

Thursday October 23, 2025 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

Oct 24	Fri	Pro D day - school is not in session
Oct 27	Mon	
Oct 28	Tues	Volleyball Game #2
Oct 29	Wed	Caught Being the Bear Draw
Oct 30	Thurs	
Oct 31	Fri	Halloween Parade & CPAC Mtg in the Learning Commons at 8:40 am
Future Dates to Note		
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
January 6	Mon	First Day of School after the winter break
Jan 12 - 16	M - F	Field Hockey Week

2025-2026 iDEC School Calendar

Learning at iDEC

Hello Families,

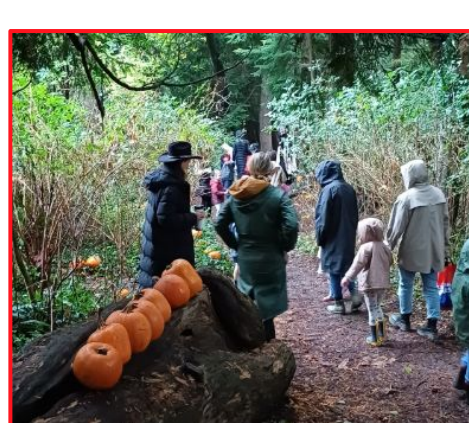
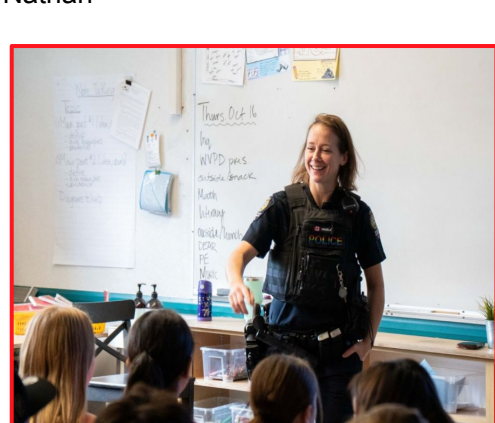
I hope everyone has had a wonderful week. I want to start by thanking our CPAC and parent volunteers who made our **Primary Pumpkin Patch** such a wonderful experience for our students. The excitement about the pumpkins, the witches, and everything that comes with it is quite special.

Our boys and Girls **Volleyball** teams had their first games against Chartwell this week. Congratulations to all of our Bears who played well and thank you to our coaches, Ms. Dunbar, Ms. Lefaux and Mr. Parslow for making it happen.

Every school has a **Framework for Enhancing Student Learning**. I'll be speaking about this more at our upcoming CPAC meeting on October 31st. Our goals this year are about *Resilience*, *Grit*, and *Tenacity*. While teachers work hard to support students in the classroom, we would also like to invite families to come to a parent education evening on Wednesday, December 3rd, supported by CPAC, with Counsellor Sharon Shelby. See below for more details

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to our **Community Fundraiser**. Your support goes a long way. See page two for more information. A reminder that tomorrow is a **Professional Development Day**, and school is not in session.

Nathan



Reminder that School Starts at 8:30 am

We appreciate your best efforts to help Caulfeild have a successful start to each day; however, we are noticing many students are arriving to school late. We strongly encourage students arrive and leave school during their scheduled times. We understand that there are occasional extenuating circumstances that cannot be helped. Please keep in mind that the staff at iDEC want all our learners to have the best possible start to their school day. Schedules and routines are extremely important to a child's development and academic achievement as key concepts and lessons begin at the start of our school day. Thank you for your cooperation in following these procedures as they help minimize classroom disruptions.

Thank you to families who donated books for our **"Friends of the Library" Used Book Sale!** The three-day sale resulted in a total of **\$896** to support the Caulfeild library. These funds will go towards purchasing needed supplies:

Fiction Genre labels

book stands

Book repair supplies (book tape/ glue)

Call number labels, Label protectors

Slatwall shelves

Signage (cardstock)

Book covering laminate

Decoration and furniture

Free Parent Evening: "The Four R's of Resilience"

Registered Clinical Counsellor and Founder of Toddler to Teen® Anxiety Solutions, Sharon Selby is passionate about reducing the high levels of anxiety increasingly impacting children and youth, which led her to be awarded the **2020 Metro Vancouver YWCA Women of Distinction Award for Connecting the Community**. Dedicated to extending her support to as many families as possible, she runs anxiety management groups for children and parents across the Lower Mainland, provides 1:1 counselling, and is the author of three children's books: *Surfing the Worry Imp's Wave*, *The Big Feelings Book for Children*, and *Let's Talk About Anxiety*. Sharon is a sought-out media personality, from print and radio to television and TEDx. She has been counselling children, teens and families for over 27 years and runs a busy private practice at Sharon Selby Counselling in West Vancouver. In addition, she conducts online support groups for parents and has invested countless hours developing free online resources on anxiety and other topics related to highly sensitive children and teens, available through her blog (www.sharonselby.com/blog) and her free e-book: *8 Common Mistakes to Avoid When Your Child Is Anxious*, available at www.sharonselby.com/free.



Where: Caulfeild Learning Commons.

When: Wednesday Dec 3rd, 2025. 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Cost: Free. Sponsored by CPAC

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! 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.

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

Hello everyone! Our annual school fundraiser is officially open, and we could really use your help.

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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Honestly, whatever you can give makes a real difference. It all adds up to create those experiences our kids will actually remember.

Thanks for being part of making this happen!



COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

We thank everyone who has invested in their kids' learning and donated to our annual school fundraiser so far!

WE Need Your Help to reach our Goal



FUNDRAISER GOAL = \$25,000

100% of the funds raised go directly towards PAC projects that enrich the education of the students in our school, such as:

- Field Trips = \$16,000 +/-** (\$1,000 per division)
- Technology = \$13,000 +/-** (replacement and upgrades)
- Teacher Discretionary Funds = \$9,500 +/-** (\$500 per teacher)
- Curriculum Enhancement = \$8,000 +/-** (Sports & Art Programs, CPR Course etc)
- School Improvements = \$6,000 +/-** (furniture, water fountain, Phonak sound systems)
- Licenses = \$5,000 +/-** (STEAM, Mathematics)

We do not want to make any cuts to important school programs and resources that CPAC Funds. We hope we can still collect the planned amount.



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Please donate before October 31

We suggest a donation of 100 per child, but any contribution is greatly appreciated.
A tax receipt will be provided directly from the West Vancouver School District.

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!

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 Vendors:

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

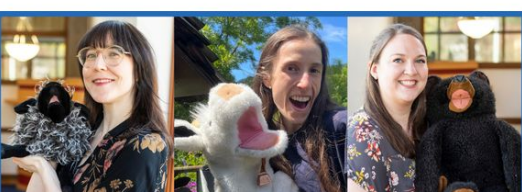
WV Community Events

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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Youth Department

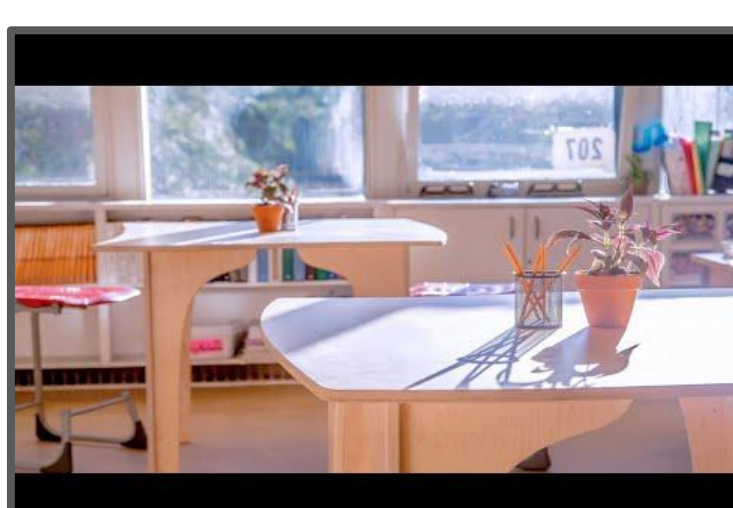
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Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools

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.

Connect With Us



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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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