

Thursday October 16, 2025 E-Bulletin



Bear Calendar

Oct 17	Fri	Div 12 - Field trip to MONOVA Bear Wear Friday
Oct 20	Mon	Grade 6 & Kindie Immunization Clinic
Oct 21	Tues	Photo Retake Day & Volleyball Game #1
Oct 22	Wed	Div 14 Field Trip to MONOVA
Oct 23	Thurs	Pumpkin Patch
Oct 24	Fri	Pro D day - school is not in session
Future Dates to Note		
October 28	Tue	Volleyball Game #2
October 31	Fri	Halloween Parade & CPAC Mtg in the Learning Commons at 8:40 am
Nov 3 - 7	M-F	Dance Week
November 4	Tues	Volleyball Game #3
November 10	Mon	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 11	Tues	Remembrance Day - school closed
November 18	Tues	Volleyball Game #4
November 24	Mon	Pro D day - school is not in session
December 5	Fri	Santa Sale Term 1 Learning Updates will be posted
December 19	Fri	Last day of classes before the Winter Break

[2025-2026 IDEC School Calendar](#)

Learning at IDEC

Hello Families,

Thanks to all of our runners and families who supported our **Terry Fox Run!** We raised a total of \$527.85, beating our goal of \$500 this year. This week our Grade 6 and 7 students will have a visit with our School Liaison Officer, Cst. Nickolai, to learn about **Cyber Safety** and digital citizenship. Our Grade 4 and 5 classes will be scheduled for their sessions soon.

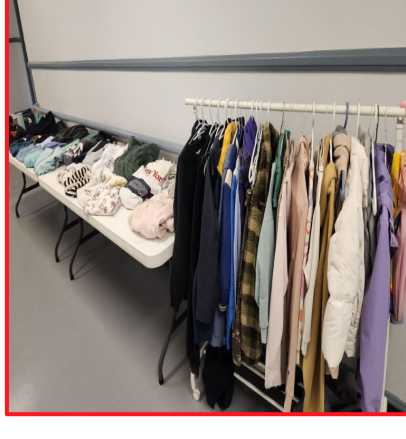
In the coming days and weeks, Divisions 13, 12, and 11 will be visiting the **Museum of North Vancouver**. Our **"Friends of the Library" Book Sale** also took place this week. While we are still finalizing the totals, we want to extend a big thank-you to all of our parent volunteers and donors who supported this initiative. All profits from the sale will go toward purchasing new books for our school library. The sale is open to families after school today (Thursday) from 2:30 - 3:30. Cash only!

Next week, CPAC will host our annual **Pumpkin Patch** event for students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 on Thursday, October 23rd. Please ensure students bring a strong canvas bag to carry their pumpkins home. The following day, Friday, October 24th, is a **Professional Development Day**, and there will be no school in session.

Next week we will host the Kindergarten and Grade 6 Immunization Clinics, Photo Retake Day and the First Boys and Girls Volleyball Games! Boys will play at Caulfeild and Girls at Chartwell. Looking ahead, our Halloween Parade will take place on Thursday, October 31st. See below for more information about school a CPAC events and activities. Please check the **lost and found**. Items left there by Oct 31st will be donated to a local, North Shore charity.

Speaking of CPAC, **a message from our Parent Team:** *Hello everyone! Our annual school fundraiser is officially open, and we could really use your help. We're talking arts and sports programs, field trips for every class, the tech subscriptions and learning apps they use, new music and sports gear, teaching supplies, Chromebooks, and even upgrades to our gym's AV system so assemblies don't sound like we're underwater. [\[Link here\]](#) Honestly, whatever you can give makes a real difference. It all adds up to create those experiences our kids will actually remember*

Nathan



iDEC Halloween Costume Reminders for October 31st

Dressing up for Halloween gives us a chance to have fun and build community together. It is also an opportunity to remind ourselves how we can help everyone feel safe, included, and respected. At Caulfeild, we value all cultures and want every student to feel that they belong. While costumes are meant to be playful, some can unintentionally reinforce stereotypes. Please avoid wearing costumes that do so.

Students are asked to arrive at school in costume that morning. Please bring a change of clothes and a bag, as we will only wear costumes for the morning. Costumes should be elementary school appropriate and comfortable enough for morning activities. Students will change into regular clothes for the afternoon to help keep costumes in good condition for after school events.

Costume Guidelines:

- Replica weapons (such as guns or knives) are not permitted
- Inflatable costumes are fragile and often get damaged during the day, so they are not recommended for school use
- Masks are allowed
- Blood or gore is not appropriate for school
- Keep makeup to a minimum, as costumes will be removed before lunch recess

Thank you for helping make this Halloween a safe and enjoyable day for everyone!



School Safety Assessment at Caulfeild IDEC

On November 14, 2024, Caulfeild Elementary took part in the West Vancouver District's annual **School Safety Assessment Program**, which reviews traffic, pedestrian, and cycling safety around schools. Thank you to parents and community members who share concerns with me throughout the year—I bring these suggestions forward at the review so they can be addressed.

At our school, several items were flagged and are already scheduled for action:

- **Vegetation trimming** along Keith Road to improve visibility.
- **Sidewalk repairs** on Caulfeild Road to remove uneven surfaces.
- **New crosswalk paint** at the roundabout east of Keith Road (in the 2025 program).
- **Pedestrian beacon (RRFB)** request for Caulfeild & Meadfeild, added to the 2025 list.
- **Traffic study** on Caulfeild Drive, which may lead to new speed humps if needed.
- **Bus stops** at Keith & Cherbourg and Caulfeild & Cherbourg were identified as too dark in the winter months. The District is reviewing options to improve lighting.

We'll continue to monitor these items and share updates as they move forward. Please keep sending me (nblackburn@wvschools.ca) your observations, as the safety assessment will occur again this November. Your feedback helps keep our students safe on their way to and from school.



Dress for the Weather

Fall is here and so is the rain (sometimes)! All recess periods will be outside regardless of the weather unless extreme conditions make outdoor play unsafe. Please ensure you send your children to school equipped for outdoor play. With the amazing playgrounds and outdoor spaces we have at IDEC, embracing the natural world is an expectation. Outdoor recreation periods are an important part of a child's physical activity and social time. Please send your children to school equipped with raincoats, hats and boots for rainy days.

Your online gallery from your school photo session

- Please visit this link to access the gallery: <https://vando.imagequix.com/K9L3W9Z>
- Your webcode to access your images was provided on photo day.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- **Your order deadline is: October 16 2025**
- **All orders will be shipped to the school. If you miss the deadline, your order will be shipped with your school's Catch Up Photo Day orders at no extra cost, however this will take 3-5 weeks.**



Missing your login code? No problem! Visit <https://www.mountainwest.ca/support-for-families>. Enter the information required. Your code will be emailed within 1 business day.

Catch Up Photo Day: Did you miss the first photo day or are needing a retake? Retakes are offered for expression, poor posture, or head tilt; not for personal style changes (ie: change of clothing or hair). Please note all glass glare is removed on final prints. If you would like your photo taken, we will be at your school on: **October 21 2025**. [Click Here](#) to sign up. The cutoff to sign up is **October 19 2025**.

[Click Here](#) to find out more about ordering.

Phone: 1.888.644.4494
Email: help@mountainwest.ca

West Vancouver Schools Admissions

Admissions for the 2026/2027 school year began on Wednesday October 15th at 8:00 am for all Kindergarten students and all Grade 1 –12 In-catchment students.

Admissions for Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students opens on at 8:00 am on Thursday, January 15th, 2026. For more information about admissions processes, dates, guidelines, and information, please visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/admissions/> Please carefully read the information regarding documentation procedures before starting the application process.

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.

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

Annual School Fundraiser

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Here's the thing – every dollar you donate goes directly to the stuff that makes school amazing for our kids. We're talking arts and sports programs, field trips for every class, the tech subscriptions and learning apps they use, new music and sports gear, teaching supplies, Chromebooks, and even upgrades to our gym's AV system so assemblies don't sound like we're underwater.

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Thanks for being part of making this happen!

CPAC General Meeting - October 31 8:40am

Please join us for our first in person meeting on Friday, October 31 at 8:40am in the Learning Commons room on the 2nd floor. In addition to hearing updates from the principal and CPAC Exec, you will have a chance to connect with other parents at the beginning of the meeting and observe the Halloween parade at the school. You would not want to miss all the fun!

Primary Pumpkin Patch

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding our traditional pumpkin patch in school for the primary divisions on Thursday **October 23th**. This is a fun filled event for the children and for the parents. If you would like to get involved we are looking for parent volunteers as follows:

Wednesday October 22th we will need a few parent volunteers to help hide the pumpkins in the forest starting at dismissal. Please email Jacky Ng jacky0929@gmail.com if you want to help on this day for setting out pumpkins.

From 8:40 am till 10:30, we will need parent volunteers to help kids hunt for pumpkins. If you are interested, come in costume and meet us in the undercover area after the dropoff. You can bring younger siblings, babies and preschoolers with you.



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 7 days to be processed.

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

2025/2026 Venders:

Panago Pizza

Foodie Kids

WellFed Catering

Donair Dude

Subway

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

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



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DPAC *parent evening with* Dr. Molly Lawlor

Equipping the Whole Child for Life: Helping kids build strong friendships, manage big feelings and bounce back from challenges—using brain science and mindfulness to support learning and growth.

Monday, October 20th

Join us for an evening with Dr. Molly Lawlor—who helps children and teens learn how to understand their feelings, build confidence and form healthy relationships. She is the lead author and Principal Scientific Advisor for MindUP—an evidence-based program that teaches kids how their brains work and gives them tools to manage emotions and thrive in school and life.

[Register Here](#)

What You will Gain From This Evening



Understand

Parents will gain an encouraging new view of adolescence as a time of opportunity and growth, not just stress or risk



Learn

Parents will leave with simple, everyday strategies to help their child handle stress, big emotions, strengthen friendships and feel more ready to learn.

**KAY MEEK THEATRE 6:30 -
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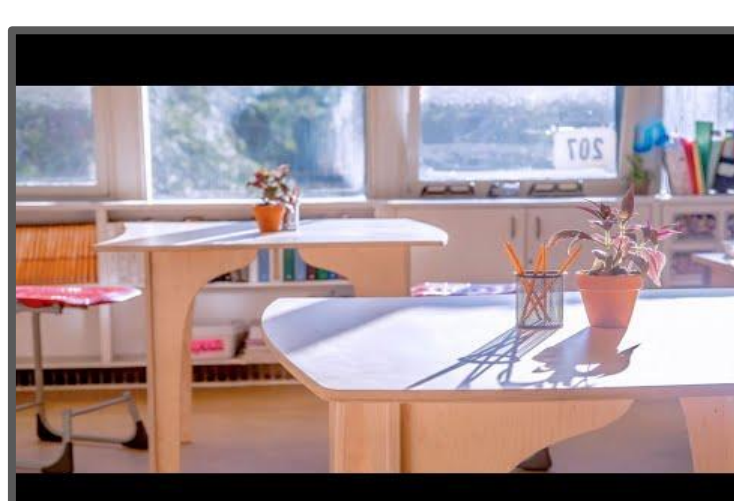


Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools

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/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.

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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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