

## Thursday, January 16, 2025 E-Bulletin

### Bear Calendar

<b>January 17</b>	<b>Fri</b>	Bear Wear Friday
<b>January 20</b>	<b>Mon</b>	Rockridge presentation to the Grade 7 students Div 6,7,8 Field trip to Planetarium
<b>January 21</b>	<b>Tues</b>	Basketball Game #1
<b>January 22</b>	<b>Wed</b>	
<b>January 23</b>	<b>Thur</b>	
<b>January 24</b>	<b>Fri</b>	Bear Wear Friday
<b>Future Dates to Note</b>		
<b>January 27</b>	<b>Mon</b>	Pro-d Day <b>no school in session</b>
<b>January 30</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	Grade 5 students - Ice Skating Field Trip
<b>January 31</b>	<b>Fri</b>	Lunar New Year School Events
<b>February 3</b>	<b>Mon</b>	Foundry Vaping Presentation - Grade 6 & 7 students
<b>February 4</b>	<b>Tues</b>	Basketball Game #2
<b>February 11</b>	<b>Tues</b>	Basketball Game #3
<b>February 13</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	Jump Rope for Heart
<b>February 14</b>	<b>Fri</b>	Reading Break - <b>no school in session</b>
<b>February 17</b>	<b>Mon</b>	Family Day Holiday - <b>no school in session</b>
<b>February 18</b>	<b>Tues</b>	Basketball Game #4
<b>February 20</b>	<b>Thur</b>	CPAC Movie Night
<b>March 13</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i> Whole School Performance, Daytime and Evening Shows

## Learning at iDEC

### 2024-2025 iDEC School Calendar

Hello Families,

We have had another week of learning and fun at Caulfeild iDEC!

Wednesday, January 15th was **Black Excellence Day**. is a day to celebrate Black history and learn more about Black stories, art, and people leading up to February Black History Month. This day was chosen to honour civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. On Black Excellence Day, students were invited to wear Black to recognize the significant contributions of Black Canadians that have too often been overlooked and unacknowledged in our history and curriculum, along with the past and present ongoing struggles of Black and racialized Canadians.

On Friday of last week, Grade 7 Students were invited to **"Flock to the Rock"**. This visit to Rockridge Secondary Showcased some of the programs and clubs that Rockridge has to offer. We saw a presentation from the drumline, theatre club, and were treated to a basketball game. Thanks to Principal Kolkea and the whole Rockridge team for making us feel so welcome.

On Wednesday of this week, **physical literacy teachers** Amber and Erin dropped by to visit our Kindergarten classrooms. Please ask your child to check our **Lost and Found** as items left by the end of the day on Friday January 17th will be donated to a North Shore charity.

-Nathan



## Foundational Skills Assessment

Students in Grades Four and Seven across British Columbia completed assessments in Literacy and Numeracy in November. These annual assessments of academic skills provide parents, teachers, school, school district, and the ministry with important information on student progress. Caulfeild iDEC parents and guardians of Grade Four and Seven learners, please check your children's backpacks as their marked assessments will be sent home last week. The assessments are a snapshot of your child's progress. Please note that this is the **ONLY** copy of your child's booklet

## Personal Digital Device Expectations

As we begin a new term, we'd like to remind students and families of our **Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations**, which have been key to fostering focused and engaging learning environments.

Students are expected to use personal digital devices only with the explicit permission of a teacher or administrator, ensuring their use is intentional and supports learning.

Families can continue to support this by:

- Encouraging balanced screen time at home.
- Avoiding calls or texts to students during school hours.
- Modeling mindful device use when on school property and at home.

Let's keep building on the success of this initiative and continue supporting safe, focused learning for all!

## 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 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.



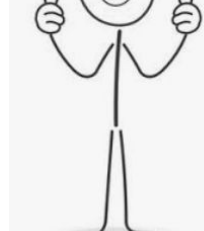
## Pick Up and Drop Off: Important Reminders

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 be 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



#### Hot Lunch Volunteers!

We are still in need of 1-2 more Hot Lunch volunteers for Mondays or Fridays. It will take up to an hour of your time and you do not have to do it every week.

#### Lunar New Year Volunteers!

One of the most exciting events Lunar New Year Celebration is coming up on January 31 and we need volunteers to help with the setup on January 30 at 2:30pm as well as on the day of the event January 31 during the school hours. Please email [capac@wvschools.ca](mailto:capac@wvschools.ca) if you can help.

#### CPAC General Meeting

Our first general meeting of 2025 will take place on Tuesday, January 28 at 8:45 am in the non-fiction room next to the library. All parents and guardians of Caulfeild students are encouraged to attend. You will have a chance to meet other parents, hear what's happening at the school from CPAC Exec and the school principal, ask your questions and share your feedback.

#### After-School Programs

Our after-school programs have started this week. But there are still some spots available. You can find all the details and registration info [HERE](#). Here's the Winter lineup:

Mondays: Chess, Basketball

Tuesdays: Lights Up Musical Theatre

Wednesdays: Multi-Sport Program, 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: [capac@wvschools.ca](mailto:capac@wvschools.ca)

## WV Community Events

### Community Connections & Events

January 20	Vancouver Coastal Health Youth and vaping seminar <a href="#">Register here</a>
January 29	Foundry North Shore - Keeping Kids Safe Online <a href="#">Register here</a>
ongoing	West Vancouver Rec Centre <a href="#">Upcoming Events</a>
ongoing	West Vancouver Otters Swimming <a href="#">Registration information</a>
ongoing	West Vancouver Memorial Library <a href="#">Information</a>
ongoing	West Vancouver Soccer <a href="#">Registration information</a>
ongoing	West Vancouver Little League <a href="#">Registration information</a>



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### Youth Department

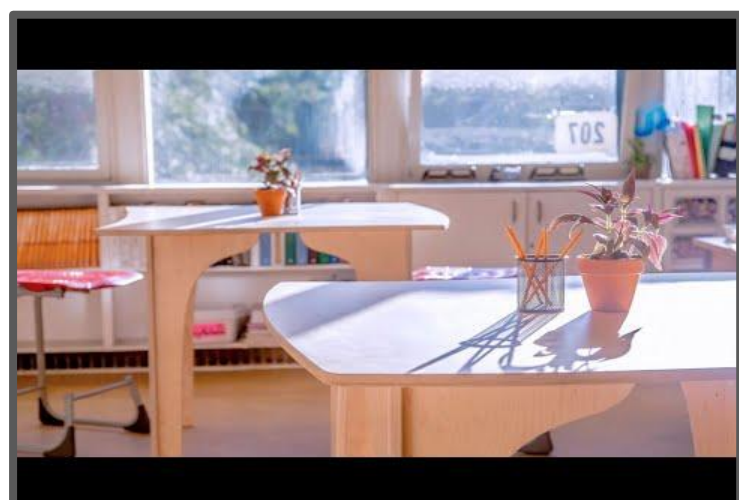
Click [Here](#) for more information

### 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.

## 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.

#### CONNECT WITH US! #westvaned

Tag us in your school success stories using our hashtag



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#### Connect with Caulfeild iDEC

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