

Thursday September 4, 2025 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

Sept 5	Fri	Bear Wear Friday!
Sept 8	Mon	
Sept 9	Tues	
Sept 10	Wed	Dismissal at 2:00 pm
Sept 11	Thurs	
Sept 12	Fri	Bear Wear Friday!
Future Dates to Note		
September 16	Tues	#1 Cross Country Meet
September 18	Thurs	Welcome Back BBQ (5:30 - 7:00 pm)
September 23	Tues	#2 Cross Country Meet
September 24	Wed	Caught Being the Bear Draw
September 25	Thurs	Student Photos
September 26	Fri	Professional Development Day - no school in session
September 29	Mon	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	Tues	Truth & Reconciliation Day - no school in session

[2025-2026 iDEC School Calendar](#)

Learning at iDEC

Hello Families,

Welcome back, and welcome to our new families! I hope you and your children had a restful and joyful summer. As we begin a new school year, we are excited to continue fostering a community where our students can grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

At Caulfeild iDEC, we pride ourselves on our **Bear Traits**—being respectful, reflective, inclusive, curious, vulnerable, courageous, supportive, upstanding, tenacious, and creative. These traits guide everything we do, and we look forward to seeing our students live them out in their learning and interactions each day.

This year promises to be full of exciting learning opportunities, engaging projects, and meaningful connections. We can't wait to see the ways our students will shine and grow as thoughtful, resilient, and compassionate members of our community.



Tomorrow, students will learn about their new classmates and teachers. This can be both an exciting and challenging day for some. This weekend, remember to keep the conversation at home focused on all the exciting possibilities for the year ahead. No matter their placement, your children's teachers and I will work hard every day to make sure they feel safe, welcome, engaged with their learning, and excited to come to school. Please read more about our Class Placement and Grade Configuration process below.

Have you returned your verification forms and have you filled out the Policies and Procedures form (Technology, Google Classroom, Community walking trips, etc.)? See the link below for more information.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children's learning journey. Here's to a wonderful and inspiring year ahead!

-Nathan

Staff Announcements

Our staff continues to grow! I would like to welcome some new teachers to the iDEC Community.

Chloe McCallion has joined our intermediate team after several years of teaching at Stratford Hall School in Vancouver. Chloe is excited to join the team and put her experience to good use at iDEC.

Chris Gemmell is a long time English Language Learning teacher in West Vancouver Schools. Chris has worked at Eagle Harbour and Cypress Park most recently, and will join our ELL team on Wednesday Mornings.

Kayla Hammill will be returning to us this year in a new position. She will teach Digital Design, some primary Physical Education as well as be a partner for our Vice Principal Chris Parslow on Thursdays.

Andrea Smith is also returning to Caulfeild five days a week this year. She will run our Learning Commons on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and partner with Mr. Muthana on Mondays and Ms. Dunbar on Fridays.

The search for an incredible Music and Band teacher continues. As soon as I have found a great teacher, I'll share with our community.

Class Placement and Grade Configuration

At Caulfeild iDEC, our goal is to create balanced, supportive learning environments where every child can thrive. When organizing classes, we carefully consider a wide range of factors, including:

- Teacher recommendations
- Academic needs and learning styles
- Social and emotional considerations
- Gender balance
- Peer relationships (both positive and challenging)
- Distribution of English Language Learners (ELL)
- Student leadership opportunities
- Parent input

Next year, many classes will be **multi-age groupings**. This approach helps us respond to the changing demographics in our neighborhood and school district while ensuring there is space for all learners. Multi age/combined configurations are done with great care, and are very common across West Vancouver, the province, and country. Research shows that multi-age classrooms can have significant positive impacts on student achievement, and our staff are highly experienced in this model.

Our teachers have put considerable thought and effort into making the best educational decisions for class organization and student placement. Parents and students had the opportunity to provide input in the spring of 2025, and we have done our best to honour that input wherever possible.

Because of the care involved in creating classes and the cascading effects that can occur when changes are made, **class placements are final**. We thank you for your understanding and support as we work together to provide the best possible learning experience for all students

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.

- **Teacher 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.

SCHOOL START UP - please complete your [online form](#) and review the student form that will be sent home to you next week. This form will need to be returned to the office by September 19th!

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.



School Supplies for September 2025



[KINDERGARTEN](#)

[GRADE 1 & 2](#)

[GRADE 3](#)

[GRADE 4](#)

[GRADE 5](#)

[GRADE 6](#)

[GRADE 7](#)



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

[Caulfeild PAC Welcome back Tea](#)

We would like to thank everyone who came by, said hello, had some coffee, treats and signed up to volunteer. It was so good to chat with new and returning families. We truly appreciate your support.



[Room Parents needed](#)

We need Room Parents for Grades Kindergarten, 4, 6 and 7. Room Parents liaison between the teacher and the parents. It is a great opportunity to get to know your child's teacher, classmates and parents.

If you are interested please contact us at capac@wvschools.ca

[Looking for Hot Lunch volunteers](#)

We run Hot Lunch 5 days a week, hoping to start September 22nd. We have a variety of vendors to choose from. Our Hot Lunch program is one of our major school Fundraisers. We are looking for volunteers to bring the Hot Lunches to the class rooms from 12-1pm. Tuesday volunteers needed especially.

[After School Programs](#)

Welcome back to school to all our Caulfeild bears!

We are pleased to announce that our after-school programs will start this 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 Wear Sale](#)

Bear Wear Sales will open soon - we will post more information next week.

WELCOME OUR 2025-2026 CPAC Exec Team

Co-Chairs: Julia Masuda & Jacky Ng
Treasurer: Justine Lin
Secretary: Tori McDonald
DPAC Rep: Ashim Saha
Members-at-Large: Stephanie Dixon, Katie Glinski

Program Coordinators:

Hot Lunch: Carrie Johnson & Viviane Mendes MaKaron
After School Programs: Stephanie Dixon
Room Parents: Tori McDonald
Bear Wear: Jenny Chung

[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

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

DPAC *parent evening with* Dr. Graeme Mitchell

Harnessing Hope: Reframing How Our Children See the World

Join us for an evening with Dr. Graeme Mitchell—award-winning educator and global speaker—who is transforming how we raise and teach the next generation.

In his keynote, Harnessing Hope, Dr. Mitchell explores how fear-based messages—especially on social media—shape our children's outlook, and how fact-based optimism, storytelling and connection can shift it. Drawing on two decades of classroom experience, he offers parents practical tools to foster confidence, curiosity and hope at home.

Tuesday, September 23

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Location

KAY MEEK THEATRE
1700 MATHERS AVE
WEST VANCOUVER

What You will Gain From This Evening

Understand
Learn how media inputs are shaping your child's mindset and motivation from industry leaders and practical knowledge to the workshop.

Learn
strategies to replace fear with fact and pessimism with possibility.



DPAC

[REGISTER HERE](#)

[Registration Link](#)



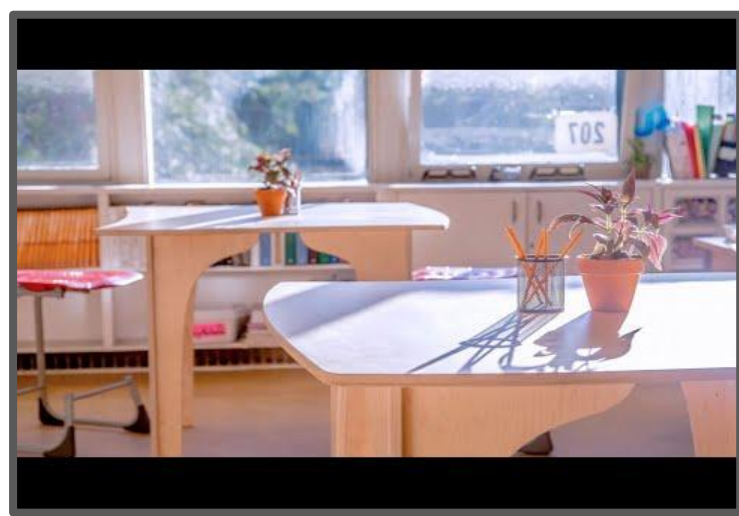
Click [Here](#) for more information

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](#)

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.



[CLICK HERE](#)

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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