

## Thursday February 5, 2026 E-Bulletin

### Bear Calendar

<b>February 6</b>	<b>Fri</b>	Kindergarten Vision Screening
<b>February 9</b>	<b>Mon</b>	
<b>February 10</b>	<b>Tues</b>	Basketball Game #4 (Boys at Caulfeild, Girls at Ridgeview)
<b>February 11</b>	<b>Wed</b>	
<b>February 12</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	Jump Rope for Heart Cupcake Sale \$10 per Box (For the Grade 7 Farewell Celebration) 2:30
<b>February 13</b>	<b>Fri</b>	Reading Break - <b>school is closed</b>
<b>Future Dates to Note</b>		
<b>February 16</b>	<b>Mon</b>	Family Day - <b>school is closed</b>
<b>February 17</b>	<b>Tues</b>	Basketball Game #5 (Boys and Girls at BICS) Bob Baker to speak on the Canoe with Gr 6 & 7 students
<b>February 20</b>	<b>Friday</b>	Lunar New Year at Caulfeild
<b>February 25</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Pink Shirt Day</b> Girls Basketball Jamboree
<b>February 26</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	Boys Basketball Jamboree
<b>March 9-13</b>	<b>M-F</b>	Lacrosse Week

[2025-2026 IDEC School Calendar](#)

## Learning at IDEC

Hello Families,

**Jump Rope For Heart** is happening on Thursday February 12, 2026. Students will have 15 minutes blocks in the gym to jump with their buddy class to get their heart rate going! Students can also fundraise for the Heart and Stroke Foundation which is all done online. Students and families visit [this link](#) for Caulfeild's fundraiser. If we reach our goal, students can earn up to 15 minutes of extended recess!

Thank you to Coaches Stevens and Parslow, and to guest coach Vukelic for supporting the grade 7 boys and girls **basketball teams!** We had our third game against PJ this week. I'm very proud of how respectful and supportive our teams can be when in our community.

We have recently offered a few **parent education evenings** on topics that our community has been asking for. **Sharon Shelby** Spoke on Resilience and the importance of raising "Rooted, Respected/Respectful, Responsible, Regulated, Risk Takers," **Cari Wilson** offered some information about the apps and devices that kids are using, and how to help kids navigate their online world, and **Dr. Kalaci** spoke on the rising trend of childhood mental health, the connections to social media, and the importance of sleep, exercise and family boundaries around technology. Thank you to all who could attend.

February is **Black History Month**. Black History Month is a time to recognize and celebrate the achievements, contributions, and resilience of Black people throughout history and today. Students are encouraged to share their learning on this subject with Mr. Blackburn for the announcements and for a bulletin board display.

-Nathan



## 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.ca](http://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>

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.



## 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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:capac@wvschools.ca)

## WV Community Events

### West Van Run! March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

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 **WV SCHOOLS**, and children can join the Kids 1K for \$15 using the code **WV KIDS**. 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>

**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:**

- Sweat:** 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.
- Step:** Enjoy several hours of light intensity physical activity.
- Sleep:** Sleep well, 8-11 hours, with consistent routines.
- Sit:** 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
- Help you move your body in all the ways you want to
- Make it easier to fall asleep
- Boost your immune system
- Improve your ability to focus and do better in school
- 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 [csepguidelines.ca/guidelines/children-youth](https://csepguidelines.ca/guidelines/children-youth)

## Community connections - ongoing registration

ongoing	West Vancouver Rec Centre <a href="#">Upcoming Events</a>
ongoing	West Vancouver Otters Swimming <a href="#">Registration information</a>
ongoing	West Vancouver Memorial Library <a href="#">Information and youth information</a>
ongoing	West Vancouver Soccer <a href="#">Registration information</a>
ongoing	West Vancouver Little League <a href="#">Registration information</a>
ongoing	West Vancouver Field Hockey <a href="#">Registration information</a>



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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

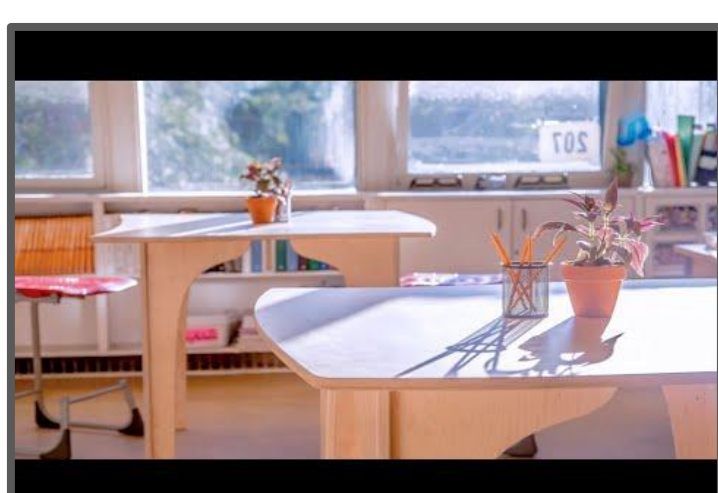
Click [HERE](#) to access the links

### 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](#)

[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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Tag us in your school success stories using our hashtag



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X and Instagram: [@caulfeildschool](#)