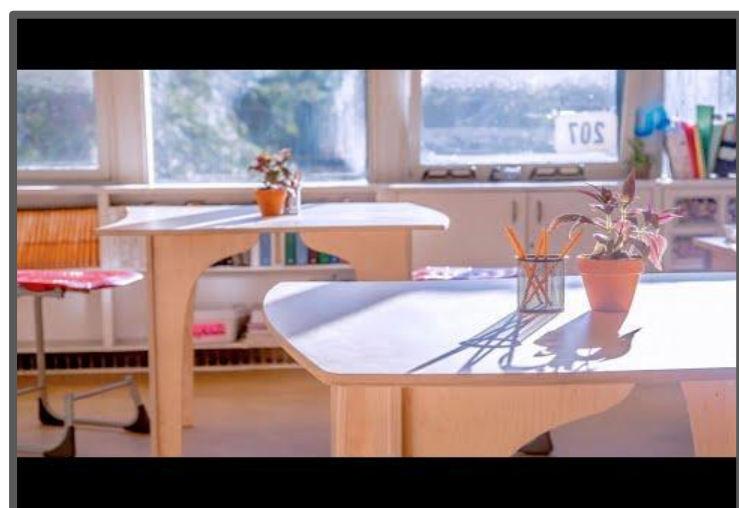
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Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools

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.

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[iDEC Virtual Tour](#)
[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.



[CLICK HERE](#)

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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