

October 10, 2024 NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION BULLETIN

Hello Chartwell Families,

This week we had our Parent-Teacher Conferences, and I want to take a moment to emphasize the importance of communication between home and school. A strong partnership between families and teachers has a direct impact on student achievement. When we work together, we are better able to support our students academically, socially, and emotionally, helping them reach their full potential.

Additionally, we have begun the Foundation Skills Assessments (FSAs) for our Grade 4 and 7 students. These assessments are a valuable tool for understanding how students are progressing in key areas like literacy and numeracy. To help your child perform their best, please remember the importance of good sleep, healthy nutrition, and regular exercise during this period. These elements are key to keeping students focused and energized.

I'd also like to thank everyone who attended our PAC meeting this week. We had a fantastic turnout, and I am excited to work with our new PAC executive, led by Jasmine Ni and Maryam Goodarzi. I know we are going to accomplish great things together this year.

Thank you again for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Warm regards,
Sara Bell

LOOKING AHEAD

October 14	Thanksgiving Holiday - School Closed
October 17	Shake Out BC
October 22	Gr. 7 Volleyball Game #1
October 25	Professional Development Day - school not in session
October 29	Gr. 7 Volleyball #2
October 30	Individual Photo RETAKES day - 9:00 am
October 31	Halloween Spooktacular
November 5	Gr. 7 Volleyball #3
November 8	Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 11	Remembrance Day - School is Closed
November 12	District wide Reading Break - School Closed
November 13	PAC Meeting (Virtual 7PM)

IMPORTANT THIS WEEK:

- Thank you!
- Sign-up for before and after school activities

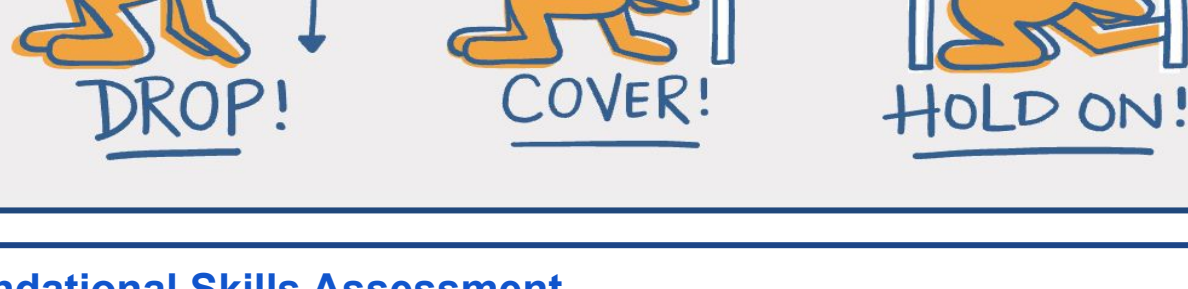


Thank you to our PAC for the wonderful World Teacher Day celebration and treats! It was very much appreciated.



SHAKE OUT BC

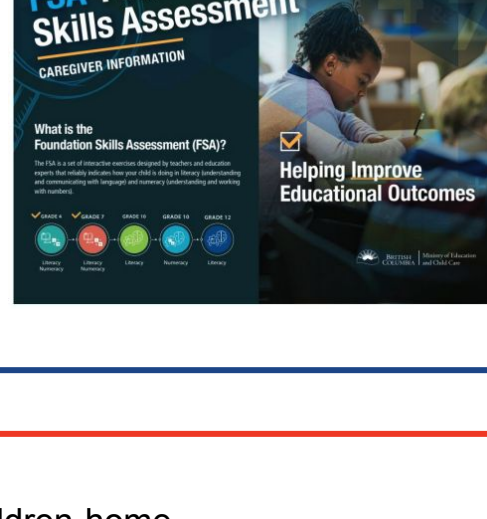
Students and staff at Chartwell will take part in the provincial "Shake Out BC" initiative on October 17th, this will be our first earthquake drill of the year. An important reminder to families to be prepared at home. Are you ready for an earthquake? Does your child know what to do?



Foundational Skills Assessment

Foundational Skills Assessments (FSAs) are for Grade 4 and 7 students. All students in these grades across BC will write the FSAs beginning in October.

The link to practice materials and more information for families can be found [HERE](#). If you have any questions or concerns about the FSAs, please contact your classroom teacher or Ms. Bell sbell@wvschools.ca



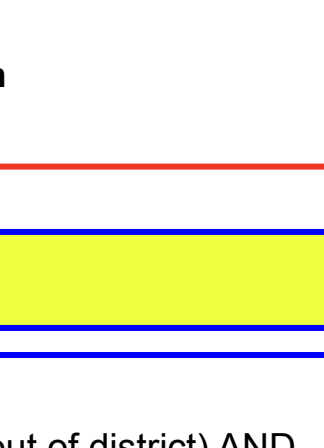
STUDENT ILLNESS

As we approach Flu season, 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.



More information can be found online at Vancouver Coastal Health link vch.ca

PARENT ACTION ITEMS

Registration for 2024-2025

Applications for Kindergarten (in-catchment, out of catchment and out of district) AND for in-catchment registrations in Grades 1-12 will be open on Monday, October 15th. Please note that current Chartwell students are not required to re-apply for the next school year. Grade 7 students going to Sentinel also do not need to apply, they will automatically transfer. Sentinel counsellors will visit us in late winter/early spring to distribute transfer forms at that time. HOWEVER, if your first choice for a secondary school is not Sentinel then you must complete an online application according to the student registration timelines. Please see this [link](#) for the deadlines.

West Vancouver Schools Admissions

2025/2026 admissions opens on Tuesday October 15th at 8:00 am for all Kindergarten students and all Grade 1 –12 In-catchment students.

Admissions for Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students opens on at 8:00 am on Wednesday, January 15th, 2025.

For more information about admissions dates, guidelines and information, please visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/admissions/> Please carefully read the information regarding new documentation procedures before starting the application process.

CHARTWELL TRAFFIC !!!

Please consider the safety of our students and community members when dropping-off or picking up your child. Please do not park in the Sentinel Parking lot and walk up to the school.

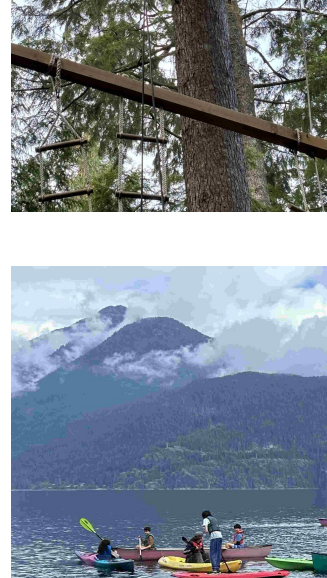
Here are some strategies to assist with traffic flow:

- Carpool or find other transportation (i.e. walking, bike, or scooter).
- Arrange a meeting place with your child on Chartwell Drive, Camelot Road.
- Drop off and pick-up students at the east end of the roundabout.
- If your child is not ready to be picked up, drive around for a second time or park on Chartwell Drive and walk to the school to connect with your child.
- Please do not enter the staff parking area.

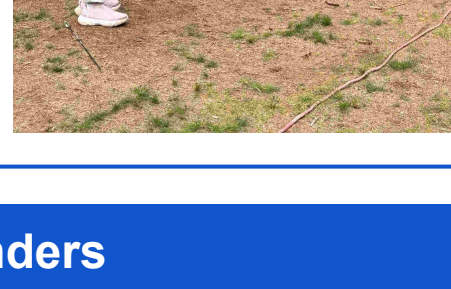
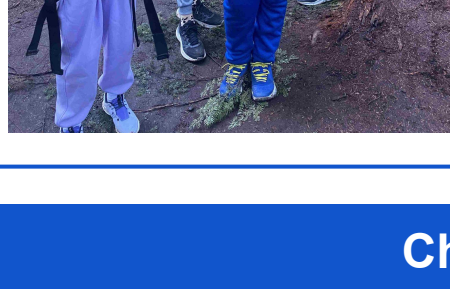
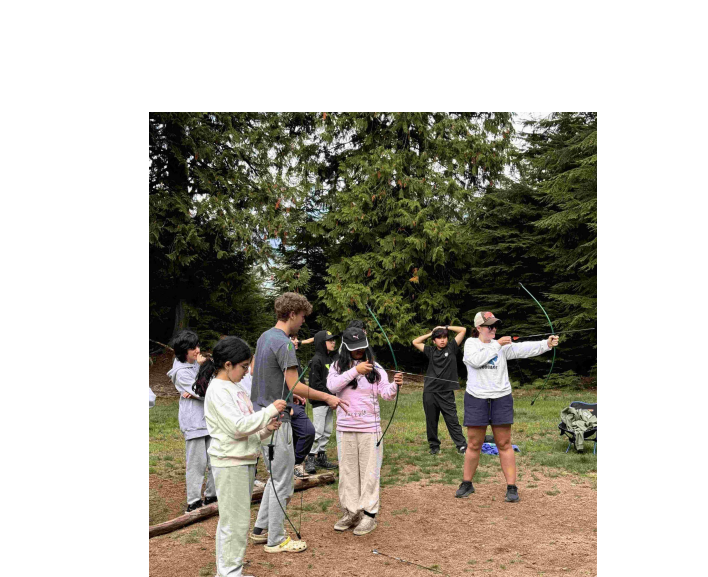
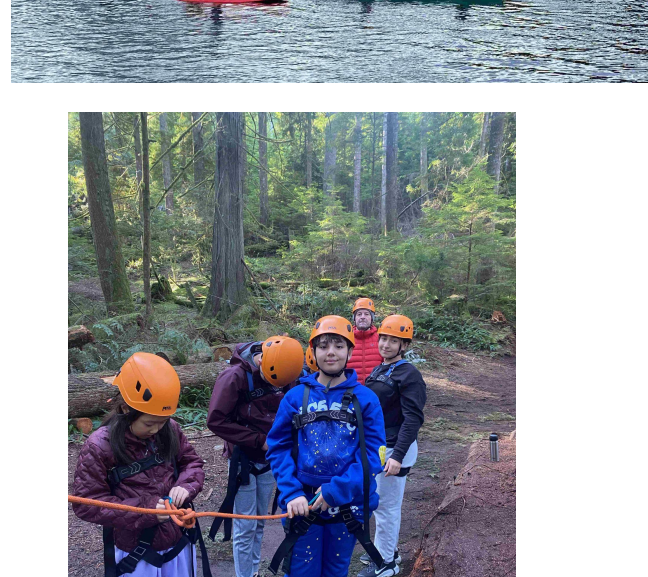


Chartwell Spotlights

GRADE SEVEN CAMP



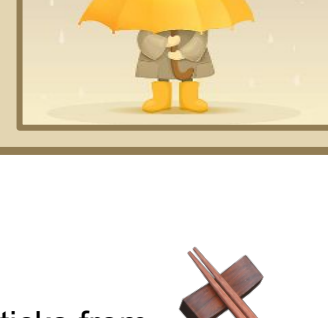
Our grade 7 students kicked off the school year with an unforgettable three-day adventure at Camp Latona on Gambier Island, beginning and ending with a scenic boat ride across Howe Sound. Once at camp, they participated in a wide range of activities, including kayaking, paddle boarding, swimming, archery, ropes courses, and field games. Whether they were navigating the waters or aiming for bullseyes, students challenged themselves to try new things and push beyond their comfort zones. The weather, while a bit cool with fall in the air, stayed clear, allowing for full days of fun and adventure. Between the exciting activities, delicious meals, and the opportunity to build new friendships, students made lasting memories and strengthened bonds with their peers. This trip was the growth way to launch the school year, offering them growth, connection, and a spirit of exploration that will inspire them throughout the year ahead.



Chartwell Reminders

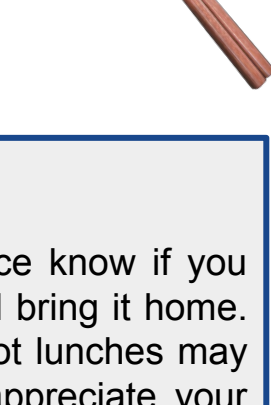
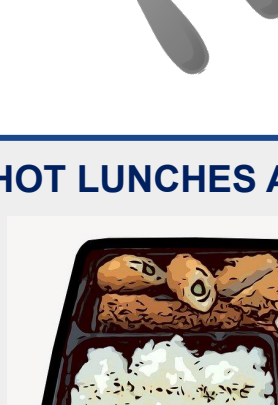
NO NOTHING AS BAD WEATHER JUST INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING

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 children come to school in appropriate waterproofed clothing and footwear.



PLEASE PACK UTENSILS

Students need 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.



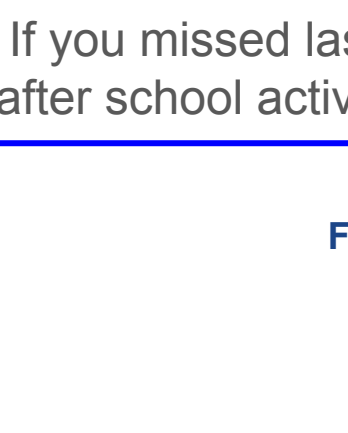
HOT LUNCHES AT SCHOOL



If your child is absent, please let the office know if you intend to pick 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.

SNACKS AND LUNCHES AT SCHOOL

Packing enough food for lunches and snacks is so important to ensure our students are fueled for learning. We know that a students are well nourished are better able to self-regulate and learn new information.



Each year it is important to pack a little bit more food for your child than the year before, as they are growing and developing. The office can provide an emergency snack for students that are still hungry or who have forgotten their lunches.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

If you missed last weeks Special Bulletin with the links to our other after school activities please click the link [HERE](#)

FOR INFORMATION ON THE COMING YEAR

- [IMPORTANT DATES 2024 - 2025](#)
- [CHARTWELL PARK BELL TIMES](#)

West Vancouver Community Events

We are changing how we share community news and events. Starting now, individual "Community Connections" will no longer be included in our school bulletins. Instead, all local programs, events, and resources will be found in one convenient location, accessible through a [single link](#) that we'll update and share with you each week.

All school-specific information will continue to be featured in our regular ebulletin.

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"I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides."



Dear Chartwell Parents and Guardians,

I'm happy to report that our first general PAC meeting, held yesterday, was a great success! We introduced a few new executive members and had a productive discussion with our principal, Ms. Bell. Below are some important updates and upcoming activities that require your attention:

1. New Hot Lunch Days

We've added a few new vendors to cover additional hot lunch dates. Please log into Munchalunch and place your orders as soon as possible. The deadline to order is this Friday. To avoid missing future deadlines, we encourage parents to order for the entire term in advance. Thank you for your continued support of this key fundraiser!



2. Spirit Wear

The deadline to order Spirit Wear is quickly approaching. We encourage all students to wear their Spirit Wear every Friday to help promote school pride and unity.



3. Halloween Candy Donations

We are collecting pre-packaged, fun-sized candy for the PAC's Halloween Spooktacular Funtime event. Please send donations with your child and have them drop the candy off in the collection box located outside the office. We appreciate your support!



4. Class Parents Needed

Each division is in need of one class parent to assist with collecting ideas, organizing class events, and coordinating year-end gifts or parties. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in your child's classroom. If interested, please consider volunteering! Any inquiries to CHPac@wvschools.ca

5. Volunteer Opportunities

With hot lunch now being offered every school day starting from October 15th, we need additional volunteers to help distribute lunches. Please sign up [here](#) to contribute to your child's hot lunch experience. Your support makes a big difference!

Thank you for your attention to these important updates. Your involvement is essential to making these events and activities successful for the Chartwell community.

Thank you,

Jasmine Ni
PAC Chair

Scan the QR code below to be added to the CHARTWELL PARENTS GROUP on WhatsApp to get all your CPAC info and reminders!!



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