

Weekly E-Bulletin

Thursday, October 1, 2026

Upcoming Dates

October 5th - October 9th at Caulfeild

- * **October 6-8** "Friends of the Library" Used Book Sale
- * **October 12** Thanksgiving **School Closed**
- * **October 20** - Photo retakes 1st Volleyball Game
- * **October 21** - Kindergarten Hearing Screening (morning)
- * **October 23** - Professional Day **(School is not in session)**
- * **October 29** - Pumpkin Patch (Div 14-8)
- * **October 30** - Halloween Parade (8:45)
- * Nov 2-5 - Dance week

[2026-2027 IDEC School Calendar](#)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Parent Teacher Conferences - early dismissal at 12:25	Parent Teacher Conferences - early dismissal at 12:25	
After School Programs				
Basketball	Lights Up Theatre	Multisport & Python Coding	Artmani & Farsi Lessons	WV Little League

Message from the Principal

I would like to begin our Ebulletin by answering the question most asked by new families, **"What is IDEC?"**

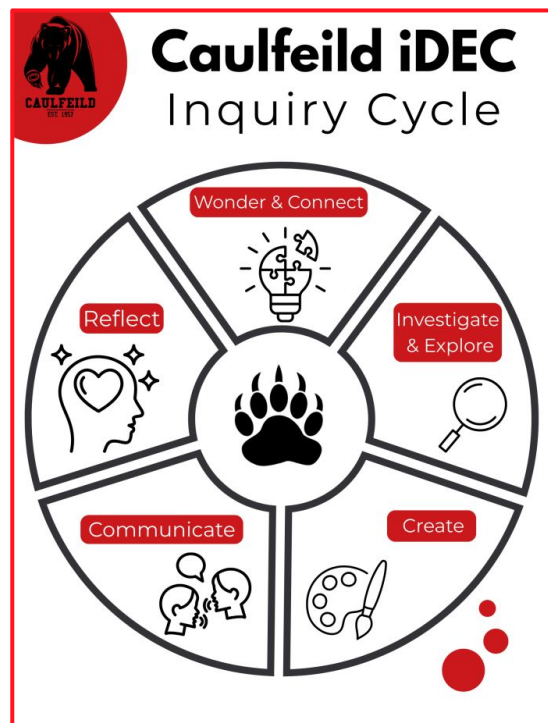
iDEC stands for Inquiry Based Digitally Enhanced Community. It is the educational approach that shapes learning at Caulfeild Elementary from Kindergarten through Grade 7. At iDEC, students develop strong foundations in literacy, numeracy, science and the humanities while learning through inquiry. Students are encouraged to ask meaningful questions, explore ideas, solve problems, collaborate with others and reflect on their learning. Digital tools and collaborative seating environments enhance the learning experience, helping students create, collaborate, communicate, research and demonstrate their understanding. At its core, iDEC is about developing curious, creative, capable and connected learners who understand that learning is not just about the final product, but about the thinking, questioning and growth that happens along the way.

This past Tuesday, Caulfeild iDEC recognized **Orange Shirt Day**. Orange Shirt Day, a day when we remember and honour Indigenous children who were separated from their families, and we recognize the importance of treating everyone with kindness, respect, and belonging. At Caulfeild, students reflected on the idea that "All Children Matter" with the classroom teacher, to create t-shirt displays that are hung throughout the school.

On the last Wednesday of each month, I pull the names of five people at Caulfeild iDEC who were caught **"Being the Bear."** Congratulations this month to Monty, Kenneth, Jurnee, Katherine, and our staff winner, Ms. Ruby!

Our **Friends of the Library** book sale is next week on Oct 6-8! Books will be for sale for \$1 - \$10. If you would like to donate books to the sale, please bring them to school any time before the 6th!

-Nathan



Parent Teacher Interviews - Oct 7th & 8th

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up! The conferences will be in-person, or virtual on request. We are providing an online appointment booking system through School Interviews. Please follow the instructions below to book your interview time. Once you have booked your appointment you will receive a confirmation email. If you requested a virtual meeting, click 'Virtual' and let your child's teacher know via email, so they can send you a TEAMS link to join your virtual appointment the day before your conference.

If you are prompted for an event code, enter: **t6ap2**

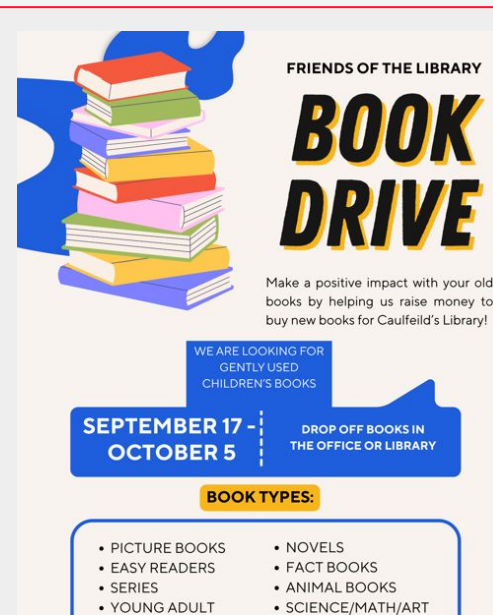
- Enter your information (parent email, parent name, phone number and student name)
- Here you can indicate the number of students that you need to book for,
- Click on GO
- Choose your child's teacher
- Choose the date and time that works best for you from the options provided.
- Conferences are 10 minutes long. Please note the early dismissal times at **12:25 pm for October 7th & 8th**

Use this booking [Link](#) to book your interviews

Foundational Skills Assessment

In October, students in **Grades 4 and 7** will complete the provincial Foundational Skills Assessments. These assessments help track student learning in literacy and numeracy across British Columbia. If families are interested, students can try sample questions here: [FSA Samples & Student Response Booklets](#). A letter from Superintendent Kennedy will be sent home with students next week which includes more details.

If you have any questions or concerns about the FSAs, please reach out to your child's teacher or Mr. Blackburn at nblackburn@wvschools.ca



Student Photos are Ready to Order

- Please visit this link to access the gallery: <https://vando.imagequix.com/K9L3W9Z>
- The login code to access your images is on the yellow QR flyer your child was given on photo day. Please check with them.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- **Your order deadline is: October 15 2026**
- All orders will be shipped to the school. If you miss the deadline, your order will be shipped with your school's Catch Up Photo Day orders at no extra cost, however this will take 3-5 weeks.

Missing your login code? No problem!

Visit <https://www.mountainwest.ca/support-for-families> and enter the information required. Your code will be emailed within 1 business day.

Catch Up Photo Day:

- Did you miss the first photo day or are needing a retake? Retakes are offered for expression, poor posture, or head tilt; not for personal style changes (ie: change of clothing or hair). Please note all glass glare is removed on final prints.
- If you would like your photo taken, we will be at your school on: **October 20, 2026**
- [Caulfeild Retakes CLICK HERE](#) to sign up. The cutoff to sign up is **October 18, 2026**

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.

Extended Absences for Holidays

Regular attendance at school is important for students' academic progress, social development, and connection to their classroom community. Extended absences, particularly for holidays, can make it difficult for students to keep pace with classroom learning, maintain routines, and stay connected with classmates and teachers.

While families may choose to travel during the school year, teachers are not required to provide alternate lessons, assignments, or learning packages for students who are absent because their parents have chosen to take them out of school. Students may miss important instruction, discussions, collaborative learning, and assessment opportunities that cannot simply be recreated later. We strongly encourage families to plan holidays during school breaks whenever possible and prioritize regular attendance throughout the school year.

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.

WV Schools Parent Code of Conduct

[Please Review](#)

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



CAULFEILD ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Together We Can

Our Annual School Fundraiser is officially OPEN!

NEW THIS YEAR: If we reach our \$30,000 goal, the whole school gets an EXTRA-LONG RECESS!

So, what does your donation actually help pay for? Here's a look at some of what we're funding for this year:

 Learning apps — \$5,000 +/-

 First aid training — \$1,500 +/-

 Field trips — \$14,000 +/- (\$1,000 per division)

 22 new iPads need replacing before March Break — \$10,000 +/-

These are the programs, experiences and resources that enrich our kids' time at school.

 Our fundraising goal: \$30,000

 Suggested donation: \$100 per child

Every donation makes a difference. If every family gives what works for them, together we can make a BIG impact for our kids and earn them a well-deserved extra-long recess while we're at it!

Let's get to \$30,000!

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 hot lunch 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! ❤️

Room Parents

We're so close to having every class covered! We still need Room Parents for:

Div 1 – Grade 7 – Ms. Stevens

Div 3 – Grade 6 – Ms. Dunbar

Div 4 – Grade 5/6 – Ms. Yu

Div 6 – Grade 4/5 – Mr. K

Being a Room Parent is an **easy, flexible way to get involved**. You'll help keep families connected by sharing PAC updates, rounding up volunteers when needed and helping with the occasional class celebration or teacher thank-you.

If your child is in one of these classes, please consider putting your hand up so we can get every class covered!

Interested? Text Tori at 604-880-5232.



Hot Lunch Program

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](#)

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

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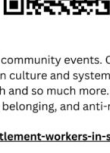
Impact NORTH SHORE

FORMERLY NORTH SHORE MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS)

Support for you and your family as you navigate the Canadian school system

CHECK OUT THE UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & EVENTS!



SWIS hosts a variety of workshops for newcomers and community events. Our newcomer workshops explore topics such as Canadian culture and systems, employment options, English language, parenting, health and so much more. Our community events explore themes of immigrant inclusion, belonging, and anti-racism.

<https://impactnorthshore.ca/immigrant-service-centre/settlement-workers-in-schools/>

West Vancouver Board of Education
All Candidates Meeting

Tuesday, October 6th from 6-8pm
Kay Meek Studio Theatre
1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver

On October 17, 2026 voters in the District of West Vancouver, the Village of Lions Bay, Bowen Island Municipality and part of Metro Vancouver Electoral Area A will elect five Trustees for School District 45, West Vancouver Board of Education.

The West Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council (WVPAC) is hosting an All School Trustee Candidates Meeting on Tuesday October 6th, 2026 in the Kay Meek Studio Theatre. All members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.



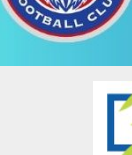
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DPAC

Learn more about the candidates for Trustee at election.westvancouver.ca

ADAPTIVE SOCCER PROGRAM FOR NEURODIVERSE PLAYERS

13 Week Program
Fridays 3:45-4:45 PM
Ages 4 to 15
First Session is Friday, Sept. 11th
Location: Ambleside Field D





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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!

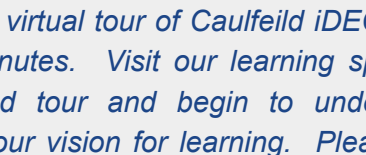
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Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools

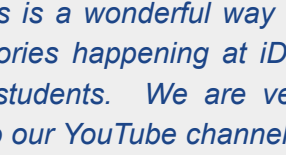
Get insight into the thoughts and ideas of Chris Kennedy, Superintendent of the West Vancouver School District. Read his latest blog and follow him on Twitter to learn more from the CEO of WV Schools in: <https://cultureofyes.ca/> or <https://twitter.com/chrkenedy>

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



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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X and Instagram: [@caulfeildschool](#)