

CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

October 19, 2023 NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION BULLETIN

IMPORTANT THIS WEEK:

- Professional development Day - **NO SCHOOL IN SESSION TOMORROW**

LOOKING AHEAD

October 23	Pumpkin Patch Field Trip - Div. 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, & 12
October 26	Halloween Movie Night - See CPAC section below for details
October 31	Halloween
November 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 13	Remembrance Day Stat Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
November 14	Reading Break - SCHOOL CLOSED
November 17	Family Badminton Starts

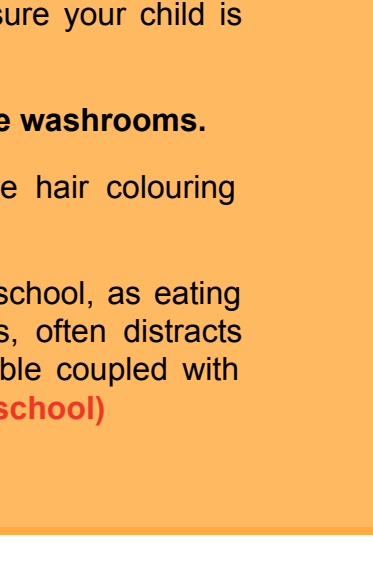
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY TOMORROW OCTOBER 20th

This is the province wide professional development day. **School will not be in session.** Did you know that professional development day came into effect in British Columbia in 1972. School days were added to the calendar to offset the additional time off for students. British Columbian teachers currently have six pro-d days. This Friday's pro-d day is province wide and is an opportunity for many teachers to attend conferences and collaborate and learn with colleagues from around the province.

HALLOWEEN GUIDELINES

As students and families start to think about costumes, to ensure the day is fun for everyone, please observe the following dos and don'ts:

- ❖ Feel welcome to dress in a costume or not.
- ❖ Continue to avoid costumes that promote cultural stereotypes. If you're looking for information on cultural appropriation vs. cultural appreciation, [click here](#) for a CBC video; and for a great list of questions to ask about whether a costume is appropriate or not, [click here](#) to see information from UBC's Equity & Inclusion Office.
- ❖ Absolutely **no weapons** (swords, lightsabers, nunchucks etc.) and please make sure costumes are school appropriate.
- ❖ Wear something comfortable that can be worn all day. Remember they will be working and playing throughout the day so please make sure your child is comfortable (lots of face paint for example is uncomfortable).
- ❖ Please arrive in costume – there will be **no changing in the washrooms**.
- ❖ Avoid scented items that might irritate others (e.g. some hair colouring products)
- ❖ Students should **avoid bringing in Halloween candy** to school, as eating high sugar foods, and/or the idea of eating high-sugar foods, often distracts students from learning. A small treat in your lunch is acceptable coupled with other healthy choices. **(Please remember we are a nut aware school)**



Thank you

Counsellor's Corner

Hello Chartwell Community,

I hope that you all have had a lovely start to the school year, my name is Kate Parker, and I am the school counsellor at Chartwell on Tuesdays and Friday mornings. Throughout the year, I will be collaborating with our Physical Education specialist, Ms. Jones, to teach lessons to the K-3 classes around Social Emotional Learning. With each new topic, I will be updating parents through the E-Bulletin so you can be up to date with your child's learning!

Throughout the month of October, students have been learning about how to follow "The Group Plan". We are learning the difference between following their *own plan* versus the *group plan*. We talk about "the plan" to help children know what they are expected to do when they are working in a group. When a person follows their own plan instead of the group plan, it makes it difficult for the group to work together and accomplish their goal.

As parents, you play a crucial role in reinforcing these important lessons at home. **Here are a few ways you can support your child's understanding of the group plan:**

- Talk about "the plan" and what you are thinking. For example, "My plan is to make a snack." "The plan is to go to the grocery store." "The plan is to get ready for bed! Time to brush our teeth; follow the plan."
- Talk about what each person can say and do so all share the same idea/plan. Consider the following examples: "I'm thinking of the plan to go to the grocery store. I'm getting my coat." "Sayida is thinking about the group plan. She is helping to set the table for dinner."
- Point out the times when you are all sharing one plan. Talk about how that makes you feel. For example, "We are following the plan to get ready to go to school. I put on my shoes. You put on your shoes too! That makes me feel happy. Now we're ready to go."

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or clarifications around our theme for October and I look forward to checking in with you again for our November theme!

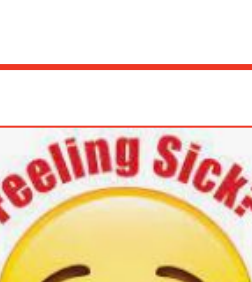
Warmly,

Kate Parker
School Counsellor
Chartwell Elementary & Westcot Elementary

Chartwell Reminders

TAKE A PEEK EVERY WEEK

Head lice are a common, annoying pest that all schools encounter, and one great way to help control the spread of head lice is to take a peek every week. It is important that we change how we approach and talk about head lice in our community.

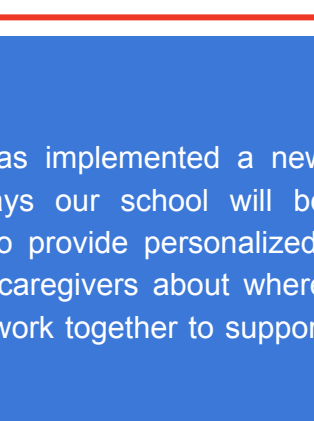


We would like to encourage parents to speak more freely with each other if their child has head lice and to notify the school immediately. **Please report** cases to the school; individual information is never shared but this helps bring an awareness to the community at large. We currently do not have any cases here at Chartwell but it is the season and other schools in our community have reported head lice.

STUDENT ILLNESS

As we approach the season where respiratory viruses become more common, we remind families to keep children home from school when they are displaying symptoms of illness.

Children will recover more quickly and are least likely to spread the virus to other students and families if they take a rest day when they are unwell and return when they are feeling well enough to fully participate in learning. Thank you.



MASKS

If you wish your child to wear a mask at school, please ensure that your child has a medical mask and a spare one in their backpack should their mask get wet or dirty. The school no longer provides masks for students.

More information can be found online at Vancouver Coastal Health link [vch.ca](#)

NEW REPORTING POLICY

As communicated last Spring, the Ministry of Education and Child Care has implemented a new Learning Update Policy which defines and provides direction for the ways our school will be communicating your child's learning. The goal of the Learning Updates is to provide personalized, descriptive feedback to effectively communicate with students, parents, and caregivers about where students are in their learning, next steps, and how families and teachers can work together to support student growth.

The provincial Reporting Policy mandates that students in Kindergarten through Grade 9 will be assessed using the four-point proficiency scale and students in Grade 10 through Grade 12 courses will be assessed using letter grades and percentages. Each term, students at all levels will be sharing self-reflections and making goals around British Columbia's Core Competencies – Communication Skills, Thinking Skills, and Personal and Social Skills.

Teachers will be communicating and reporting throughout the year in the following formats:

- 3 Formal Written Learning Updates (2 Mid-year Learning Updates, and 1 Summary of Learning)
- 2 Informal Learning Updates (ex. Parent-Teacher Conferences, Student-Family-Teacher Conference, Interim Report)

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, responsible for creating reporting requirements, has provided [reporting information for parents and caregivers](#) in the following languages: [English](#), [French](#), [Chinese \(Simplified and Traditional\)](#), [Tagalog](#), [Farsi](#), [Urdu](#), [Punjabi Gurmukhi](#)

Should you have any further questions, please reach out to Sara Bell directly at sbell@wvschool.ca

CHARTWELL TRAFFIC !!!

Please consider the safety of our students and community members when dropping-off or picking up your child. Please **do not enter the staff parking area**.

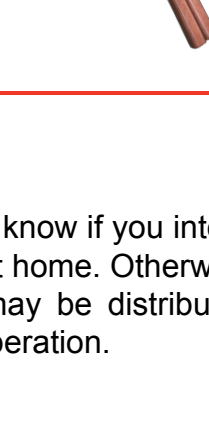
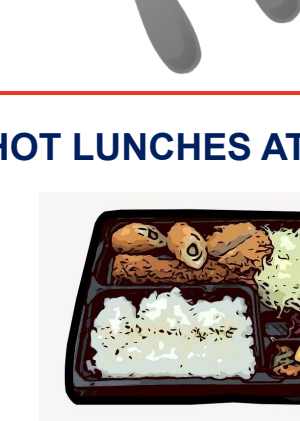
IMPORTANT! - There is no **left-hand turn** at the top of our driveway onto Chartwell Dr.

We understand that traffic is frustrating but it is essential that **ALL** families follow our drop-off and pick-up expectations.

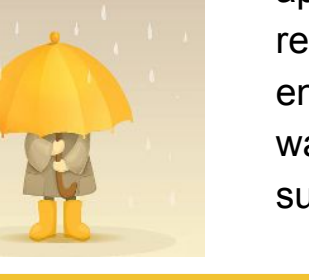


PLEASE PACK UTENSILS

Students must to bring a fork, spoon or chopsticks from home to eat their lunches. The office does not have extra for our students. Being mindful of single use plastics we are looking to have our students bring reusable cutlery from home.

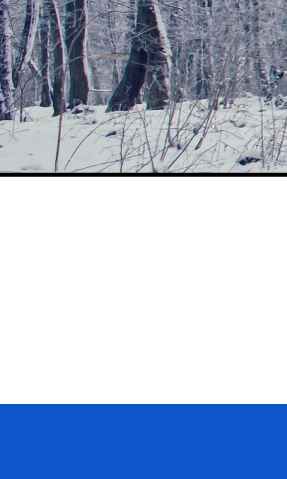


HOT LUNCHES AT SCHOOL



If your child is absent, please let the office know if you intend to pick up their lunch or if a sibling will bring it home. Otherwise, in order to limit waste, extra hot lunches may be distributed to students in need. We appreciate your cooperation.

NO SUCH THING AS BAD WEATHER - JUST INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING



The wet weather has arrived! Students are outside for approximately 45 minutes for morning and lunch recesses and will need to keep warm and dry. Please ensure your child(ren) come to school in appropriate waterproofed clothing and footwear. Please also make sure to add a change of dry clothing in their backpack.

IN PREPARATION OF WINTER WEATHER

[CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION](#)

FOR INFORMATION ON THE COMING YEAR

[YEAR TO DATE CALENDAR 2023-2024](#)

[CHARTWELL BELL TIMES](#)

PAC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY PAC
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OCTOBER 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 HOT LUNCH	4 HOT LUNCH	5 HOT LUNCH	6	7
8	9	10 HOT LUNCH	11 CPAC MEETING HOT LUNCH	12 HOT LUNCH	13	14
15	16	17 HOT LUNCH	18 HOT LUNCH	19 HOT LUNCH	20 NO SCHOOL	21
22	23	24 HOT LUNCH	25 HOT LUNCH	26 HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT and HOT LUNCH	27	28
29	30	31	PAC ONLY EVENTS			

Dear Chartwell families,

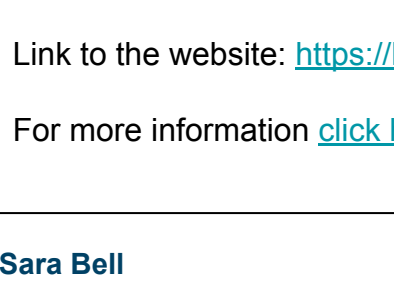
- We hope you are all having a good week. As you already know there will be a Halloween Movie Night on October 26th (Next Thursday) at 5:30 PM. All Chartwell students, Parents, and siblings are invited to attend. This will be a really fun night, tickets and food are available for purchase through munchalunch (this is a CPAC Fundraiser). You can find the Halloween Movie option in your munchalunch accounts. Everyone is welcome to dress up in their Halloween costumes for this event, also feel free to bring your picnic blanket and folding chairs for extra comfort. This event will be at the school gym and we ask all parents to accompany their children. If you are interested to volunteer for this event and future events please fill out this form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0UmA2Mn1S_OOtrJhyOIuw3M5tciQSNuifr1xxOj_kpHogZtw/viewform
- Please make sure you purchase food and tickets online, in advance, and as soon as you can, since this will be a no cash event (you cannot pay for anything at the event). Our Parent volunteers worked really hard to plan and organize this event and we appreciate your support. If you have any questions, please email chpac@wvschools.ca
- Information regarding Badminton Club and Spirit Wear will be shared with all of you in the following weeks.
- Special thanks to all the amazing parents who volunteer as Class Parents this year. We still do not have a Class Parent for Div 7. If you have a child in Div 7 and are interested to take on this rewarding role, please speak with Ms. Saatchi and let us know.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Halloween Movie Night,
CPAC

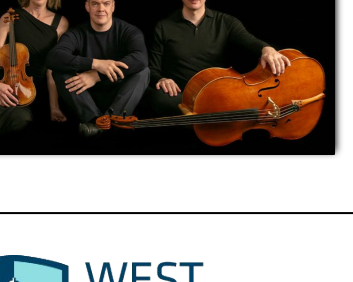
Chartwell Class Parents

Div 1	Jennifer Zhu and Neelke Kruger-Logan
Div 2	Brenda Weeks
Div 3	Elham Yazdi
Div 4	Narges Hafizi
Div 5	Jenny Sui
Div 6	Mahta Boozari
Div 8	Aileen Liu
Div 9	Golnaz Yazdi
Div 10	Rasmene Aujla
Div 11	Azadeh Marzara
Div 12	Anita Shayegan

WV Community Corner



Click [HERE](#) for information on Monthly Online Events for Parents and Caregivers this Fall



Attention All Females! West Van Minor Hockey Association is hosting Girl Power this week!

West Vancouver Minor Hockey Association's 3rd annual 'Girl Power' event is Friday, October 20th from 1 - 4 p.m. at West Van Arena. This **FREE** event is open to all girls living in West Van from 5 - 18 years of age. No experience is necessary! There will be on-ice and off-ice sessions and even a pizza party! Gear will be provided for those new to the sport. That evening all interested girls can attend a UBC Thunderbirds female hockey game vs Trinity Western (transportation not provided). Tickets are free for Girl Power participants + 1 adult each! Please register [HERE](#) by October 16th or as soon as possible to secure your spot.

KAY MEEK THEATRE

Kay Meek Theatre is offering discounted tickets to the following concerts:

- Trio Fibonacci – Apply code TRIOF5
- Serenades and Divertimenti – apply code VETTA

Link to the website: <https://kaymeek.com/events/triofibonacci-1022>

For more information [click here](#)

