

Thursday September 25, 2025 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

Sept 26	Fri	Professional Day - Students not in Session
Sept 29	Mon	Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30	Tues	Truth & Reconciliation Day - school closed
Oct 1	Wed	
Oct 2	Thurs	
Oct 3	Fri	World Teachers Day Bear Wear Friday
Future Dates to Note		
October 6	Mon	WV Fire Department Presentation to Gr 4 & 5 Classes
October 7	Tues	Cross Country Meet #3
October 8	Wed	Parent Teacher Conference - 12:50 early dismissal
October 9	Thurs	Parent Teacher Conference - 12:50 early dismissal
October 10	Fri	Terry Fox Run in the afternoon - Make a donation now
October 13	Mon	Thanksgiving - school closed
October 14-16	Tue-Th	"Friends of the Library" Used Book Sale (3 days)
October 20	Mon	Grade 6 & Kindie Immunization Clinic
October 21	Tues	Photo Retake Day & Volleyball Game #1

[2025-2026 IDEC School Calendar](#)

Learning at IDEC

Hello Families,

Parent Teacher Conferences are on **Wednesday, October 8th** and **Thursday, October 9th**. Dismissal on both days will be at **12:50 pm**. Please read below for information about how to sign up.

Orange Shirt Day at Caulfeild IDEC is on **Monday, September 29th**. Students are invited to wear an orange shirt in recognition of the day. They will learn, in an age-appropriate way, about the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and reflect on what "Every Child Matters" means to them through a shared art project. Please note that **Tuesday, September 30th** is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and there will be no school.

We also had our first **Caught Being the Bear** draw of the year this week! On the last Wednesday of each month, students who have been nominated, or "caught" demonstrating one of our 10 Bear Traits by a staff member or a peer, can have their name entered into a draw to be recognized school-wide and win a prize. This month, we congratulate:

- **Harrison (Div. 10)** for being an *Upstander*
- **Charlotte (Div. 9)** for being *Inclusive*
- **Elay (Div. 8)** for being *Supportive*
- **Chengru (Div. 8)** also for being *Supportive*
- **Mr. K** is our staff winner, nominated for being *Tenacious!*

-Nathan



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, September 30th 2025

On September 30th, Canada observes the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a federal holiday to honour survivors of residential schools, their families, and communities. This day is an opportunity to reflect on our shared history and the importance of reconciliation.

Students are invited to wear **orange** on **Monday, September 29th** as part of *Orange Shirt Day*, which recognizes the experiences of Indigenous children and affirms that *Every Child Matters*. There will be **no school on Tuesday, September 30th** in recognition of the holiday.

Parent Teacher Interviews - Oct 8th & 9th

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up! The conferences will be in-person, or virtual on request. We are providing an online appointment booking system through School Interviews. Please follow the instructions below to book your interview time. Once you have booked your appointment you will receive a confirmation email. If you requested a virtual meeting, click 'Virtual' and let your child's teacher know via email, so they can send you a TEAMS link to join your virtual appointment the day before your conference.

Use this booking [Link](#) to book your interviews

If you are prompted for an event code, enter: **4twv4**

- Enter your information (parent email, parent name, phone number and student name)
- Here you can indicate the number of students that you need to book for,
- Click on GO
- Choose your child's teacher
- Choose the date and time that works best for you from the options provided.
- Conferences are 10 minutes long. Please note the early dismissal times at 12:50 pm for October 8th & 9th

Foundational Skills Assessment

In October, students in **Grades 4 and 7** will complete the provincial Foundational Skills Assessments. These assessments help track student learning in literacy and numeracy across British Columbia. If families are interested, students can try sample questions here: [FSA Samples & Student Response Booklets](#). A letter from Superintendent Kennedy will be sent home with students next week which includes more details.

If you have any questions or concerns about the FSAs, please reach out to your child's teacher or Mr. Blackburn at nblackburn@wvschools.ca

What is IDEC

One of the first questions new families ask me, is "What is IDEC"? At Caulfeild Elementary, **IDEC** stands for *Inquiry-based Digitally Enhanced Community*. It is the foundation of our teaching and learning, designed to embed the BC Curriculum through inquiry and design thinking while developing the Core Competencies—communication, creative and critical thinking, personal and social responsibility, and cultural awareness.

Learning at IDEC is continuous and connected. Our *Program of Inquiry* builds inquiry skills from Kindergarten through Grade 7, with teachers collaborating on units that are meaningful, relevant, and engaging. Students are encouraged to ask questions, explore deeply, and reflect on their learning.

Digital tools play a key role. With school iPads in the primary grades and laptops in the intermediate years, students use platforms like Google Classroom, ViewBoards and other apps to support literacy, numeracy, and inquiry projects. The goal is to help learners shift from being consumers of technology to becoming thoughtful and ethical creators.

Our spaces are also designed with learning in mind. Classrooms include a variety of micro-environments that allow students to choose where they learn best. Natural, calming materials are used to create welcoming and purposeful spaces.

Each Wednesday, students are dismissed at 2:00 for home-based independent learning, our "Wednesday Wonders" giving teachers valuable time to collaborate and plan. This ensures a consistent, thoughtful approach to inquiry across the school.

IDEC is more than a program—it's a way of preparing students to thrive in a changing world.

Personal Digital Devices in Schools

On January 26th, 2024, the Province announced three significant actions to enhance the safety and well-being of students in relation to digital technology, including the introduction of restrictions on the use of personal digital devices in schools (this would apply to cell phones, laptops, tablets, smartwatches, etc.). These updated policies will continue to be in place for the 25-26 school year.

Elementary Schools: Personal digital device expectations will be in effect throughout the full school day, including before school, after school, and during break times.

We ask parents and guardians to support these guidelines by minimizing calls and texts to their children during school hours. It is important for students to remain focused and engaged in their learning without the expectation of responding immediately to messages. We also encourage families to start thinking about how they can support these new expectations to ensure a smooth transition for everyone.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation as we work together to create a safe and productive learning environment for our students.

Tennis Court Renewal

The District of West Vancouver is currently working on a renewal project on the tennis and basketball courts located in our Lower Forest. During this project, students will not have access to parts of the the Lower Forest or the courts. Fencing has been installed to secure the area. While this will be a lengthy process, the completed upgrades will provide lasting benefits for Caulfeild IDEC students and the community.

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, 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.
- Grade 6/7 Pickup (Drivers): 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 before sending children to school. 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. 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.

Optional Accident Insurance for Families

West Vancouver Schools reminds families each year that personal injury or accident costs are not covered by the district or its insurance provider. To help protect against expenses from accidental injury, unexpected medical costs, or critical illness, families have the option to purchase voluntary accident insurance plans. A variety of providers offer different levels of coverage, so families are encouraged to review their options carefully and choose a plan that best meets their needs.

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

[Hot Lunch Now open for orders](#)

Did you know, profits from our hot lunch program go towards our school's fundraising. It's true! Your child can enjoy a hot lunch while fundraising for school programs!

Place an order [here](#)

Note: All orders/changes require 8 days to be processed.

New to the school? Set up an account here: [Munch and lunch account set up](#)

2025/2026 Venders:

- Panago Pizza
- WellFed Catering
- Subway
- Foodie Kids
- Donair Dude

If you need help, please email Carrie Johnson at cmalysh@gmail.com

[After School Programs - you can still register!](#)

[Reminder](#)

After-school programs will start next week of September 15th. You can register your child/children via the registration links below. Here's the fall lineup including 2 NEW programs:

[Register here:](#)

This term we are excited to offer:

MONDAY	Chess Club (Grade 1-7) Basketball (Grade 2-4)
TUESDAY	Lights Up Musical Theatre (Kindergarten-7)
WEDNESDAY	Multi-Sport (Grade 1-4) Coding with Python (Grade 4-6)
THURSDAY	Farsi Class (Grade 1-5) Art Mania (K-7)
FRIDAY	West Vancouver Little League Academy (Grade 1-4)



[Bear shop now open](#)

The Bear wear store is now open for orders until September 30, 2025.

[Order here](#)

Orders will be ready to ship by the last week of October.

Special Reminder - PAC fundraiser will begin soon! Details will be posted shortly.


[Connect with Us](#)

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


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

Email: capac@wvschools.ca

WV Community Events



Parent's Guide to Discord



General Information

Discord is a communication platform that allows users to interact via text, voice and video. It was initially used by gamers but now has spread to many other groups.

13 Discord's own policy states that users must be 13 or older. For a person who is younger than 13 to create a Discord account, they have LIED about their age. Unfortunately, students as young as 10 and 11 years have gotten caught up in cyber-bullying and inappropriate activities on Discord.

Public & Private Spaces

Discord has PUBLIC spaces (servers) that are available to all. Anything your child posts there can be seen by anyone. PRIVATE spaces are by invitation only.

Livestream

Users can stream live video of themselves on Discord, for others to watch. Whether they are on a PRIVATE or PUBLIC server, this could expose them to people they don't know. By watching other people's livestreams, they could be exposed to information that is inappropriate, violent or sexual in nature.

Did You Know?

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

Discord at School

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

If your child is under 13

- They SHOULD NOT be using Discord.
- 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 establish rules and guidelines over its use.

Did you know?

- DM refers to a private discussion with a certain person on Discord.
- GDM refers to a group messaging situation of up to 10 invited people. Be aware that because of the limit, users can end up feeling left out if they are outside of the 10.
- Through Discord, students can end up being exposed to inappropriate content, cyberbullying and unknown contacts.
- Gamers still make up the lions share of Discord participants. Online gaming is one of the main ways predators groom their victims.

If your child has Discord

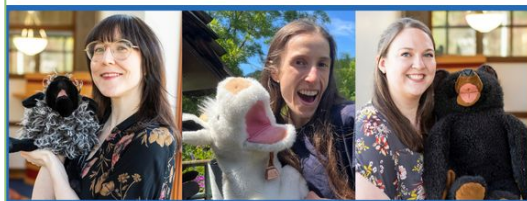
- Make sure they are old enough to be on it - remember, at least 13!!
- Users are able to BLOCK and REPORT other users who are not following community guidelines. Make sure your child knows how to do this.
- Talk to them about their Discord use on a regular basis - find out what they're doing and who they are communicating with.
- Familiarize yourself with all of the safety settings and features then talk to your child about online safety and your family values and rules.
- Remember, YOU are the adult! If your child is not using Discord safely, you can shut off their data or wifi.

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



Click [HERE](#) to access the links



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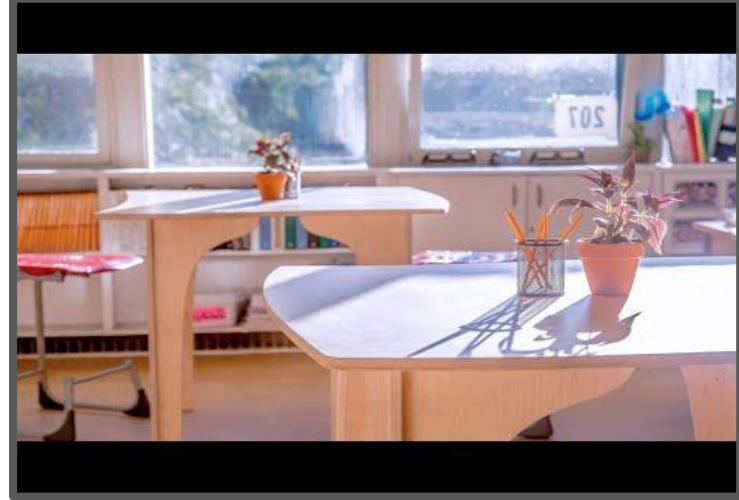
Click [Here](#) for more information

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.

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