

Thursday May 22, 2025 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

May 23	Fri	North Shore Celtic Society Afternoon Assembly
May 26	Mon	Lacrosse Week starts
May 28	Wed	Staff Appreciation Lunch Grade 6 & Field Meet at Westcot
May 29	Thurs	Gr 4 & 5 Field Meet at Westcot
Future Dates to Note		
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
June 13	Fri	Volunteer Tea & Sports Day
June 17	Tues	Variety Show 10:40 start
June 19	Thurs	Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony (10:30), Parent Refreshments (12:00 - 1:00) and Grade 7 Dance (1:00-2:30)
June 20	Fri	Canoe Trip - Gr 7 students

2024-2025 iDEC School Calendar

Learning at iDEC

Hello Families,

A big thank you to all the families who participated in the **Emergency Student Release**. We know it took time and required patience, but these drills are essential. Practicing the release process helps us identify any gaps and ensures that, in a real emergency, we can reunite students with their families quickly and safely. Your cooperation makes a big difference in keeping our school community safe.

This is a reminder to all of our FIELD participants that meets are scheduled for next week. **Wednesday, May 28th 3:30 – 5:00 pm at Westcot Elementary for Grade 6/7 competitors and Thursday, May 29th 3:30 to 5:00 pm at Westcot Elementary for Grade 4/5 competitors.** For all students attending, please read the information in this [LINK](#) for details regarding parking and other details. If you would like to help volunteer at either of the meets, please contact Ms. McLeod at rmcleod@wvschools.ca.

Thursday, June 5th is the **District Track Day** at Terry Fox Field, Simon Fraser University from 9:00 - 3:00. **We Need Volunteers!** Every school is required to send a minimum of four parent volunteers to ensure that the event can run. Please email me at nblackburn@wvschools.ca today if you can volunteer to support the event. Travel to and from school will be provided.

The **lost and found** is filling up again. Please take a moment to check for any missing items. Everything left at the end of May will be donated to a North Shore charity. **CPAC** does so much for the school, so please take a moment to read more about staff appreciation and year end social efforts on page 2. Your support means a lot, and truly makes a difference in the lives of your kids.

Nathan



Goodbye and Good luck, Ms. Salmon!

As the school year comes to a close, I wanted to let you know that I will be returning home to Ireland at the end of June and will not be continuing as Music Teacher at Caulfeild for the 2025/26 school year.

Thank you for the kindness and support you've shown over the past two years. Caulfeild has truly felt like a home away from home and I feel very fortunate to have been part of such a caring and engaged school community. It has been a pleasure to see the music program grow. Students have embraced singing, dancing, learning instruments and performing in memorable events such as the winter concerts and *The Wizard of Oz*. Watching their confidence and love of music develop has been incredibly rewarding and I hope these experiences stay with them for years to come.

To all of my students, thank you for your energy, creativity and enthusiasm. It has been an honour to be your music teacher and I will miss you all.

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](#)

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.

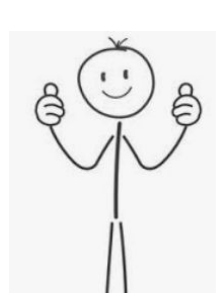
Students are expected to use personal digital devices only with the explicit permission of a teacher or administrator, ensuring their use is intentional and supports learning.

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.

CPAC Announcements

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



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: *THANK YOU!*

Thanks to your generous donations and time commitments, CPAC is all set to host another successful **Staff Appreciation Day** on May 28th. Please remember to bring your items to school by Monday, May 26th.

Please note: We will try to use all of the donated cash to make the day extra special for our staff. Any leftover cash will go to CPAC to support our school.

Connect with Us

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

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

Email: capac@wvschools.ca

WV Community Events

As part of a new series on digital citizenship, we will be sharing best practices for parents/caregivers on popular social media platforms. First up: **Snapchat**.

Check the resource below to learn how to help your child stay safe and informed online.

Parent's Guide to Snapchat

General Information

Snapchat is a social media app where people share photos, videos and messages. It also has a location feature and now has AI built in.

13 Snapchat's own policy states that users must be 13 or older. For a person who is younger than 13 to create a Snapchat account, they have LIED about their age.

Unfortunately, students as young as 10 and 11 years have gotten caught up in cyber-bullying and exploitation on Snapchat

Disappearing Snaps

Messages and images (snaps) get deleted after being viewed (or 24 hours after being sent). But there are ways people can screen shot snaps and continue to share around the world.

"Friends"

People you connect with on Snapchat are called "friends" but the app itself will push you to connect with people you do not know. This is not safe.

Did You Know?

In Canada, cyberbullying and child pornography can be criminal offenses. If your child participates in either of these, while using Snapchat (or other social media), you, as the parent, can be held liable for what they have done, and be prosecuted by law.

Snapchat at School

West Vancouver Schools DOES NOT allow students to access SnapChat while using school wifi.

If your child is under 13

- They SHOULD NOT be using Snapchat
- As soon as they enter school grounds, their phone should be put away and not brought out again until they leave school grounds
- Consider holding off on getting them a phone as long as possible and if you do get them a phone, make sure you rules and guidelines over its use.

Did you know?

- Snapchat has gamified many of its features, in order to appeal to younger users. Snapstreaks and snapscore are two ways to keep kids interested in the app.
- Snapchat is used by drug dealers and sexual predators as a way to "friend" and then access young people.
- Snapmap allows people to show others exactly where they are. This can be dangerous.
- The "Discover" section of Snapchat can expose students to inappropriate content.

If your child has Snapchat

- Make sure they are old enough to be on it - remember, at least 13!!
- Make sure you are one of their "friends" and monitor their account
- Talk to them about their Snapchat use on a regular basis
- Make sure they know how to block and report users and content
- Familiarize yourself with all of the settings and features then talk to your child about safety and your family values and rules
- Remember, YOU are the adult! If your child is not using their phone safely, you can take it away or shut off their data.

Community connections - ongoing registration

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



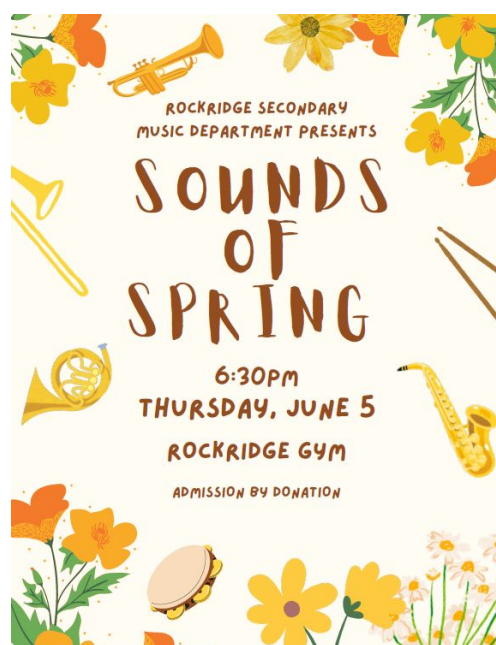
Summer offerings

July & August	West Vancouver Basketball Club Summer Camps - information and registration
July & August	West Vancouver Rec Centre Arts Exploration, Gymnastics, Learning, Outdoor & Sports Camps
July & August	Ultimate Frisbee information and registration
July & August	Sports Week information and registration
July & August	Ocean Ambassadors information and registration
July & August	West Vancouver Otters information and registration

Click [HERE](#) to access the links



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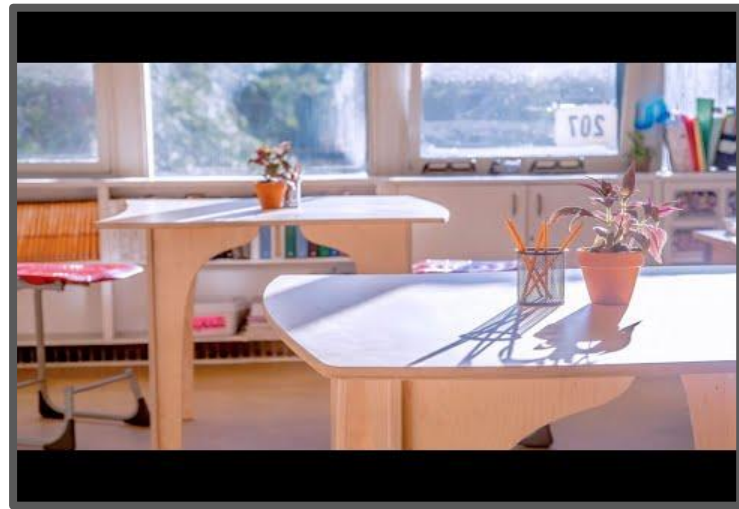


Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools

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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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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