

Thursday, April 17 2025 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

April 18	Fri	Good Friday - no school in session
April 21	Mon	Easter Monday - no school in session
April 22	Tues	Elevate - Ultimate for Intermediate Classes (until the 25th) Ultimate Game #3
April 23	Wed	Elevate Ultimate begins for Intermediate students
April 25	Fri	Bear Wear Fridays
Future Dates to Note		
April 29	Tues	Student Led Conferences - early dismissal at 12:10 pm
April 30	Wed	Student Led Conferences - early dismissal at 12:10 pm
May 1	Thur	Ultimate Tournament
May 2	Fri	KM Club Starts
May 14	Wed	Gauss Math Test Hearing Screening - follow up for Kindie classes at 1:00
May 15	Thur	Welcome to K (afternoon)
May 16	Fri	Pro-D Day - no school in session
May 19	Mon	Victoria Day - no school in session

2024-2025 iDEC School Calendar

Learning at iDEC

Hello Families,

This week, our school was featured in a **School Board presentation**. Each year, schools share something they're proud of with the Board. On Tuesday, Mr. Blackburn, Ms. McLeod, Ms. Parker, and Emerald from Division 4 highlighted how we've been building connections with our local community. This year, classrooms have supported organizations like Santa for Seniors, North Shore Search and Rescue, and The Harvest Project. Most recently, Division 4 visited Backpack Buddies and helped prepare over 800 baskets for families in need.

Student safety at drop-off and pick-up continues to be a concern. Please cross at the crosswalks and avoid unsafe drop-offs. We've had several dangerous situations near the school. If you're able to volunteer to help monitor these areas and support student safety, please reach out. **Keep your speed low and stay alert near the school.** We are in a school zone, and the West Vancouver Police Department will be conducting traffic enforcement. We all share the responsibility of keeping our students safe.

Today was the start of the grade 5 **Reading Link Challenge!** Teams competed for a shot at the district competition. Next week, **Elevate Ultimate** is coming to work with students in the intermediate divisions to build their skills. Thank you to CPAC for making it happen! Our Ultimate games continue next week on Tuesday after school at Ridgeview.

Kilometre Club is starting up again in May, and we're looking for parent volunteers to help support this fun and active initiative. If you're available to volunteer, please email Ms. McLeod at rmcleod@wvschools.ca. **Class Photo** day is April 28th, and **Student Led Conferences** are happening **April 29th and 30th**. See below for details.

-Nathan



Student Led Conferences - April 29 & 30th (12:10 dismissal)

We're excited to share that Student-Led Conferences are just around the corner! These conferences are a special opportunity for students to showcase their learning and reflect on their progress with their families and teachers. Each student will have a 10-minute time slot to lead a conversation about their learning journey.

Here's what families need to know:

- All families will be invited to take part in these conferences.
- These are not traditional parent-teacher meetings. The focus is on students taking the lead to share their growth and goals. If you want to discuss another matter with the teacher concerning your child, please set up a meeting for another time.
- Students must attend** and be an active part of the conversation.
- Conferences may be held online or in person, based on family preference. If you choose an online option, please reach out to your teacher directly with the time that you have booked, and you will receive a Microsoft Teams link for your scheduled time.

Please note we have an Early Dismissal at 12:10 pm on both days for all students, and no hot lunch orders. The system for booking will be open until 3:00 pm Monday April 28. There will be no more bookings after this time.

Booking Link

Band Registration and Information

If you have a child in grades 5 or 6, registration is now open for our 2025/2026 Band program. The Caulfeild iDEC Band program is truly remarkable. Here at Caulfeild, students have two Band lessons a week. During this time, students will learn about music theory, performance and ensemble skills, as well as the technical aspects of playing their instrument. The program is designed not only to teach students these skills, but also as a preparatory program for the Band programs offered at each of our secondary schools. Throughout the year, our Caulfeild iDEC band performs for the school at assemblies and performances, as well as at events in the community, such as the West Vancouver Community Cultural Festival. Band is an enriching and exciting program for students. Visit this website to register today:

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/elementary-band/>

2025 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools

Are you interested in learning during the summer? West Vancouver Schools will be offering a robust Summer Learning Program for both elementary and secondary students during July 2025.

Online registration for both the elementary and secondary Summer Learning programs opens on Monday, April 7 at 8:00 AM. Elementary registration closes on May 9. Secondary registration closes on June 13.

More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or on the [Summer Learning Website](#).

Planning Ahead: Enrollment 2025 / 2026

As you plan your summer vacations, please remember that school resumes on **Tuesday, September 2, 2025**. We *expect all students to be present on the first day* (except for kindergarten, which will have a different start schedule), and all students must be at school by the end of the day on *Thursday, September 4, 2025*, to confirm enrollment at Caulfeild iDEC. Thank you for your cooperation—we look forward to another great school year!

If you are not planning to return next year, please notify Ms. Schier as soon as possible via email at caulfeild@wvschools.ca. Providing this information early helps with planning for the upcoming school year, ensuring that resources, class organization, and staffing are properly managed. Your timely response allows the school to make necessary adjustments and provide the best possible learning environment for all students. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Student Learning Surveys

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

- [Click here.](#)
- You do not require a Logon # to access the parent survey.
- Select the District (**45 West Vancouver**), School and language of preference and then click Log On.
- Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate bubbles.
- 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!

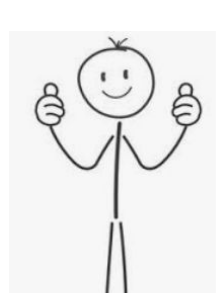
Pick Up and Drop Off: Important Reminders

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

🎉 Get Ready to Dance! 🎉

Join us on **May 7th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM** in the school gym for an unforgettable **dance party** featuring the one and only **DJ & Emcee Rock'N'Beau!** She's bringing the beats and all the fun — you won't want to miss it!

🍕 Come early — we'll be serving **delicious pizza**, snacks, and refreshing juices before the party starts, so you'll be ready to hit the dance floor!

👪 **Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the fun** or simply **drop off their kids** — whatever works best for you!

🍷 **Get your tickets and pre-order your pizza on [Munchalunch.com](https://munchalunch.com) under the Fundraising tab** (next to Order Lunch) — space is limited, so don't wait!

💡 *Side note: Any unused credits remaining on Munchalunch at the end of the school year will be donated to the school. This event is a great chance to put those credits to good use!*

Let's turn up the music and make it an evening to remember! 🎶 🕺



📣 CPAC Executive Committee Nominations for 2025–2026 Are Now Open!

Are you passionate about our school community and looking for a meaningful way to get involved? Now's your chance! We're accepting **nominations for all CPAC Executive Committee positions**, with elections taking place at our **Annual General Meeting this May**.

Take a look at the roles below and let us know if you'd like to be part of a team that helps shape the student experience and strengthens our school community:

👑 **Chair** The official spokesperson and liaison for CPAC. Leads monthly general and executive meetings, communicates regularly with the principal, and ensures all CPAC programs and events run smoothly.

🛡️ **Vice-Chair** Supports the Chair, steps in when needed, takes on additional duties, and attends all CPAC and principal meetings.

📝 **Secretary** Keeps our records organized! Attends meetings, records and posts minutes, and ensures documents are accurate and secure.

💰 **Treasurer** Manages CPAC's finances, prepares budgets, tracks and reports on all accounts, and ensures proper disbursement of funds.

💡 **DPAC Representative** Represents our CPAC at monthly DPAC meetings, votes on our behalf, and reports back with updates and information.

👥 **Members at Large** Attend most general and executive meetings and take on vital roles like event coordination, volunteering, or other leadership opportunities as needed.

🍽️ **Hot Lunch Coordinators (2 positions)** Coordinate with vendors and volunteers to run our daily Hot Lunch Program. This is a **key role** that not only supports families with nutritious meals but also raises significant funds for the school — a rewarding way to make a big impact!

🎯 **After School Activities Coordinator** Acts as the go-between for activity vendors and the school, helping to organize and support after-school programs.

🌱 **Room Parent Coordinator** Provides guidance to room parents, supports their efforts throughout the year, and helps connect them with CPAC initiatives.

Connect with Us

Website: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/caulfeild-elementary/parents/>

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

Email: capac@wvschools.ca

WV Community Events

Registration is Open for the following West Vancouver Schools Academy Programs:

- Basketball: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/basketball/>
- Field Hockey: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/field-hockey/>
- Soccer: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/soccer/>
- Tennis: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/tennis/>

The West Vancouver Schools Basketball Academy Assessments for all students currently in Grade 7 are on Thursday, April 24 from 3:30 to 5:00pm at West Van Secondary's main gym. To register, kindly complete a student information form via this [link](#).



Outdoor pickleball courts and pump track proposed near Gleneagles Community Centre

The District of West Vancouver is exploring the idea of constructing four outdoor pickleball courts and a new paved pump track near the Gleneagles Community Centre (GECC) to enhance recreation opportunities for residents in the western part of the community. This proposal could involve replacing the existing Bike Terrain Park and Skateboard Bowl located north of GECC.

The design for this proposal is in its preliminary phase and may be modified based on input from the community. The District of West Vancouver are seeking your feedback to help shape this potential project.

<https://www.westvancouverite.ca/gleneagles>

Click [HERE](#) to access the links

See [HERE](#) for more information about the **BCTESG RESP Grant**



Reminder to get your vaccinations updated. Measles is on the rise globally and pertussis (whooping cough) is making a comeback locally.

Please click [HERE](#) for more information.



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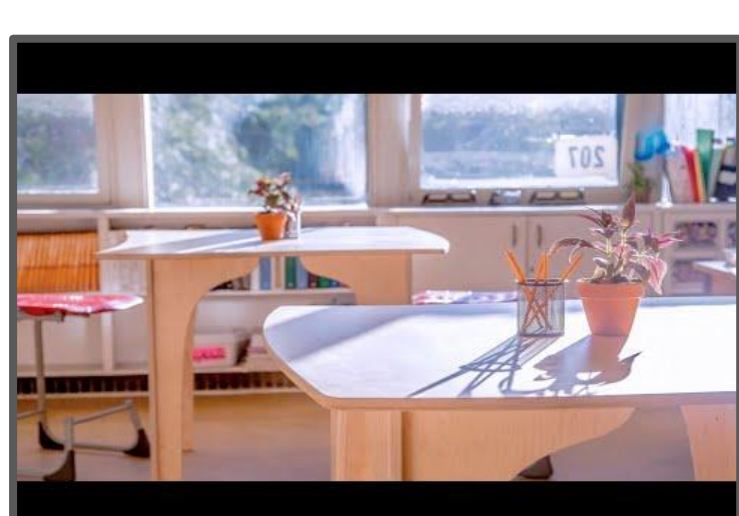
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Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools

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

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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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