

Thursday, January 30, 2025 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

February 1	Fri	Bear Wear Friday
February 3	Mon	Foundry Vaping Presentation - Grade 6 & 7 students
February 4	Tues	Basketball Game #2
February 5	Wed	Grade 7 Farewell Meeting 8:45 am in the Learning Commons
February 6	Thur	Divs 4, 5 and 6 Skating Trip Lockdown Drill 11:00
February 7	Fri	Bear Wear Friday
Future Dates to Note		
February 11	Tues	Basketball Game #3
February 13	Thurs	Jump Rope for Heart
February 14	Fri	Reading Break - no school in session
February 17	Mon	Family Day Holiday - no school in session
February 18	Tues	Basketball Game #4
February 20	Thur	CPAC Movie Night
February 21	Fri	Arts Starts Ballet
March 13	Thurs	<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 exciting week here at Caulfeild! Many classes have been learning about Lunar New Year this week, engaging in stories and art to explore the rich history of celebration. Tomorrow all students will have the opportunity to engage the **Lunar New Year** celebration, generously organized and hosted by our CPAC. The Lunar New Year celebration will sell some toys and trinkets as a CPAC fundraiser. If you would like to send students with a small amount of money, you may.

Next week is the beginning of **Black History Month**. Throughout February, students will explore the many contributions of Black individuals in Canada, learning about their achievements and the challenges they have faced both in past and present. This month is also an opportunity for reflection, discussion, and growth. We will be encouraging students to share their learning with others throughout the school.

While we have enjoyed the beautiful weather the past few weeks, there is some snow in the forecast. It is the District's goal that schools stay open in adverse weather conditions if it is safe to do so. If there are school closures, they will be announced on the district website by 6:00 am.

-Nathan

Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

In year one of our FESL, feedback was collected from the school community, including staff, students, and parents, to develop a meaningful three-year goal. Through these conversations, we developed a goal which focuses on Academic and Social Development by building Perseverance. To learn more about the school FESL, see the link below.

School Goal: Inspire students to grow as compassionate, tenacious individuals prepared to *persevere* through challenges.

Subgoal 1 (Community Focus): Foster community connection through tenacious, collaborative projects that address personal, environmental and social issues.

Subgoal 2 (Academic Focus): Build academic proficiency in numeracy by emphasizing perseverance and creative thinking during problem-solving.

[CA IDEC 2024 – 2027 FESL, Year One](#)

Lockdown Drill

Every year schools practice one Lockdown Drill in the event there is an internal threat inside the building. With the support of our partners at the WVPD, we will be having our drill next Thursday, Feb 6 at 11:00am. Caulfeild teachers do everything they can to make sure our students feel ready and prepared for our drill. This is just practice, or "emergency hide and seek" for many classrooms. To learn more about what our lockdown drill will look like, watch [this video](#) from Cst. Goodmurphy and Cst. Braithwaite of the West Vancouver Police Department.

Student Learning Surveys

Each year the Ministry of Education and Childhood conducts a province-wide survey soliciting input from students in Grades 4, 7, 10, 11, and 12 and their parents/guardians as well as school staff members regarding satisfaction of school operations and student performance. The results from these surveys provide us with important feedback for our school and are helpful in developing our school goals and plans. However, this information is only useful if we have a good response from our community stakeholders. Your child will complete their survey at school in the coming weeks. You can learn more about the student survey [here](#). We place a high value on community involvement so we strongly encourage all parents to take advantage of the opportunity to share their views as well.

To complete the survey, which takes approximately 30 minutes, please follow the steps below:

1. [Click here](#).
2. You do not require a Logon # to access the parent survey.
3. Select the District (*45 West Vancouver*), School and language of preference and then click Log On.
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate bubbles.
5. Your survey has been submitted directly to the Ministry of Education when the window states, "Thank you for sharing your views."

Your responses are voluntary and anonymous, and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Any personal or identifying information will be deleted before results are stored. Data will be stored and accessible only within Canada.

The survey closes on May 2, 2025. Thank you for your time and feedback!

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

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 properly 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

Friday, January 31 we will be having the Lunar New Year festivities at the school for the students. There will be many games and memorable activities to celebrate the Year of the Snake. There will also be merchandises priced between 2 to 5 dollars and a kind reminder to provide your child with some cash if they would like to purchase something at the festival. All proceeds go to the school PAC to support and enrich the students of Caulfeild.

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

YOU'RE INVITED!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A LATE FRENCH IMMERSION OPEN HOUSE

What is Late French Immersion?

Late French Immersion (LFI) is designed for students wishing to start their French education in Grade 6, allowing them to study the French language and culture while following the full BC curriculum.

Why Attend?

- Learn about our school and the very popular LFI Program at PJ
- Discover the benefits of learning French fluently
- Hear how parents can support their child when they do not speak French themselves
- See the fun we have at PJ and in West Vancouver Schools

Meet Our Team!

Join École Pauline Johnson Principal Mme Zielinski as she hosts an informative session about the LFI program. Parents and students will have the opportunity to meet with her, the Vice-Principal, French Coordinator, and the dedicated LFI teaching team. As part of our established pathway to Sentinel Secondary School, we are pleased to welcome Principal Mike Finch, who will share insights about their French Immersion program at Sentinel and how it builds upon the foundation established at École Pauline Johnson.

WHEN: Monday, February 3rd
TIME: 3:30 - 4:00 pm
WHERE: 1150 22nd Street, West Vancouver
CONTACT: Tara Zielinski
PHONE: 604 981 1225
EMAIL: tzielinski@wvschools.ca



Community Connections & Events

February 1	North Shore Health & Wellbeing Fair Register here.
February 20, 25, 26	Substance Abuse Prevention Webinar Register here.
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.
ongoing	West Vancouver Field Hockey Registration information.



Click [HERE](#) to access the links



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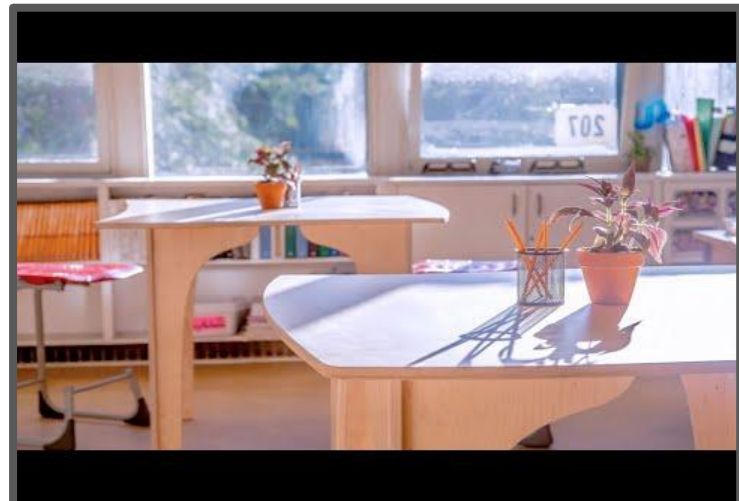
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Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools

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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