

October 17, 2024 NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION BULLETIN

Hello Chartwell Families,

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on a few important matters at school this week.

First, we've had several bear sightings near the school recently. While there have been no sightings this week, we are continuing to focus on safety and making sure all students are BEAR AWARE. Tomorrow morning, we will be hosting a Bear Information Session for all students, where we'll review important safety tips.

Here are a few simple rules of thumb for black bear safety on school grounds that we are sharing with students:

- Keep the grounds clean and free of food. Bears are attracted to food sources, so we must all do our part in maintaining a clean environment.
- Walk in groups. Bears tend to avoid large groups of people, so sticking together is a simple way to stay safe.
- Stay calm and move away slowly if you ever see a bear. Do not run.

Today, we also participated in the province-wide ShakeOut BC earthquake drill. I'm pleased to report that Chartwell ran a successful drill with a full evacuation. This was an important practice to ensure that our students and staff know exactly what to do in the event of an emergency. Looking ahead, we will be running a full school release in November, so families can better understand the process for student pick-up in an emergency situation. More information on this will be shared soon.

Thank you,

LOOKING AHEAD

October 22	Gr. 7 Volleyball Game #1
October 23	Hearing test for Kindergarten
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 (See CPAC page for details)
November 5	Gr. 7 Volleyball #3
November 8	Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 11	Remembrance Day - School is Closed
November 12	Professional Development - School not in Session
November 13	Student Release Drill - more info to come PAC Meeting (Virtual 7PM)
November 22	Immunization Clinic - Kindergarten & Grade 6

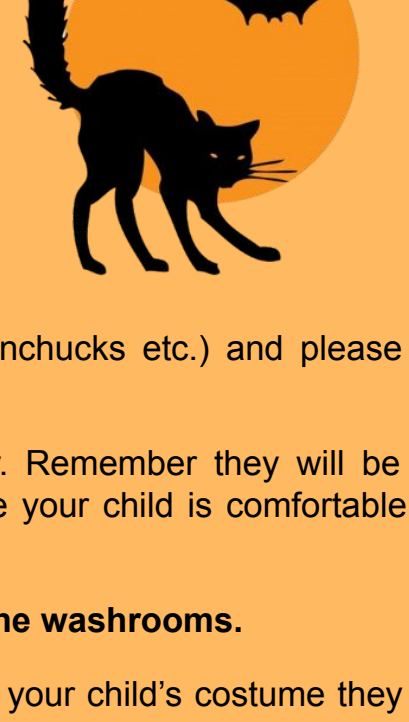
IMPORTANT THIS WEEK:

- Halloween Information!
- Lost and Found
- PAC Update

HALLOWEEN GUIDELINES

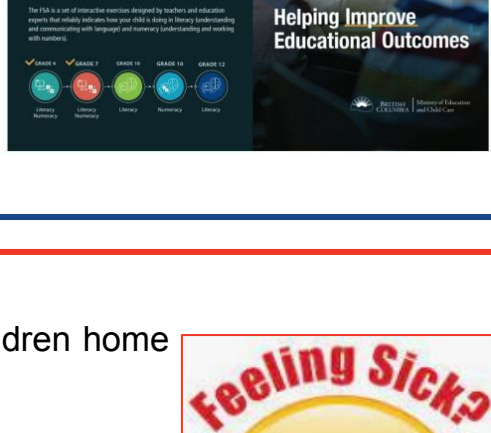
As students and families start to think about costumes, to ensure the day is fun for everyone, please observe the following dos and don'ts:

- ❖ 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, guns, 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 masks when possible - if a mask is a critical part of your child's costume they are allowed but must be removed when working in the classrooms.
- ❖ 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)**



Foundational Skills Assessment

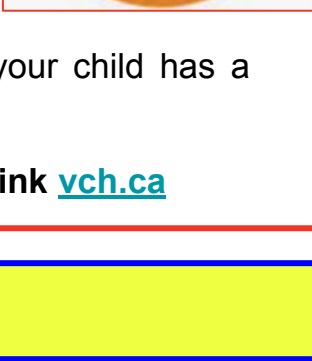
Foundational Skills Assessments (FSAs) are for Grade 4 and 7 students. All students in these grades across BC will write the FSAs beginning in October.



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

TAKE A PEEK EVERY WEEK

Head lice are a common, annoying pest that all schools encounter. A 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 **please report** cases to the school. Individual information is never shared but this helps bring an awareness to the community at large. We will notify classrooms where lice has been reported.

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, Arranged or 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.



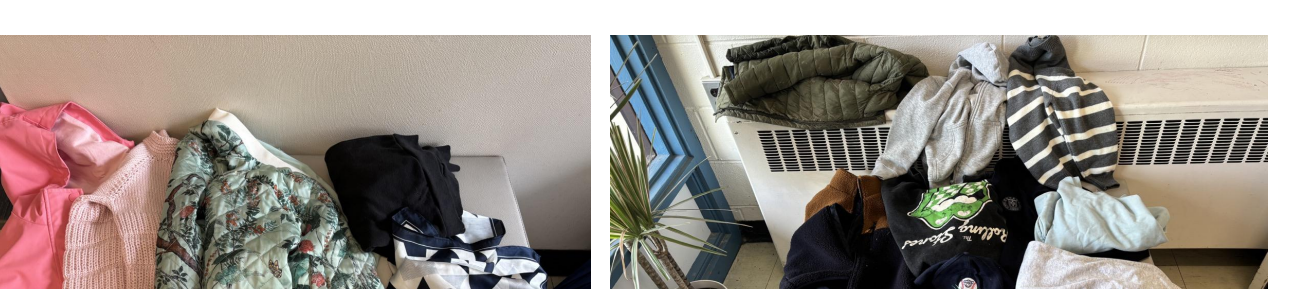
Chartwell Spotlights

CHARTWELL'S LOST and FOUND!



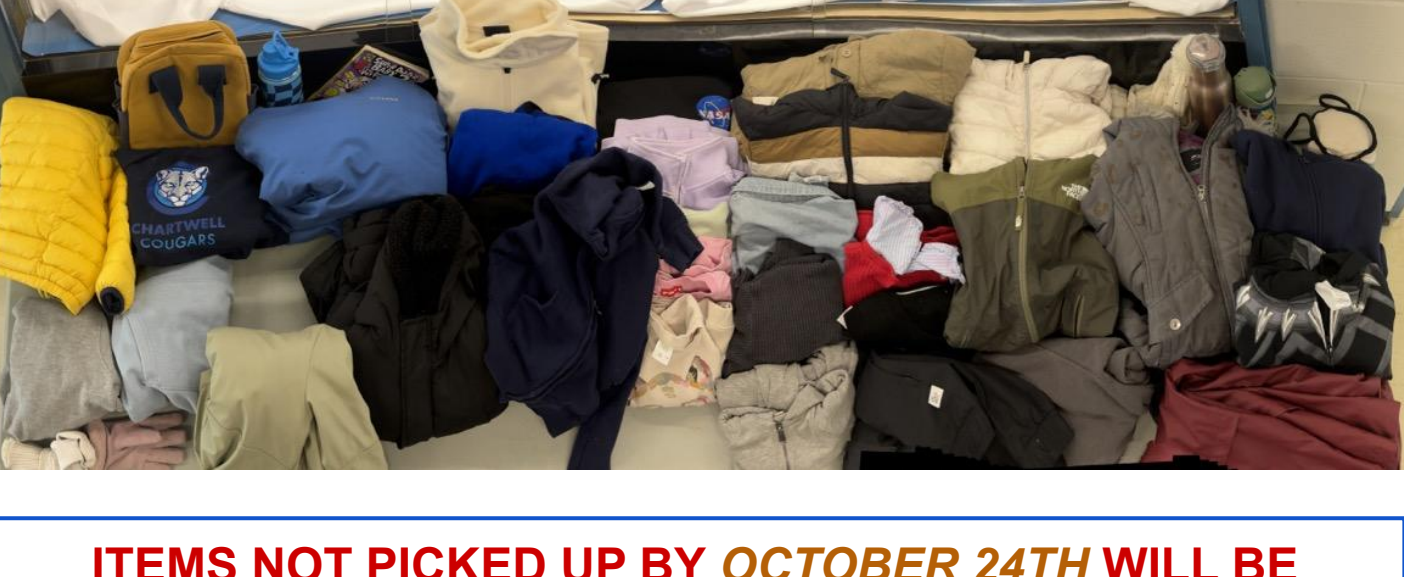
Lost and Found is already overflowing with beautiful sweaters, hoodies, jackets, water bottles and more! We pulled every item out of the drawers and only two items had name labels.

If you want your children's clothing returned please label their items. We are launching a [Mabel's Labels fundraising](#) campaign to support the school and help families ensure their children's clothes are returned.



If you are interested in purchasing labels for your children's clothing please click the "support a fundraiser" link.

If you have multiple children, purchase labels using just the family last name. We will ensure all labelled items are returned!

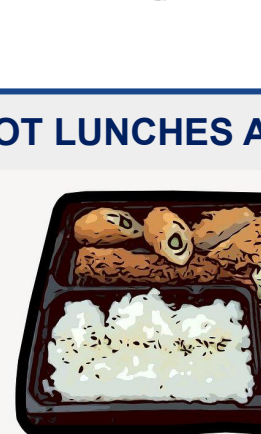
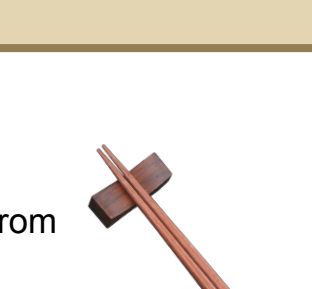


ITEMS NOT PICKED UP BY OCTOBER 24TH WILL BE DONATED TO GOODWILL

Chartwell Reminders

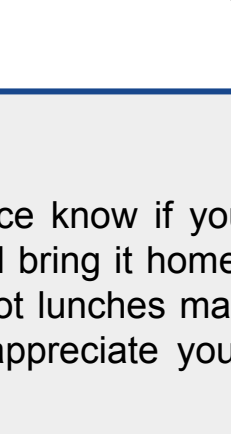
NO SUCH THING AS BAD WEATHER JUST INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING

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 children come to school in appropriate waterproofed clothing and footwear.

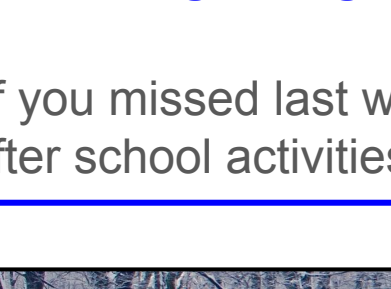


PLEASE PACK UTENSILS

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.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

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



IN PREPARATION OF WINTER WEATHER

CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION

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.

PAC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY PAC
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Dear Chartwell Parents and Guardians,

Hope you all had a wonderful week. Below are some important updates and upcoming activities that require your attention from PAC.

1. Halloween **CANDY** and **COSTUME** Donations

We've placed two big boxes in front of the office, and now's the perfect time to share some Halloween spirit! If you'd like to donate treats like candy, decorations, or gently used costumes, we'd love to have them. Any Halloween-related items that can be used or sold for fundraising are welcome. Your generosity will help make this event a spooktacular success. Don't wait—Halloween is just around the corner!



2. Class Parents Needed

We're looking for one Class Parent for each division to help gather ideas, organize class events, and coordinate year-end gifts or parties. It's a fantastic opportunity to get involved in your child's classroom and make a difference. Currently, we still need Class Parents for Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 12. If you're interested or have any questions, feel free to reach out to CHPac@wvschools.ca.

3. Family Badminton Friday

Don't miss out on this year's exciting Family Badminton Fridays! Whether you're looking for some quality family time or you want your kids to learn some real badminton skills, we've got something for everyone.

New This Year: We're bringing in a professional coach on-site to provide real badminton training!

Free Play: \$50/term for families who just want to enjoy free play.

Badminton Lessons: Add on \$120 for 8 lessons and give your child the opportunity to learn from the best!

Registration is now open, and our first session kicks off on **Friday, October 18th**. Sign up today on Munchalunch and make every Friday a smash hit!



4. Hot Lunch Volunteer

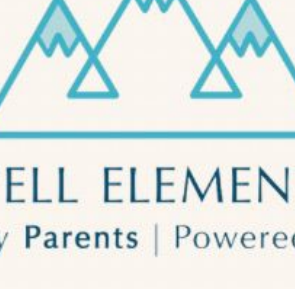
With hot lunch now being offered every school day starting from this Tuesday, we constantly need volunteers to help distribute lunches. The timing of hot lunch for the kids depends on the number of volunteers available. Please sign up [here](#) to contribute to your child's hot lunch experience.

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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