

Weekly E-Bulletin

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Upcoming Dates

September 14 - 18 at Caulfeild

- * **September 21**
Terry Fox Run
- * **September 22 & 29**
Cross Country Meets - Ambleside
- * **September 24**
Student Photo Day
- * **September 29**
Orange Shirt Day
- * **September 30**
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - **School Closed**
- * **October 7 & 8** - **early dismissal 12:25**
Parent Teacher Conferences

[2026-2027 IDEC School Calendar](#)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Cross Country Morning Practice Cross Country Meet - Ambleside 3:45		Opening Night BBQ 5:30 pm - 6:00 Classroom Visits 6:00 - 7:00 Family BBQ	
After School Programs				

Message from the Principal

Hello Families,

Welcome back to a brand new school year! We are thrilled to welcome your children back to a year full of discovery, connection, and growth.

Our goal this year is to support each student in both their academic progress and their overall well being. We believe that children thrive when they feel safe, supported, and understood. With that in mind, our dedicated team is committed to helping every child grow in confidence, practice kindness, and develop a genuine enthusiasm for learning.

To guide our work and foster a positive, inclusive community, our school focus for the year ahead centers on three key areas:

- **The Caulfeild IDEC Cycle of Inquiry:** Connecting our learning through meaningful, curiosity driven inquiry that encourages students to think critically about the world around them.
- **Technology and Learning:** Exploring the intentional relationship between digital tools and student achievement, ensuring that a thoughtful and balanced approach to using technology can meaningfully enhance how our students construct knowledge.
- **Grit, Perseverance, and Tenacity:** Empowering our students to navigate challenges through direct strategy instruction, building the resilience they need to tackle complex problems.

Together, along with our district goals of *Innovation*, *Foundational Skills*, and ensuring inclusion through and *All Means All* lens, we look forward to building a vibrant learning environment where every student feels seen, supported, and motivated to succeed.

We hope to see you at our Open House and BBQ next Thursday! Classrooms will be open for the first 30 minutes, then the BBQ is hosted outside from 6:00 - 7:00. Parents and guardians are responsible for supervising their children throughout this event. See page two for more information.

Nathan

Bear Week, Sept 8 - 11

In grades 1-7, our first week of school is called Bear Week. During Bear week, students return to last year's classrooms, welcome a few new faces, and learn about what it means to "Be the Bear"

Bear Week offers us a vital window to lay the groundwork for a successful school year. During this time, we will focus on community building as teachers get to know students across grades and students become familiar with our full team. It also allows us to establish a shared language and set of values, ensuring every child begins the year grounded in the core ideas that make Caulfeild IDEC such a wonderful place to learn. Finally, this schedule gives us the flexibility needed for thoughtful class configuration, allowing us to build balanced classes.

Online Policies and Procedures Forms

[Please Complete](#)



Class Placement

Students will move into their 2026-2027 classrooms tomorrow, Friday, September 11th before lunch. New signs with teachers names and grades will be posted for the *Primary Grades* lineup on Monday morning.

Teachers have put careful thought into creating balanced classes, considering learning needs, social-emotional considerations, inclusive practices, student relationships, and many other factors. Parent and student input is also taken into consideration wherever possible. Due to the complex nature of class creation and the need to balance many factors across the grade, class placements are final once assigned. Like many schools across British Columbia, Caulfeild will feature multi-age classrooms across several grade levels this year. You can learn more about multi-age learning [HERE](#).

Help your child look forward to the possibilities ahead, including new friendships and exciting learning opportunities. *Once students are placed in their classes on Friday, class placements will be final and we will not be making changes.* Remember, Caulfeild teachers are the best there are, and we will work hard to ensure that your child's learning needs are met - no matter their grade group or learning style. If you have a questions about how they will do it, please don't hesitate to reach out to them to set up a conversation. Thank you for your support and understanding as we work to create balanced and supportive classrooms for all students.

Personal Digital Devices

As we start a new school year, we want to remind everyone of the Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations.

Elementary Schools: Personal digital device expectations apply throughout the entire school day, including before school, after school, and during break times. Cell phones will not be used at all during school hours.

These guidelines are key to creating focused and engaging learning environments. Our goal is to minimize distractions and maximize learning opportunities. Digital devices, when used appropriately, are powerful tools for collaboration, creativity, and communication. However, they should not interrupt instructional time or disrupt the learning environment.

What Families Can Continue to Do

- **Encourage Balanced Screen Time:** Promote activities like reading, outdoor play, and family time.
- **Model Consistency:** Show your support by modeling mindful and appropriate device use.
- **Support School Communication:** Avoid contacting your child during instructional time. Non-urgent messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.
- **Stay Engaged:** Revisit the [Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices](#) to refresh your understanding of the expectations and discuss them with your child.

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 Parent Code of Conduct

[Please Review](#)

School Supplies for September 2026

Our teachers are pleased to offer the opportunity to purchase quality standardized school supplies through School Start for the 2026/2027 school year. Supply kits are now available to order and will be delivered directly to your home. Please click on the link of your child's grade for next year. You will then see the list of supplies.

[Kindergarten](#) [Grade 1](#) [Grade 2](#) [Grade 3](#) [Grade 4](#) [Grade 5](#) [Grade 6](#) [Grade 7](#)

Daily Health Checks

We ask for your assistance to ensure that your child is healthy and well enough to participate in school activities. If your child is unwell, please email us at caulfeild@wvschools.ca to report their absence. We also ask that you please report any communicable diseases, including cases of lice, to the office so we can take some preventative measures within our community and classrooms.



Call Back for Lates and Absences

Please email us at caulfeild@wvschools.ca if your child will be late or absent from school.

Caulfeild PAC Announcements



Bear Shop now open

The Bear wear store is now open for orders until September 18, 2026.

Order here (Passcode is 2026)

Orders will be ready to ship by the early October.



Back to school fundraising event with MEC!

Shop backpacks, lunch bags, jackets, and **any outdoor essentials** for **kids and adults** at MEC Vancouver, MEC North Vancouver, or online.

Get **5% off** everything, including sale items, and MEC will donate 10% of eligible purchases back to **Caulfeild Elementary**.

Use the code **"BEARS"** at the cashier or at checkout.

When:
September 9th 12am to September 15th 11:59pm

Where:
**MEC Vancouver
111 E 2nd Ave

MEC North Vancouver
212 Brooksbank Ave**

Online at MEC.ca

Valid on in-stock items only, including sale items, with no product exclusions. Gift cards and services are excluded.
Not valid in combination with special pricing (e.g., employees, ACGM, first responders, etc.)





BARBECUE

Volunteers Needed

Caulfeild School Welcome Back BBQ

We look forward to hosting Caulfeild's welcome back BBQ every year to bring families and friends together. We are looking for some volunteers to help us make this fun tradition happen.

Would you like to help out, check out our [volunteer sign up here](#).

Thank you!

Hot Lunch Program

Our program will start up on September 28th - Place an order [here](#)
New to the school? Set up an account here: [Munch and lunch account set up](#)

Note: All orders/changes require 7 days to be processed. (If you order by September 14th your child will start to receive lunch on September 22nd).

Vendors

- Monday - Well Fed & Subway
- Tuesday - Panago (with a vegan option)
- Wednesday - Foodie Kids
- Thursday - Foodie Kids & Zaatar w Zeit
- Fridays - Well Fed

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a parent to help lead our Hot Lunch Program!
If you are interested in getting involved, we have a mentorship opportunity. Start this year learning alongside our current coordinator, take on menu planning for next year, and step into the full role in 2028-29. OR partner with another parent to share the responsibility. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. It's a rewarding way to make a real difference for our students and school community. INTERESTED? We would love to hear from you! Email our Caulfeild PAC at CaPAC@wvschools.ca

We are also looking for hotlunch volunteers
Volunteers are needed from 12:00–1:00 PM, with at least two volunteers per day. The program begins the week of September 28, and training will be provided for new volunteers.

Depending on the number of volunteers who join this year, and the number of meals we need to deliver, we may be able to schedule everyone every other week instead.

Please complete the form below and select all the days you could be available. This will help us cover the entire week, but you will be assigned to only one of the days you select. You can also sign up as an occasional backup.

<https://forms.gle/ZpeXUQuqCmUyh51w8>

Thank you again for your time and support. We truly appreciate having you on the Hot Lunch team! ❤️

It's time for after school programming registration! For information and registration go [HERE](#)

Connect with Us

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

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

Email: capac@wvschools.ca

WV School District Messages & Community Events

E-TRANSPORT:

Know Before You Buy or Ride

Not all small or electric transportation is treated the same.
Know the Micromobility rules for Personal Electric Vehicles in West Vancouver.

Vehicle Type	Where Can I Ride?	How Old Do I Need To Be?	Max Speed	License & Insurance?	Other Important Rules
 e-bike	Anywhere bicycles can ride	14+ for light e-bikes 16+ for standard e-bikes	Light bikes: 25 km/h Standard: 32 km/h	No license or insurance required	Must have fully operable pedals
 e-scooter	Anywhere bicycles can ride in West Van	16+	25 km/h	No license or insurance required	Solo riders only
 moped/LSM	Public Roads Only	16+	70 km/h	License & insurance required	BC licence plate required
 e-dirt bike	Not on roads, sidewalks, or bike lanes	Not legal at any age on public roads	Not permitted on public roads	Cannot be registered or insured	Not legal on public roads
 mini-motorcycle	Not on roads, sidewalks, or bike lanes	Not legal at any age on public roads	Not permitted on public roads	Cannot be registered or insured	Not legal on public roads

**WEST VANCOUVER POLICE**



Youth Department



Hello Summer!

We've got great things planned for June + July including: Summer Reading Club, art, extended reality, escape rooms, and fabulous French programs!

Read on for more information!

Click [Here](#) for more information

Community connections - ongoing registration

ongoing	West Vancouver Air Cadets Registration information.
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](#) 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

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.

CONNECT WITH US! #westvaned
Tag us in your school success stories using our hashtag



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