

Thursday February 19, 2026 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

February 20	Fri	Lunar New Year at Caulfeild
February 25	Wed	Pink Shirt Day Squamish Language Lessons for Grade 4 /5 classrooms. Girls Basketball Jamboree at West Van Secondary, 1-4pm
February 26	Thurs	Boys Basketball Jamboree at West Van Secondary, 1-4pm
February 27	Fri	Bear Wear
Future Dates to Note		
March 9-13	M-F	Lacrosse Week
March 13	Fri	Term 2 Learning Updates are posted Grade 4 & 5 Inquiry Showcase
March 16-27	2 weeks	Spring Break - school is closed
April 3	Fri	Good Friday - school is closed
April 6	Mon	Easter Monday - school is closed
April 7	Tues	Elevate Ultimate Ultimate Game #1

[2025-2026 IDEC School Calendar](#)

Learning at IDEC

Hello Families,

A big thank you to everyone who donated to this year's **Jump Rope for Heart** initiative. Caulfeild IDEC raised \$1,985 this year, topping last year's record. We are incredibly proud of our students and our community for their generosity and spirit. All funds raised go directly to the Heart and Stroke Foundation to support important research and education. Congratulations to all of our enthusiastic jumpers and to our prize winners as well. Your energy and commitment made this a huge success.

A reminder that Caulfeild will be celebrating **Lunar New Year** tomorrow morning. All students will have an opportunity to visit the various events and purchase small items. All money raised during our Lunar New Year celebration goes back to support our students. Students are invited to wear their red Bear Wear to mark the occasion. Thank you to our dedicated parent volunteers who have been working hard behind the scenes to organize this celebration for our students. We are so grateful for your time, creativity, and care in bringing this event to life. We look forward to a wonderful celebration together.

Join us in standing up against bullying by participating in **Pink Shirt Day** on Wednesday, February 25! We encourage all students to wear pink to support kindness, inclusion, and respect. Throughout the day, students will engage in discussions and activities that promote empathy and positive social interactions.

-Nathan



Planning Ahead

Enrollment 2026 / 2027: If you are not planning to return next year, please notify Ms. Schier as soon as possible via email at caulfeild@wvschools.ca. Providing this information early helps with planning for the upcoming school year, ensuring that resources, class organization, and staffing are properly managed. Your timely response allows the school to make necessary adjustments and provide the best possible learning environment for all students. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Remember that School Starts at 8:30

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.

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.

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.schools.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>

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 30 minutes.



YOU DO THE MATH!

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](#)

Feeding Futures

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare [Feeding Futures initiative](#), the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their school principal or to feedingfutures@wvschools.ca if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

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 and walking to the designated pick-up space near the top of the roundabout. With all students dismissed together, driving through the roundabout should 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.

CPAC Announcements

CPAC Volunteers

We are looking for people interested in shadowing our PAC Executive team for next September. Positions available for shadowing are Co-Chair and After School Program Coordinator.

Please email capac@wvschools.ca if you are interested.

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 Vendors: • 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

Capilano University Access programs information session — March 5

Capilano University is hosting a [virtual information session](#) on Thursday, March 5 at 4 p.m. for students and their families to learn more two Access programs designed to support students with learning differences: [Discover Employability](#) and [Education and Employment Access](#). Both programs are full-time at the Capilano University North Vancouver main campus and start in September 2026.

While this information session is primarily designed for secondary age students and their families, Grade 6-7 families who are interested are also welcome to attend to learn more about future pathways, growth opportunities, and transition-to-adult life planning.

West Van Run! March 7th and 8th

We invite students and families to take part in this fun, community run and enjoy special discounted registration. Parents and students can register for \$45 using the code **WVSCHOOLS**, and children can join the Kids 1K for \$15 using the code **WVKIDS**. These codes can also be used by other family members who would like to participate.

Whether you prefer walking, jogging, or running, this event welcomes all ages and abilities. It's a great way for families to be active together and supports our shared commitment to health and well-being across West Vancouver Schools.

Register here - <https://www.westvanrun.com/schools>

Letter of Support from Minister Lisa Beare

Community connections - ongoing registration

ongoing	West Vancouver Rec Centre Upcoming Events
ongoing	West Vancouver Otters Swimming Registration information
ongoing	West Vancouver Memorial Library Information and youth 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

SPRING ADAPTIVE SOCCER PROGRAM FOR NEURODIVERSE PLAYERS



10 Week Program on Thursdays from 3:45-4:45 PM

April 9th is the first session! For ages 5 to 16

Location: Ambleside Field D

[Register Here](#)

Free Jersey Included with Registration fee

Our Adaptive Soccer Program is designed especially for neurodiverse players who are eager to explore the game of soccer in a fun, welcoming, and supportive environment. Whether a player is brand new to organized soccer or has some experience, everyone is encouraged to join, learn, and grow. The program is open to players aged 5 to 16.



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It's A New Year!

We're starting the year off strong with opportunities to express your artistic side, explore virtual worlds, and build your own VEX Robots!

Read on for all the information.

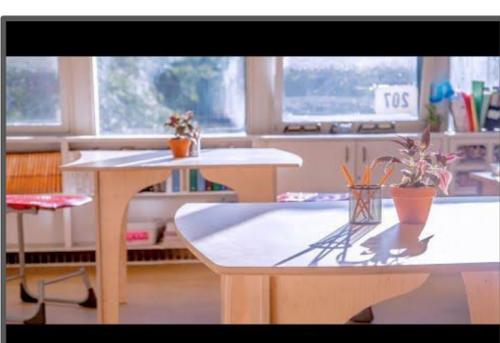
Click [Here](#) for more information

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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Tag us in your school success stories using our hashtag



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