

**October 24, 2024 NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION BULLETIN**

Hello Chartwell Families,

I'd like to begin by extending my deepest condolences to all families affected by the flooding over the weekend. Our thoughts are with those who have been impacted, and if your family needs any support during this time, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to help in any way we can.

Despite the challenging weather, it has been a busy and exciting week at Chartwell. We kicked off our Grade 7 Volleyball season, and both the boys' and girls' teams are showing tremendous promise. Their skills are strong, and we are looking forward to cheering them on over the next few weeks. Go Chartwell!

We are also thrilled to announce that the PAC has generously purchased and delivered new outdoor equipment. The students are so excited to have new balls and nets to enjoy during recess and lunch. A big thank you to our PAC for supporting this initiative, which helps encourage active play and outdoor fun.

Finally, today we partnered with the district for a special tree-planting event. With the help of our kindergarten class, trees were planted on our school property as part of a project to enhance the urban forest canopy in our community. This is a fantastic learning opportunity for our students, and I look forward to sharing more details and photos in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support, and please don't hesitate to reach out if your family has been affected by the floods.

Warm regards,  
Sara Bell

**LOOKING AHEAD**

October 25	<b>Professional Development Day - Students not in Session</b>
October 29	Gr. 7 Volleyball Game #2
October 30	Individual Photo RETAKES or if you missed photo day - 9:00 am Email <a href="#">Andrea Undseth</a> to sign up
October 31	Halloween Spooktacular (See CPAC page for details) <b>Hoops Basketball cancelled - session today will make up November 21st</b>
November 5	Gr. 7 Volleyball Game #3
November 8	Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 11	<b>Remembrance Day - School is Closed</b>
November 12	<b>Professional Development Day - Students not in Session</b>
November 13	<b>Student Release Drill - more info to come</b> PAC Meeting (Virtual 7PM)
November 19	Gr.7 Volleyball Game #4
November 22	<b>Immunization Clinic - Kindergarten &amp; Grade 6</b>
November 26	<b>Boys Volleyball Jamboree</b>
November 28	<b>Girls Volleyball Jamboree</b>

**IMPORTANT THIS WEEK:**

- Halloween Information!
- Photo Retakes
- 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)*

We appreciate you!

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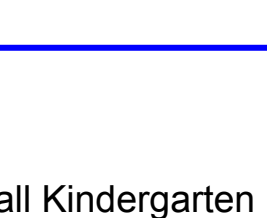
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**PARENT ACTION ITEMS**

**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 opened on Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 DR. ROADWORKS NOTICE**

Oct 31-Nov 2, 2024

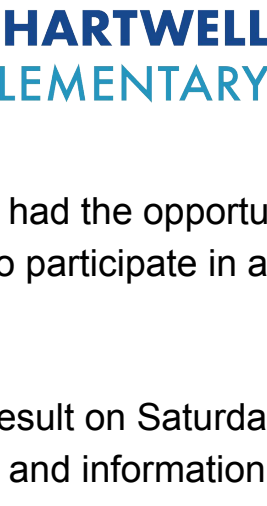
Alternate Parking Locations:  
Chartwell Drive  
Chartwell Crescent  
Camelot Road  
Tyrol Road

The District of West Vancouver's Engineering department will be repaving a section of Chartwell Dr. (highlighted red). Expect delays October 31 - Nov 2, as there will be single lane alternating traffic. There will be delays during pick up and drop off times so parents should park nearby and walk to the school. Parking locations highlighted in Green.

**Chartwell Spotlights**

**STUDENT VOTE 2024**

Over the last few weeks, Chartwell intermediate students have been learning and reflecting about our provincial government election. They had critical conversations about political parties, leaders, electoral ridings, and what it means to make an informed voting decision. Students were eager to make their voice heard and understand our current political landscape.



Over 170 000 students and 1000 schools across British Columbia had the opportunity to vote in a "Student Vote" election. They were given the chance to participate in a mock provincial election alongside our BC provincial election.

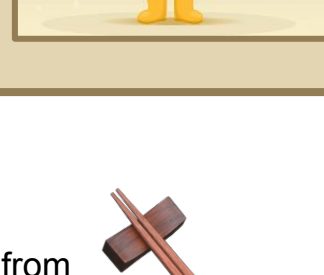
Results of the across the province indicated a very similar to our result on Saturday evening with a BC NDP minority government. To see more results and information please visit <https://studentvote.ca/bc/results>. Thank you to all students who participated!



**Chartwell Reminders**

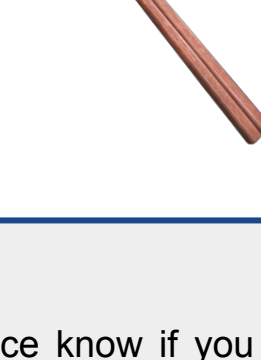
**NO SUCH THING AS BAD WEATHER JUST INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING**

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.

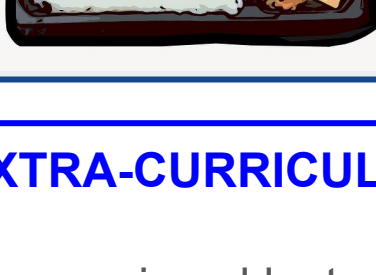


**PLEASE PACK UTENSILS**

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.**

Sara Bell  
Principal  
Chartwell Elementary School  
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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,

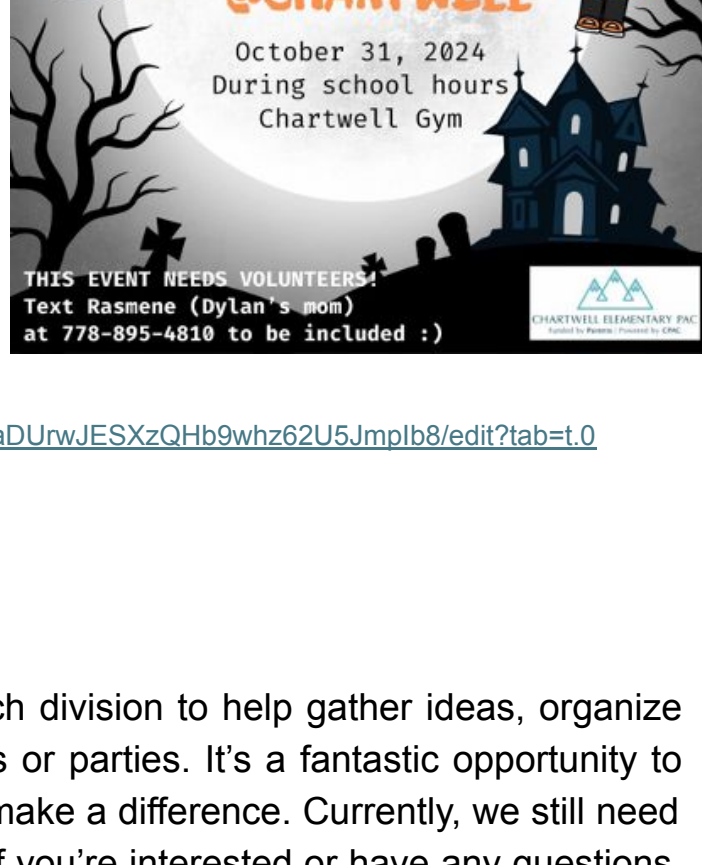
Hope you all had a wonderful week. Below are some important updates and upcoming activities that require your attention from PAC.

**1. Dress Up with a Bucket on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> (next Thursday)**

The Halloween Spooktacular Funtime is happening next Thursday during school hours! Please have your kids dress up in their costumes and bring a bucket for collecting candy.

Thanks to all the parents' generous donations for our exciting Halloween Event, we've collected plenty of candy and other Halloween-themed items. If you'd still like to contribute, feel free to drop off candy or anything that fits our event in the box by the office door. **The last day to donate is Monday!**

**IMPORTANT:**  
Please sign up to volunteer for our Halloween Event! It's a wonderful opportunity to see your little ones' smiles while they're enjoying the festivities during school hours.



To sign up, please use link below:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fs13tHbpPFZ2SbehaDUrwJESXzQHb9whz62U5JmPlb8/edit?tab=L0>

**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 3, 4, and 12**. If you're interested or have any questions, feel free to reach out to [CHPac@wvschools.ca](mailto:CHPac@wvschools.ca).

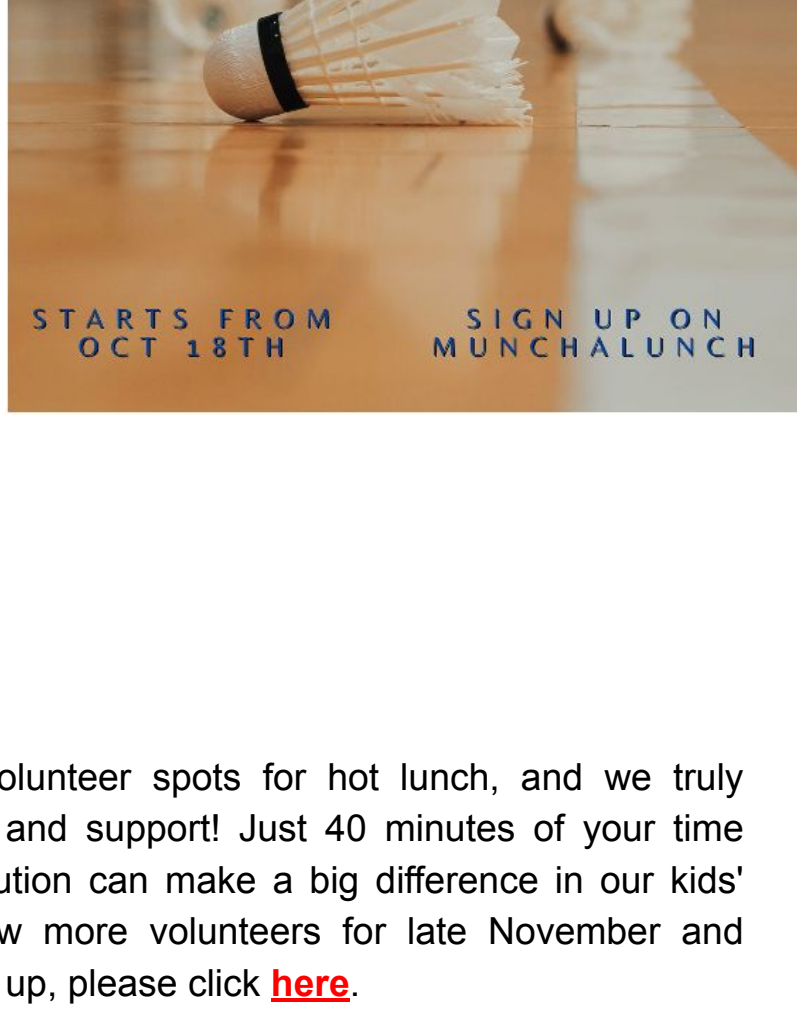
**3. Family Badminton Friday**

Thank you to all the parents who signed up for Family Badminton! We've had great success in the first week of registration. As of today, all lessons for younger kids are sold out, and only 3 spots remain for older kids. A few Family Badminton memberships are still available, so act fast!

**Family Badminton Membership:** \$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!

First lesson will on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.



**4. Hot Lunch Volunteer**

Hooray! We've almost filled all the volunteer spots for hot lunch, and we truly appreciate every parent's contribution and support! Just 40 minutes of your time during lunch hour for hot lunch distribution can make a big difference in our kids' lunch experience. We still need a few more volunteers for late November and December. If you're considering signing up, please click [here](#).

**5. Coming soon in November**

Family Basketball Weekend on Nov 16<sup>th</sup> & Nov 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

Best regards,

