

## Thursday, May 8 2025 E-Bulletin

### Bear Calendar

<b>May 9</b>	<b>Fri</b>	Bear Wear Fridays Kindergarten Vision Screening
<b>May 12</b>	<b>Mon</b>	KM Club, 7:50 am Salmon Release at Brothers Creek (Divs 11 and 13)
<b>May 13</b>	<b>Tues</b>	Salmon Release at Brothers Creek (Divs 12 and 14)
<b>May 14</b>	<b>Wed</b>	KM Club, 7:50 am Gauss Math Test Hearing Screening - follow up for Kindie classes at 1:00
<b>May 15</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	Welcome to K (afternoon) Gr.7 Parent Information on Camp Elphinstone - 2:00 pm Gauss Math Competition Date Cyber Safety Presentation - intermediate students
<b>May 16</b>	<b>Fri</b>	Pro-D Day - <b>no school in session</b>
<b>Future Dates to Note</b>		
<b>May 19</b>	<b>Mon</b>	Victoria Day - <b>no school in session</b>
<b>May 20</b>	<b>Tues</b>	School Panorama Photo
<b>May 22</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	Student Release Drill - starting at 1:15 pm
<b>May 23</b>	<b>Fri</b>	North Shore Celtic Society Afternoon Assembly
<b>May 26 - 30</b>	<b>M - F</b>	Lacrosse Week

### 2024-2025 iDEC School Calendar

## Learning at iDEC

Hello Families,

A big thank you to CPAC and all of our amazing parent volunteers for organizing the fantastic **DJ Dance Party** last night! It was a fun-filled evening that brought our community together, and we truly appreciate all the time and energy that went into making it a success.

Congratulations to Mrs. Smith and the **Reading Link Challenge** winners! The Caulfeild iDEC Grade 5 team “the B.E.A.R.S” won the district championship on Wednesday, bringing the trophy back to Caulfeild!

As a partnership between first responders and the Canadian Cancer Society, **Cops for Cancer** has raised millions of dollars to fund life-saving pediatric cancer research and support children with cancer and their families. Donate today in the school office.

We have an exciting and eventful week ahead! On May 12, students in Divisions 11 and 13 will participate in a **Salmon Release** at Brothers Creek in the afternoon. On May 13, students in Divisions 12 and 14 will have their Salmon Release, also at Brothers Creek in the afternoon.

May 15 is a busy day! We will host **Online Safety and Digital Citizenship Presentations** with the West Vancouver Police Department for Divisions 6 through 1. In the afternoon, we are excited to host our **Welcome to Kindergarten** event, and later that day at 2:00 PM, parents of Grade 7 students are invited to a **Grade 7 Camp Elphinstone Information Session** in the Learning Commons. Please check out our **Lost and Found**. It's overflowing.

We look forward to a great week of learning and community connection.

Nathan



### Leadership Update: A New Chapter for Caulfeild and Ms. Mcleod

It is with a mix of sadness and gratitude that I share the news of my departure from Caulfeild iDEC. This September, I will be moving to Cypress Park Primary School as Vice-Principal. I feel incredibly fortunate to have been part of such a vibrant and caring school community. It has been a privilege to connect with our learners and families and to witness the determination, kindness, and thoughtfulness that define our school and help us Be the Bear. My time here has been truly meaningful and memorable, and I hope to still see many of you in the community.

Beginning next school year, Caulfeild will welcome Chris Parslow as Vice-Principal. Mr. Parslow is currently a Vice-Principal at Chartwell Elementary, and will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience for Caulfeild. I am excited to follow along with your future learning endeavours.



## 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](mailto: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!

## 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](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.



## Caulfeild PAC

### CPAC Announcements



#### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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>

#### 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/>

### Community connections - ongoing registration

May 10	West Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club OPEN HOUSE <a href="#">Registration information</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>

### Summer offerings

July 5 - August	West Vancouver Basketball Club Summer Camps - information and registration
July 5 - August	West Vancouver Rec Centre <a href="#">All Registration Activities Learning Outdoor &amp; Sports Camps</a>

Click [HERE](#) to access the links

## 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, 2025, 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**

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

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



Click [Here](#) for more information



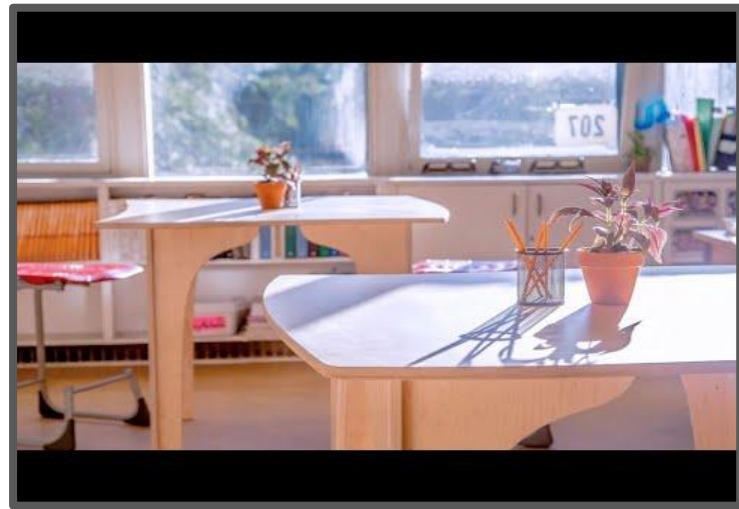
Reminder to get your vaccinations updated. Measles is on the rise globally and pertussis (whooping cough) is making a comeback locally. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

### 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



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#### Connect with Caulfeild iDEC

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