

Thursday October 2, 2025 E-Bulletin



Bear Calendar

Oct 3	Fri	Bear Wear Friday
Oct 6	Mon	WV Fire Department Presentation to Gr 4 & 5 Classes
Oct 7	Tues	Cross Country Meet #3
Oct 8	Wed	Parent Teacher Conference - 12:50 early dismissal There is no lunch break or Hotlunch delivery on this date
Oct 9	Thurs	Parent Teacher Conference - 12:50 early dismissal There is no lunch break or Hotlunch delivery on this date
Oct 10	Fri	1:15, Terry Fox Run. We need lots of volunteers! Email Mr. Blackburn if you can help at nblackburn@wvschools.ca Bear Wear Friday

Future Dates to Note

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
October 24	Fri	Pro D day - school is not in session
October 28	Tue	Volleyball Game #2
October 31	Fri	Pumpkin Patch (<i>tentative date</i>)
November 4	Tues	Volleyball Game #3
November 10	Mon	Remembrance Day Assembly

2025-2026 IDEC School Calendar

Learning at IDEC

Hello Families,

We are excited to host our annual **Terry Fox Run** on Friday, October 10th at 1:15 p.m. All week, we will be collecting donations for the Terry Fox Foundation. If families would like to donate to the [Terry Fox Foundation](https://www.terryfox.org/), students can drop off donations to the school office, or you can use the optional link on your child's SchoolCash Online profile. Thank you for your support.

We are also looking for **Terry Fox Run parent volunteers!** Our intermediate students will be running through the neighbourhood, and we need parents to help by wearing a safety vest and supporting the run from positions along the route. If you are able to volunteer on Friday, please let me know as I would greatly appreciate your support. We could use 10-12 parents. If you can be here on Friday Oct 10 from 1:00 - 2:00, please email me at nblackburn@wvschools.ca

Parent Teacher Conferences are next week. Conference sign-up is now available (see link below). Please note that **all students will have early dismissal at 12:50 p.m. on both days.**

Monday, we recognized **Orange Shirt Day**, a time to remember and honour Indigenous children and the message that *Every Child Matters*. As a school, students learned about the day in age-appropriate ways and collaborated on a school-wide art piece reflecting this theme.

On Tuesday, we recognized the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a day set aside across Canada to learn, remember, and honour Indigenous peoples. It is an important time for us all to reflect on the truth of residential schools and to take meaningful steps toward reconciliation.

Read below to find out more about the **Foundational Skills Assessment (grade 4 & 7)**, the **Book Drive** and much more!

Nathan



Dress for the Weather

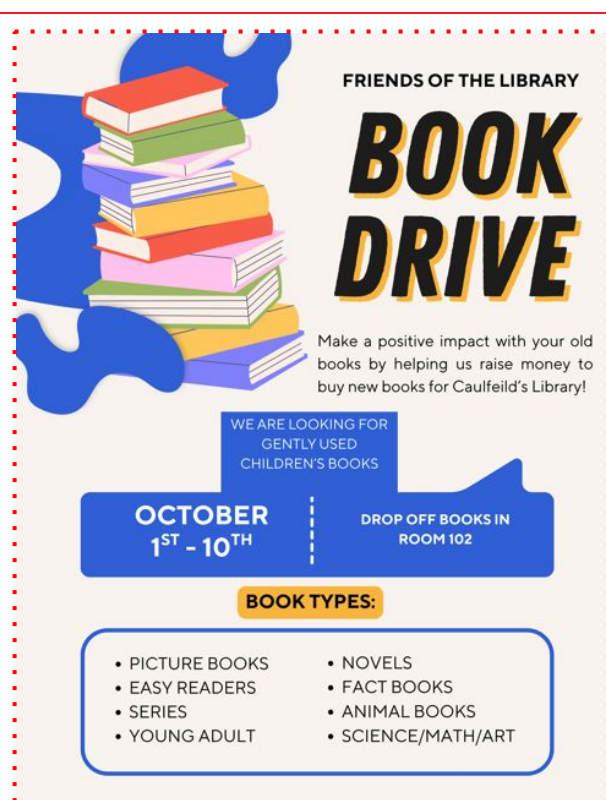
Fall is here and so is the rain (sometimes)! All recess periods will be outside regardless of the weather unless extreme conditions make outdoor play unsafe. Please ensure you send your children to school equipped for outdoor play. With the amazing playgrounds and outdoor spaces we have at IDEC, embracing 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.

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

- Conferences are 10 minutes long. Please note the early dismissal times at 12:50 pm for October 8th & 9th
Bookings will be closed on Oct 7th!



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 was sent home with students this week which includes more details.

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

Your online gallery from your school photo session is now live!

- 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

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.



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

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



K registration for the 26/27 year opens on Wednesday, October 15th, 2025

www.wvschools.ca

Kindergarten Information Session



WELCOME TO YOUR FUTURE

Opportunity awaits!

Parents & Guardians of children entering Kindergarten in September 2026 (children born in 2021) are invited to join us for our K info session.

Please join us for an evening with our school district staff to learn about the Kindergarten registration process and how West Vancouver Schools is committed to excellence—focusing on life skills for an ever-changing world.

This event is for parents and guardians only, please note that **child care will not be available.**

Please Register [HERE](#)

Date: Thursday, October 9th, 2025 6:00–7:00 pm
Location: Kay Meek Studio Theatre,
1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver



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



Youth Department

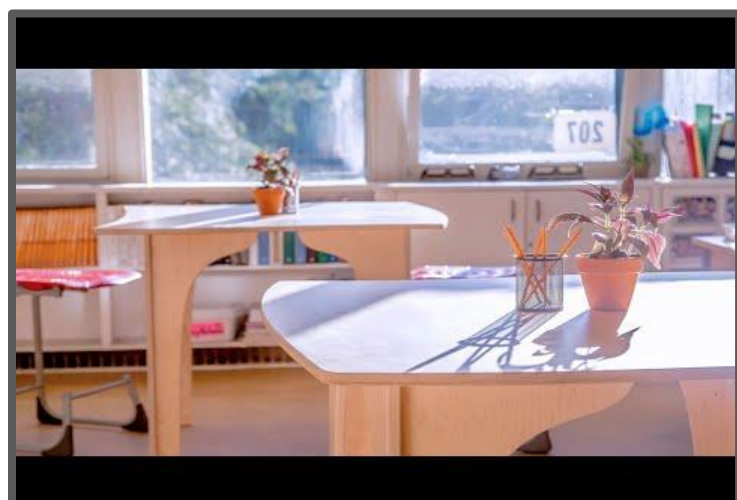
Click [Here](#) for more information

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/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.

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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