

## Thursday, April 3 2025 E-Bulletin

### Bear Calendar

<b>April 4</b>	<b>Fri</b>	Bear Wear Friday
<b>April 7</b>	<b>Mon</b>	School is back in Session Immunization Clinic #2
<b>April 8</b>	<b>Tues</b>	Ultimate Game #1
<b>April 9</b>	<b>Wed</b>	Scholastic Book Fair
<b>April 10</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	Scholastic Book Fair
<b>April 11</b>	<b>Fri</b>	Scholastic Book Fair Anna Rice Badminton Cupcake Sale for the Grade 7 Farewell (\$10 a box, 2:30) Div 4 Field trip to Backpack Buddies in the morning

#### Future Dates to Note

<b>April 17</b>	<b>Thur</b>	Gr 5 Reading Link Challenge
<b>April 18</b>	<b>Fri</b>	Good Friday - <b>no school in session</b>
<b>April 21</b>	<b>Mon</b>	Easter Monday - <b>no school in session</b>
<b>April 22-25</b>	<b>Tues</b>	Elevate - Ultimate for Intermediate Classes
<b>April 28</b>	<b>Mon</b>	Class Photos
<b>May 2</b>	<b>Fri</b>	KM Club Starts

[2024-2025 iDEC School Calendar](#)

## Learning at iDEC

Hello Families,

Welcome back! I hope you had a peaceful and relaxing spring break. We are excited to be back as there is a lot of fun and learning in term three.

**Band Registration** for the 2025/2026 school year is open for students in grades 5 and 6. Band is an amazing opportunity for students to explore music, develop new skills, and be part of a great team. More information about registration and instrument selection can be found below.

Grade 7 students interested in joining the **Ultimate Frisbee** team need to get their permission forms to the office by tomorrow to be ready for their first practice on Monday at 2:30 - 3:15. Ultimate Frisbee is a fantastic way to stay active, learn teamwork, and have fun with friends. The **Scholastic Book Fair** is happening from April 9 to April 11, and we are looking for volunteers to help make it a success. If you are available, *please get involved!* The book fair is a wonderful opportunity to support literacy and bring exciting new books into our school community. See the below for more information. Also, please note the changes to **Hot Lunch** as outlined in the CPAC section. Some families will need to make a new choice for Mondays. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a great term ahead!

-Nathan

The **Scholastic Book Fair** is next week! Students will be able to shop during their [Library times](#) from **Wednesday, April 9th - Friday, April 11th**. Students can bring cash to pay for items. Debit and credit cards are also accepted.



Please see these [Book Trailers](#) for some of the books that will be available.

**All parents, friends and family members are welcome to shop at the Fair each day from 8:30 - 3:30 pm! You may join your child during their Library time or shop after school.**

Your purchases benefit our school and earn Rewards that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our classrooms and school library. With the funds raised last year, we bought over 300 books for the library and 78 books were donated to classroom libraries!

**Parents** - We need more volunteers for times during and after school and to pack up the Fair on Monday, April 14th in the morning. Please add your names on [Sign-Up Genius](#) today!

### 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](mailto: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

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!

### 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 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 IMPORTANT UPDATE**

One of our Monday vendors, **Lunch Bucket Deli**, will no longer be able to provide lunch for us starting **Monday, April 14th**. Munch A Lunch has refunded all families who placed orders through Lunch Bucket Deli. You can see these refunds as credits in your Munch A Lunch account.

We have set up **Subway** as an alternative vendor for Mondays. Families can order Monday lunches from Subway or Well Fed menus. Please remember it takes 7 days to process orders so for the kids to get their meal on April 14th, orders need to be placed by April 7th.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we make this adjustment.

Thank you for your support!

**Scholastic Book Fair MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Scholastic Book Fair that raises funds for the school library will take place next week. We still need more volunteers to run it. We are in particular need of volunteers on



- Wednesday, April 9, 1-2:30pm time slot
- Friday, April 11, all time slots
- Monday, April 14 after drop off for clean up

Please have a look at the available slots and sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0548ADAA2FA4FE3-55573382-scholastic>.

As always, we cannot do it without you. Thank you!

*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**

**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/>

**West Vancouver Basketball Club Spring Program**

The WVBC Spring Basketball Program begins after Spring Break and there are still some spaces available. This spring, the WVBC will be offering sessions for players in Grades 2-9. All sessions will be held at West Van Secondary. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to <http://www.wvbc.ca>

Registration Status	Event Name	Link
April 18 deadline	West Vancouver Police Youth Academy	<a href="#">Information &amp; Application</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>
ongoing	West Vancouver Field Hockey	<a href="#">Registration information</a>

**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.



Click [Here](#) for more information

**Parent Workshop #1**  
**WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER**  
Simple solutions for building durable kids

When: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Saturday, April 5th  
Where: West Vancouver Community Centre, (Garden Room) 2121 Marine Drive  
Who: Parents & guardians of children (beginning Kindergarten September 2025)  
To register click [HERE](#)

Limited childcare spots available. To register for childcare call 604-925-7270 and mention the workshop with code 187253

this parent series is hosted in partnership with the West Vancouver Community Centre

Questions: email [mparackal@wvschools.ca](mailto:mparackal@wvschools.ca)

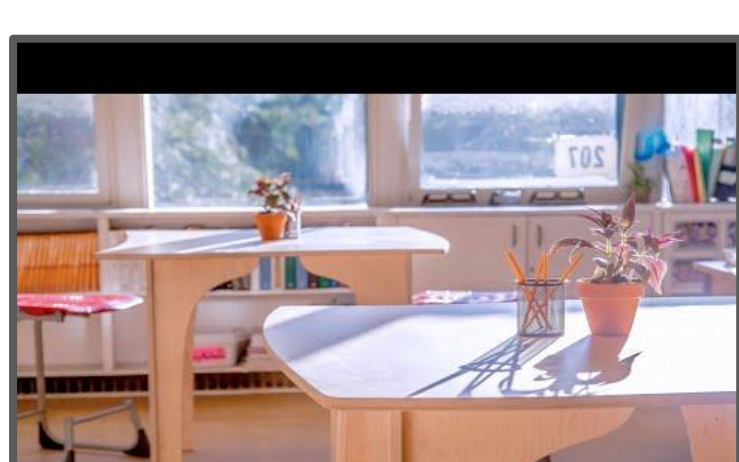
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**Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools**

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/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](#)

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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.

**CONNECT WITH US! #westvaned**

Tag us in your school success stories using our hashtag



**Connect with Caulfeild iDEC**

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