



Thursday January 8, 2026 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

January 9	Fri	Bear Wear Friday
January 12	Mon	
January 13	Tues	
January 14	Wed	Field Hockey Wed to Fri
January 15	Thurs	Black Excellence Day
January 16	Fri	Bear Wear Friday
Future Dates to Note		
January 19	Mon	Rockridge VP to visit the Gr 7s
January 20	Tues	Jr. Canucks Floor Hockey (Gr 4 - 7) Basketball Game #1 (Boys at Hollyburn, Girls at Caulfeild)
January 27	Tues	<i>Parent Evening:</i> 7:00 PM at Caulfeild. Social Media, Screen Time, and Setting Boundaries with Cari Wilson, District VP of Innovation and Technology Basketball Game #2 (Boys at Caulfeild, Girls at Irwin Park)
January 30	Fri	Professional Development Day - school is not in session
February 3	Tues	Basketball Game #3 (Boys at PJ, Girls at Caulfeild)

2025-2026 IDEC School Calendar

Learning at IDEC

Hello Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year. I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and joyful winter break and had time to reconnect and recharge.

It has been wonderful to welcome students back to school this week. There has been a strong sense of energy, enthusiasm, and connection throughout the building as classes settle back into routines and learning resumes.

January is a time for reestablishing rhythms, setting goals, and building momentum. Over the coming weeks, students will be revisiting classroom expectations, engaging in new learning, and continuing to strengthen their sense of belonging within our school community. Your ongoing support at home plays an important role in helping students feel confident and ready to learn.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership and for the care you show our school community. We are looking forward to a positive and productive year ahead.

In the coming weeks we can look forward to our CPAC sponsored Field Hockey, the Junior Canucks Floor Hockey program. Tonight, Rockridge will be hosting an open house for incoming students. See below for more information. The DPAC would also like to invite you to a presentation by Sarah Ward, on Executive Functioning, Wednesday, January 28. For more information, click [HERE](#).

-Nathan

Partnering for Digital Citizenship and Well-Being

We see Caulfeild as a partner with families in helping children learn how to be safe, responsible, and thoughtful digital citizens. In term two, Caulfeild Elementary is partnering with West Bay Elementary to host two parent information sessions on these important topics.

Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00 PM, Caulfeild IDEC Elementary School: Social Media, Screen Time, and Setting Boundaries with Cari Wilson, District Vice Principal of Innovation and Technology

Monday, February 2 at 7:00 PM, West Bay Elementary School: Understanding the Mental Health of Young People with Dr. Odeon Kalaci

Please Sign up HERE: [Parent Education Night Sign Up](#)

We also encourage families to review the Digital Guides we have previously shared from the School District regarding the social media platforms children are often drawn to. These can be found the in E-Bulletin.

Thank you for your continued engagement and partnership as we help students develop safe, healthy, and responsible habits around screens and social media.

West Vancouver Schools and Personal Digital Devices (PDD)

As we begin the new year, we are asking all students and families to recommit to reducing cell phone use and to the school district's Personal Digital Device expectations. Consistent routines after the break help students re-engage quickly, keep instruction on track, and reduce distractions in shared spaces.

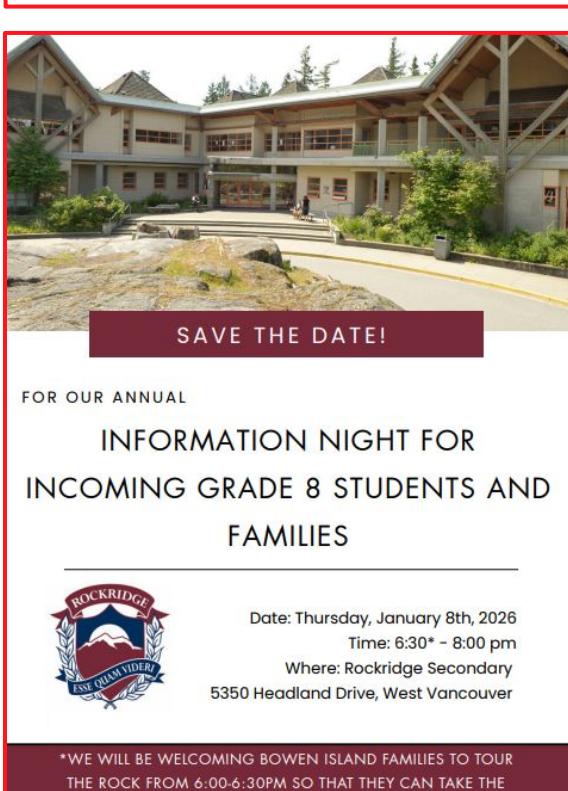
Expectations at a glance:

Elementary (K-7): Cell phones are not used during the school day, including before and after school and at recess and lunch times. Laptops may be used to support learning during instructional time, only with explicit staff permission.

Family actions that make a difference: Minimize adult cell phone use in and around school. Refrain from sending your child texts or calls during the school day; contact the office for urgent needs only. Review the school district's guidelines for personal digital device expectations. Help your child understand that when schoolwork requires technology that they need to choose a laptop over a phone as it helps to reduce distractions and support learning.

For a one-page overview of expectations, [see our Parent & Guardian Infographic](#).

Thank you for working with us to uphold these important expectations.



Save the Date: Rockridge Info Night for incoming Grade 8 Families

Thursday, January 8th, 2026

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Rockridge Secondary

District Weather and School Closure Procedures

The district aims to keep schools open on every regular instructional day, including those with snowfall. However, the final decision to send students to school resides with the parent or guardian since they are most familiar with the specific road and weather conditions around their home and community.

Weather Closure of Schools (Outside School Hours)

Any decision to close schools for the safety of children will be made by the Superintendent. Parents, students, and staff will be informed of the Superintendent's decision via the school district website at www.westvancouver.ca and a School Messenger email. We endeavor to communicate this information to parents and staff by 6:00 a.m. on the day of closure.

Weather Closure of Schools (During School Hours)

If weather conditions create a concern for the safety of students returning home, the school principal can decide to dismiss school early after consulting with the Superintendent. The decision will be communicated to parents and students using the school's normal communication systems. Student safety is our first priority. Every effort will be made to keep schools open, but parents are encouraged to establish a plan for their children in the event of early dismissal or school closure.

As always, please refer to [this section of our website](#) for the latest information.

School closures may also appear on several local news sources including:

- News 1130 <http://www.news1130.com/>
- CKNW 98 <http://www.cknw.com/news/>
- Global TV <http://globalnews.ca/live/bc/>
- CBC <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia>

Parents/Caregiver Digital Guides

Parent Guide to Discord

Parent Guide to Instagram

Parent Guide to Roblox

Parent Guide to Snap Chat

Parent Guide to TikTok

Parent & Guardian's Guide to Personal Digital Devices

[Click Here to access the Links](#)

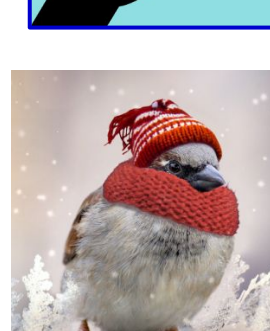
Did you know that it takes someone about 25 minutes to refocus on the task they were doing after being distracted by their phone?

The average teen gets 10 notifications an hour.

Classes last 80 minutes.



YOU DO THE MATH!



Dress for the Weather

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 with raincoats, hats and boots for wet days, or extra clothing for the winter cold.

West Vancouver Schools Admissions

K-12 admission applications for both in-district and out-of-district students opens on January 15! If you have students in your family or network who are looking to join our district, please help spread the word about this important date.

West Vancouver Schools offer a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community that values excellence in education. Our schools take pride in creating meaningful learning experiences and providing opportunities that support the growth, well-being, and success of every student.

To learn more about registration expectations and processes, please visit our admissions page: [WV Schools Admissions](#)

We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our vibrant and supportive school community!

Pick Up and Drop Off: Important Reminders

All students 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. 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: 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.

**DAILY
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CHECKS**



CPAC Announcements

Hot Lunch Program

Hot Lunch for our winter term is now open for ordering!

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!

New Parent Registration: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/Caulfeild>

Returning Parent Login: <https://munchalunch.com/login>

Note: All orders/changes require 8 days to be processed. (If you order on December 28th, by 9pm your child will receive lunch on Monday, January 5th).

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

We are pleased to announce that our after-school programs will start week of **January 5th**. You can register your child/children via the registration links below. Here's the winter lineup including a second Coding class for our experienced learners:

[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) ADVANCED
Thursday	Farsi Class (Grade 1-5)
	Art Mania (K-7)
Friday	Coding with Python (Grade 4-6) BEGINNER
	West Vancouver Little League Academy (Grade 1-4)

Connect with Us

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

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

Email: capac@wvschools.ca

WV Community Events

DPAC

parent evening with

Sarah Ward on Executive Functioning

Wednesday, January 28th
\$20 per ticket

Sarah Ward is an internationally recognized expert in executive function. Her practical, research-informed strategies are widely regarded as groundbreaking in supporting student learning and independence.

Drawing from executive function coaching approaches used with elementary, secondary, post-secondary students and adults, this session will help build academic success by exploring time management, task prioritization, long-term project planning, and the development of independent learning habits.

Register HERE

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6:30 - 8:30 PM



What Parents will Gain From This Evening

Understand

Parents will gain a clear, reassuring understanding of how executive function skills develop over time, why children may struggle with organization and time management, and what is developmentally typical at different ages.

Learn

Parents will learn practical, easy-to-use strategies they can apply at home to strengthen their child's time awareness, organization, study routines and follow-through for academic success.



Physical Activity and Physical Literacy: Children and Youth Ages 5-17

Every move counts!

- Any amount and type of physical activity is good for you
- Outdoor play has additional benefits for mental wellness
- Try different activities to find something you like
- It should be fun!

Parent/caregiver: Aim to provide safe and varied opportunities for movement



The Canadian 24-Hour Movement Guidelines suggest children and youth:

- Be active each day - enjoy at least 1 hour of daily moderate to vigorous activities. Take part in muscle strength and bone-strengthening activities 3 times per week or more.
- Enjoy several hours of light intensity physical activity.
- Sleep well, 8-11 hours, with consistent routines.
- Minimize and break up screen and sedentary time as much as possible.

Physical literacy is the motivation, confidence, physical competence, knowledge and understanding to value and participate in physical activities for life.

Children and youth become physically literate through physical activity, which develops **movement skills** that **enable participation** in activities as they age. Getting active early increases the likelihood that participation and its benefits will continue into adulthood.

Physical activity can...

- Improve mood and help you manage emotions
- Boost your immune system
- Help you move your body in all the ways you want to
- Improve your ability to focus and do better in school
- Make it easier to fall asleep
- Provide opportunities to make friends

Ideas to add in more activity:

- When possible, replace screen time with active time.
- Join a sports team or an activity group.
- Create an obstacle course using what you have on hand.
- Visit a playground.
- Try something new: soccer, dance, drumming, lacrosse, etc.
- Spend more time outdoors.
- Try geocaching.
- Get active as a family - explore a new park or trail, plan a nature scavenger hunt, or have a dance competition.
- Dance to your favorite songs.
- Play with a neighbour/friend.
- Try different seasonal activities: swimming in the summer, sledding or skating in the winter.
- Choose active transportation (e.g. walking, cycling, rolling, bussing).
- Walk a dog.

Additional activity ideas Additional ideas at Pacific Institute for Sport Education



View 24-Hour Movement guidelines in full csguidelines.ca/guidelines/children-youth





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



Winter is Coming

We have so much going on for kids this winter: a kids book sale, fun escape rooms, programs in French and Mandarin, and lots of Holiday Fun, however you celebrate the season!

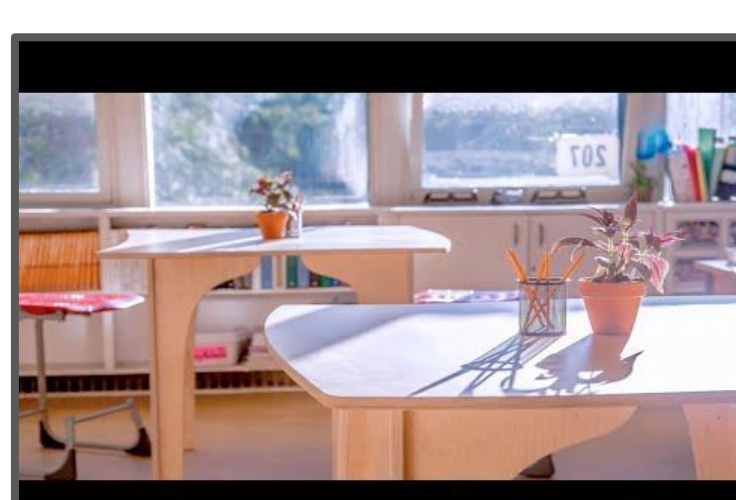
Click [Here](#) for more information

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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X and Instagram: [@caulfeildschool](#)