

Thursday, May 15 2025 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

May 16	Fri	Pro-D Day - no school in session
May 19	Mon	Victoria Day - no school in session
May 20	Tues	School Panorama Photo at 8:45 AM
May 21	Wed	KM Club, 7:50 am <i>Grade 7 Farewell Cupcake & Candy Sale</i> at 2:00 PM
May 22	Thurs	Student Release Drill - starting at 1:15 pm
May 23	Fri	North Shore Celtic Society Afternoon Assembly

Future Dates to Note

May 26 - 30	M - F	Lacrosse Week
May 28	Wed	Staff Appreciation Lunch
May 29	Thurs	Gr 4 & 5 Field Meet
June 2 - 6	M - F	Colour Week
June 3	Tues	Gr 7 Rockridge Visit in the afternoon
June 5	Thurs	District Track Meet
June 6	Fri	Div 7 field trip
June 9 - 13	M - F	Bike to School Week
June 9 - 11	M - W	Gr 7 Camp Elphinstone
June 10	Tues	Div 8 field trip

2024-2025 iDEC School Calendar

Learning at iDEC

Hello Families,

Cyber Safety presentations for Divisions 6–1 took place today in partnership with **WVTA**. Students learned important strategies for staying safe and respectful online.

Also today, seventeen students took part in the **Gauss Math Competition** hosted by the Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing at the University of Waterloo. We're proud of their hard work and enthusiasm.

Caulfeild iDEC hosted **Welcome to Kindergarten** today and we were thrilled to greet our newest Bears and their families as they begin their learning journey.

Below you will find photos of Division 15, the Salmon Release and the Band Instrument Showcase.

Next week we have our **Student Release Drill** on Thursday afternoon. Please review the procedures as a family. Please note that tomorrow is a **Pro-D day. Monday is a holiday**—enjoy the long weekend!

-Nathan



iDEC Variety Show

it's that time of year again! We are looking for submissions for the annual variety show. In previous years, students have sang, danced, played instruments and showcased their gymnastics skills on their own or in groups. If you are interested in signing up for the variety show, please join the [Google Classroom](#) using this code: okaxgjac.

Auditions will be via video submission on this Google Classroom. You will also find the Permission Form and Guidelines on Google Class. See "New Assignment" then "Instructions" for more details. Auditions must be a maximum of 1 minute long. We look forward to seeing your talents!"



School Supplies for September 2025

iDEC Staff are well into the process of thinking about and planning for next September. Our teachers are pleased to offer the opportunity to purchase quality standardized school supplies through School Start for the 2025/2026 school year. Supply kits are now available to order and will be delivered directly to your home so you have the ability to pre-label your child's supplies and add supplies to your order for home use or for another child outside our school. Please click on the link of your child's grade for next year. You will then see the list of supplies. Create an account and complete your shopping cart order

[KINDERGARTEN](#)



[GRADE 1 & 2](#)

[GRADE 3](#)

[GRADE 4](#)

[GRADE 5](#)

[GRADE 6](#)

[GRADE 7](#)

FESL: 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.

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

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/>

Planning Ahead: Enrollment 2025 / 2026

Over the coming months, Caulfeild iDEC teachers will configure students into classes for the 2025-2026 school year. [THIS FORM](#) is an opportunity for parents to share information they feel should be considered when placing their child for the next school year. This form is optional.

The class placement process is very complex as teachers consider the individual needs of students as well as group dynamics. When placing students, school personnel consider teachers' observations of individual needs and social dynamics, input from support staff, class size and composition (learning and behavior needs, gender), and learning styles. Parent feedback is valued and will be considered, but it is important for families to know that there are many other factors that affect the placement of students and teachers' observations drive placement decisions. The last day to submit the form is May 20th, 2025.

As families and children come to our community, it is our responsibility to provide space for them at school. This means that many divisions will move to being multi-age classrooms in 2025/2026. Caulfeild teachers are experienced teaching in multi-age classrooms, it is part of our heritage, and our collaborative structures and schedules make us uniquely positioned to do it very well. Research also shows that there are significant, positive effects on student achievement with multi age classrooms. For your information, class configurations are typically finalized in the first week of September. To learn more about multi age classrooms in West Vancouver Schools, click [HERE](#).

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.

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](#).

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!

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



SPRING FUNDRAISER - TICKETS ON SALE

Thank you to everyone who joined us last year. We raised over \$16,000 thanks to your incredible support!

Let's make this year even bigger.

We're back with **Beers, Bites & Bowls** at the West Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club on **Saturday, June 14th**. Join us for an evening of school spirit, friendly competition, and community fun.

Bowling is optional, but with local craft beer, delicious bites, and a silent auction that promises to top last year's, you won't want to miss it. [Get Your Early Bird Ticket Today](#)

STAFF APPRECIATION DAY - WEDNESDAY, MAY 28th

The Caulfeild Staff make our school an amazing learning environment for our kids. To show our deep appreciation, the PAC hosts an annual **Staff Appreciation Day**. We treat the entire staff to light morning refreshments, a catered lunch, and gifts. We rely on parent donations and volunteer time to make it a fun and successful day.

This year, **Staff Appreciation Day** will take place on **Wednesday, May 28th**. In order for all our Staff to enjoy the event, we need your help with the following:

- Donations of wine bottles and gift cards (\$25 each)
- Volunteers (4 each shift) to cover recess monitor duties, morning (10 to 10:45 am) and lunch (12 to 1:15 pm)
- Volunteers (3 each shift) on Wednesday, May 28th (half or full day commitment is appreciated)
- Cash donations (please e-transfer to desiree_drewitt@yahoo.com)

Please review the donation and volunteer times, and sign up [HERE](#).

As the PAC did last year, we will purchase the morning refreshments, lunch, and dessert. To keep preparations and the day manageable, cash donations contribute toward the lunch, fresh flowers, decorations, and other details to make this day special.

Thank you, and please reach out to Desiree Drewitt, desiree_drewitt@yahoo.com, with any questions.



Bear Wear Sale - OPEN NOW!

Show your Caulfeild spirit with Bear Wear on Bear Wear Fridays, at school sporting and other events throughout the year.

Be ready for the next year and order online a t-shirt or a hoodie for your child (and yourself:) before May 30th. Pick up your Bear Wear from school either at the end of June or in early September 2025.

Order HERE:

<https://oddballworkshop.com/pages/team/caulfeild-elementary-school>

Password for ordering: Caulfeild2024

Connect with Us

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

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

Email: capac@wvschools.ca

WV Community Events

Community connections - ongoing registration

May 10	West Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club OPEN HOUSE <small>Registration information</small>
ongoing	West Vancouver Rec Centre <small>Volunteer details</small>
ongoing	West Vancouver Otters Swimming <small>Registration information</small>
ongoing	West Vancouver Memorial Library <small>Information</small>
ongoing	West Vancouver Soccer <small>Registration information</small>
ongoing	West Vancouver Little League <small>Registration information</small>
ongoing	West Vancouver Field Hockey <small>Registration information</small>

Summer offerings

July 6 - August	West Vancouver Basketball Club Summer Camps - <small>information and registration</small>
July 6 - August	West Vancouver Rec Centre <small>All Activities: Recreation, Learning, Outdoor & Sports Centre</small>
July 6 - August	Ultimate Frisbee <small>information and registration</small>
July 6 - August	Sports Week <small>information and registration</small>

WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS COPS FOR CANCER TOONIE DRIVE

In September, West Vancouver Police Constables Alexandra Harriman & Jerid McCuaig will join 35 other officers & 1st Responders from our region in the 2025 Tour de Coast. The Tour is an epic 8-day bicycle ride across the Lower Mainland, Sunshine Coast and Sea to Sky Corridor, fundraising for children facing a journey with Cancer.

All West Vancouver Elementary Schools are conducting a Toonie Drive May 5th – 16th, 2024, to raise funds in support of Cops for Cancer.

Funds raised directly support Pediatric Cancer research and family care programs, including Camp Good Times in Maple Ridge! Check with your elementary school office for the Toonie Jar & help us support children and families facing Childhood Cancers!

PLEASE DONATE!
May 5th - 16th, 2025

WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
The premier place for learning

MORE INFORMATION
<https://www.facebook.com/WVPDFightsCancer/>
Ret. Cst. Jciff Palmer 604-925-7300

Click [HERE](#) to access the links

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

Youth Department

Click [Here](#) for more information

SOUNDS OF SPRING

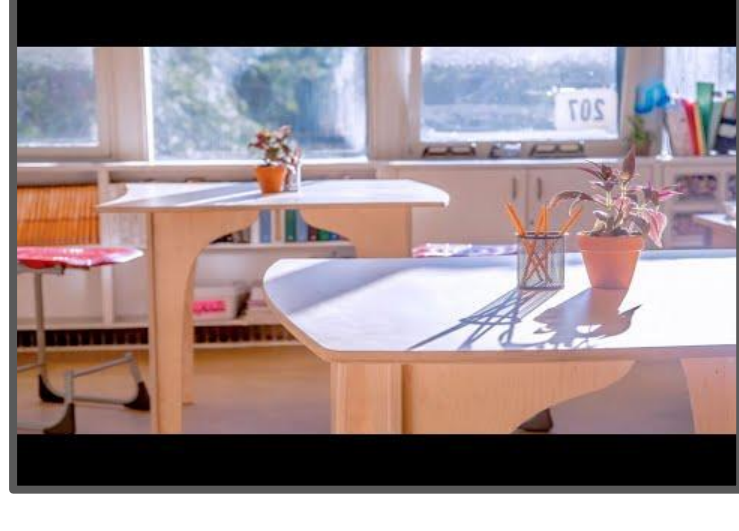
6:30PM
THURSDAY, JUNE 5
ROCKRIDGE GYM
ADMISSION BY DONATION

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



/westvancouver.schools

@westvanschools

@westvancouver.schools

Connect with Caulfeild iDEC

School Website: [Caulfeild iDEC Elementary](#)

Phone: 604 981-1200

Email: Caulfeild@wvschools.ca

Twitter and Instagram: @caulfeildschool