

October 31, 2024 NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION BULLETIN



Today is **Diwali**, the Festival of Lights, celebrated by many families. Diwali symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil. People celebrate with beautiful lights, fireworks, and delicious treats. If you're celebrating Diwali, we wish you and your family lots of joy, light, and happiness!

Dear Chartwell Families,

We recently had a successful earthquake drill as part of ShakeOut BC, and now, we will hold an **Emergency Student Release Drill** on **Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**. This drill is important to help us practice safely releasing students in different emergency situations. These could include an earthquake or a snowstorm when students need to be picked up earlier than the regular time.

**Why We Practice This Drill:**

The goal of this drill is to make sure everyone in our Chartwell community knows their role in an emergency. Practicing in a calm and controlled way helps us prepare in case of a real emergency.

**What Families Need to Do:**

Please take a moment to review your role in this drill. Arriving at your scheduled time (listed below) will help us avoid long lines. If you have more than one child, you may pick them up during the *earliest* time slot for your family.

- **Kindergarten to Grade 3:** 1:30–1:55 p.m.
- **Grades 4 and 5:** 1:55–2:15 p.m.
- **Grades 6 and 7:** 2:15–2:45 p.m.

**Important Reminders:**

1. **Bring Photo ID.** You will need this for each child's release.
2. **If someone else is picking up your child:** They must be listed on the Student Release Form (submitted in September) and must bring their Photo ID.
3. **Parking:** Please park on nearby streets and walk to the school gym.
4. **Release Forms:** Fill out one release form per child upon arrival.
5. **Reunion Area:** After your Photo ID is checked, you will receive a label for each child and will then wait in the Reunion/Reception Area.

**All children must be picked up by 2:45 p.m.**

Thank you for your support and patience as we work together on this important safety practice.

Warm regards,  
Sara Bell

**LOOKING AHEAD**

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 27	<b>Boys Volleyball Jamboree</b>
November 28	<b>Girls Volleyball Jamboree</b>

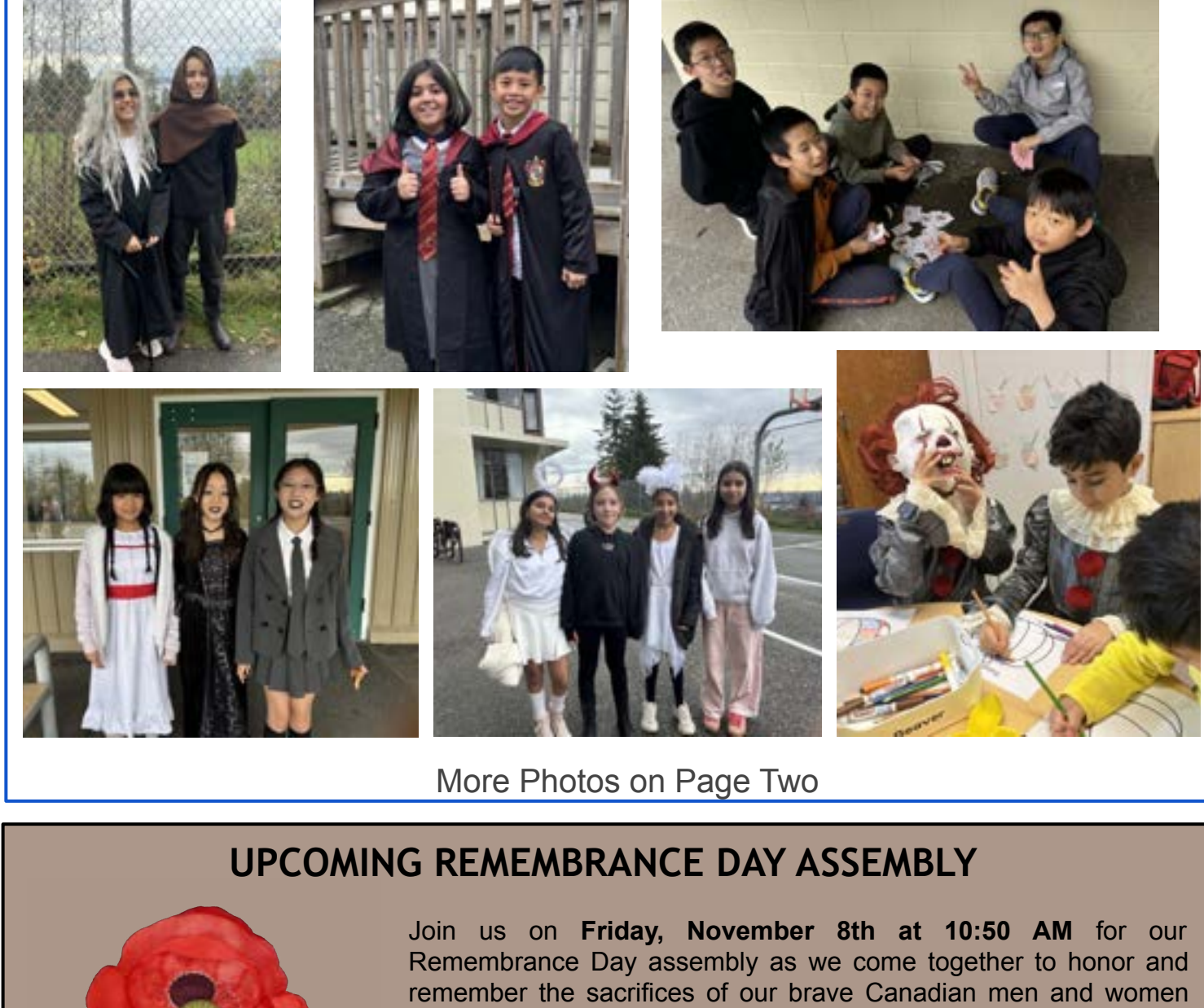
**IMPORTANT THIS WEEK:**

- Student Release Drill
- Roll back the Clocks!
- PAC Update

**Halloween 2024**

This Halloween, our students had a spook-tacular time at the PAC Halloween event held in the gym! The atmosphere was filled with excitement as everyone participated in various fun activities, bringing our community together in celebration.

Classrooms were decorated festively, creating a joyful environment while still prioritizing learning. It was wonderful to see our students engage in educational activities amidst the Halloween spirit. Thank you to our PAC for organizing such a fantastic event, and to all the teachers for keeping the learning alive during this fun-filled day!



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**UPCOMING REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY**

Join us on **Friday, November 8th at 10:50 AM** for our Remembrance Day assembly as we come together to honor and remember the sacrifices of our brave Canadian men and women who fought and continue to fight for our freedom and peace. The assembly will be lead by our Grade 7 students.

Families are welcome to join us, but please be aware that once we have all of our students and staff seated, audience seating will be limited. **Doors open at 10:40 for parents interested in attending.**

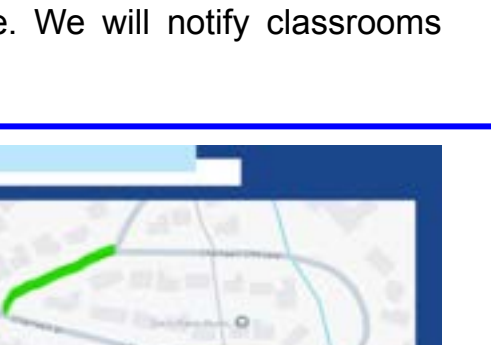
Students are encouraged to bring a **small donation (\$1 or \$2) for their poppy**. All proceeds are donated to the West Vancouver Legion to support their ongoing efforts around Remembrance Day.

If families would like to observe Remembrance Day services in West Vancouver, [click here](#) for more information.

**PARENT ACTION ITEMS**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE**

A reminder that Daylight Savings time ends on Sunday, November 3rd. Please remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour at 2:00am on Sunday morning. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep.



**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.

**CHARTWELL DR. ROADWORKS NOTICE**

Oct 31-Nov 2, 2024

Alternate Parking Locations:  
Cannell Drive  
Chartwell Crescent  
Camelot Place  
Carnegie Road  
Tyrrel Road

The District of West Vancouver's Engineering department has started 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.

Work on the roundabout at Cross Creek Rd. will begin on Monday.

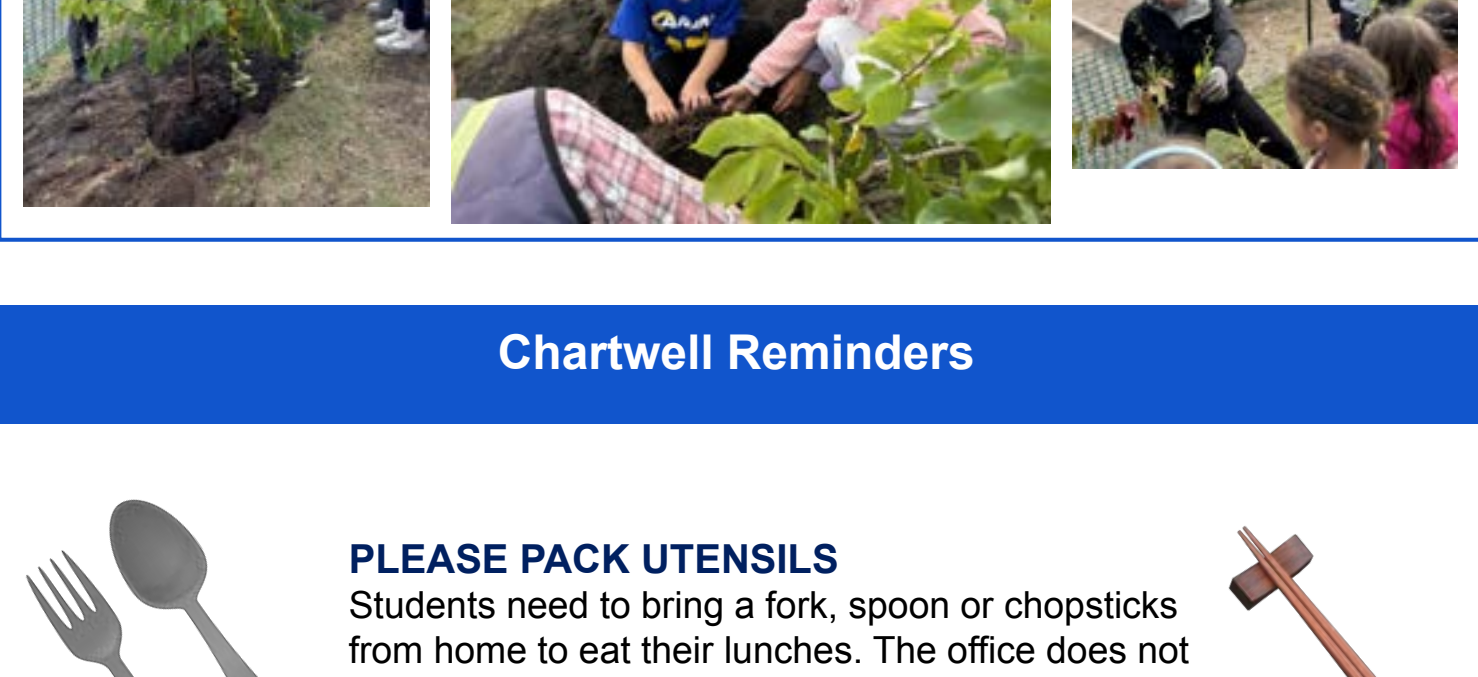
**Chartwell Spotlights**

**Kindergarten Tree Planting**

This month, our kindergarten class had the incredible opportunity to work alongside the West Vancouver School District gardener and District of West Vancouver Parks to plant multiple trees in two designated areas on our school property. With the help of our expert guests, students eagerly participated in the tree-planting process, adding soil, water, and mulch around each new tree. They even helped plant smaller groundcover plants, adding a beautiful and practical layer of greenery beneath the trees.



This was a wonderful hands-on learning experience. As our kindergarten students grow, so will their trees, symbolizing growth and learning. We're truly fortunate to be a chosen site for these five beautiful trees, which will enhance our playground environment and provide a legacy of nature for years to come.

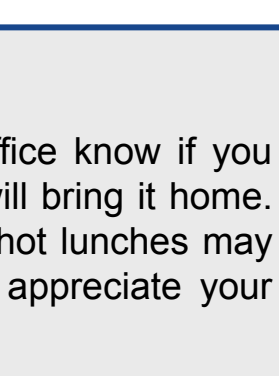


**Chartwell Reminders**

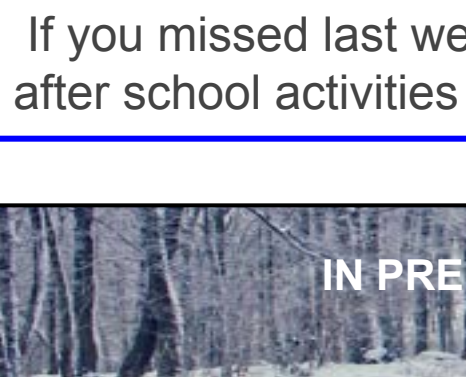


**PLEASE PACK UTENSILS**

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.



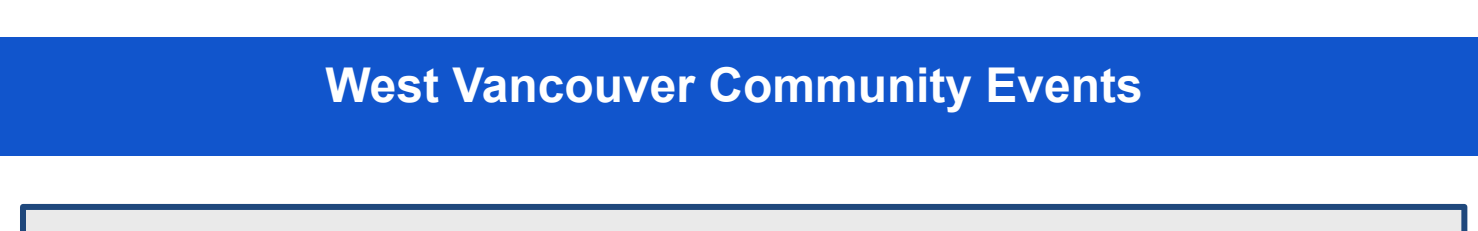
**HOT LUNCHES AT SCHOOL**



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](#)

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**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. Class Parents Needed for Division 12**

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

Further information about class parent responsibilities will be sent to each class parent next week.

**2. 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>.

**3. Family Basketball Weekend**

Join us for an exciting Family Basketball Event on November 16th and 17th! This is a great opportunity for parents and kids to bond over fun team games, win prizes, and enjoy a showcase of pro-level basketball skills. Kids can also learn the basics of basketball in a supportive, fun environment. Let's create some unforgettable family memories on the court!

**Date & Time:**  
**November 16th, 3-6 PM – For Kindergarten to Grade 4**  
**November 17th, 4-6 PM – For Grade 5 to Grade 7**

**Location:**  
**Ball Lab Training and Academy (North Vancouver)**

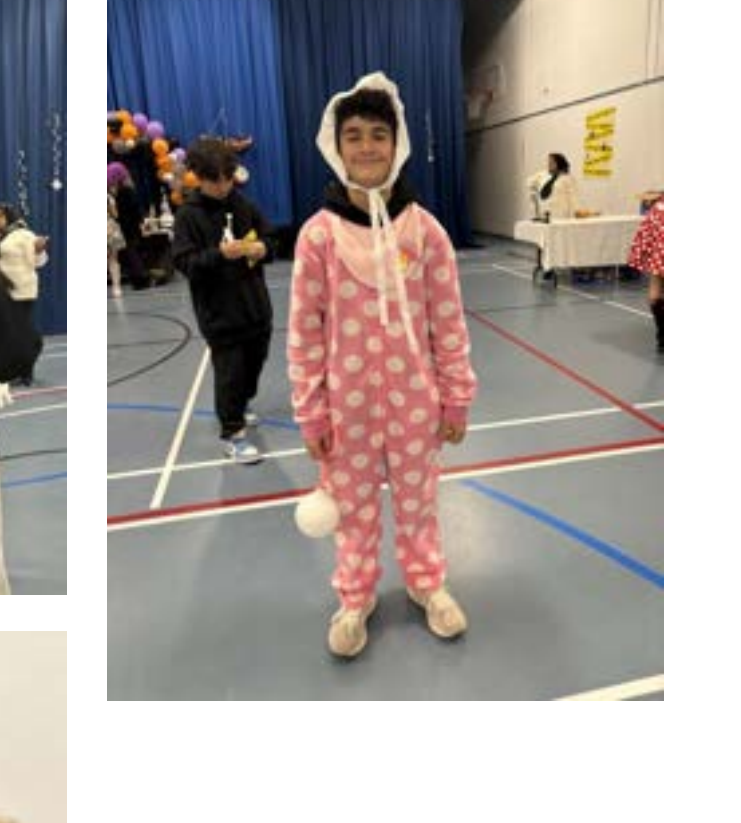
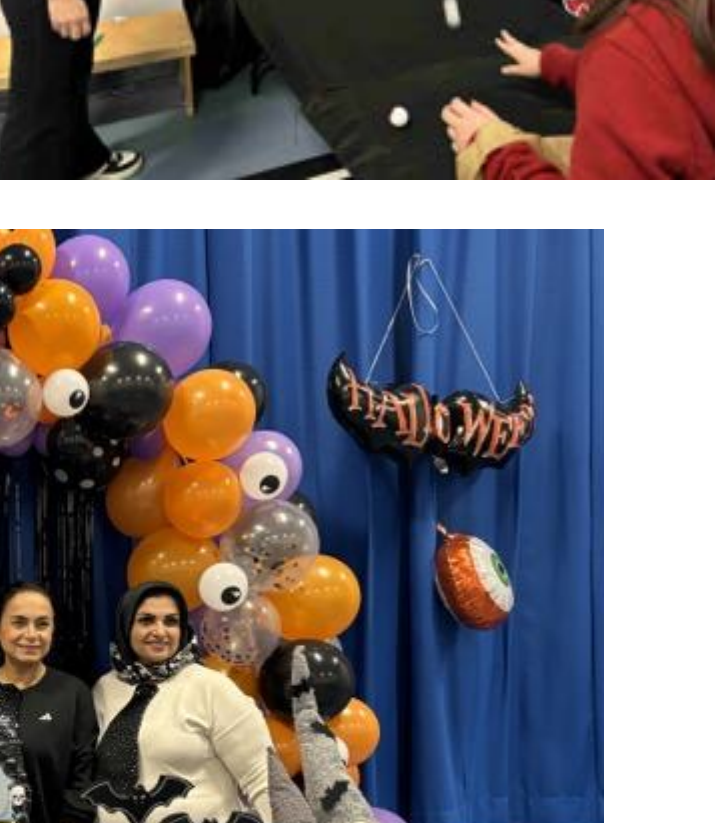
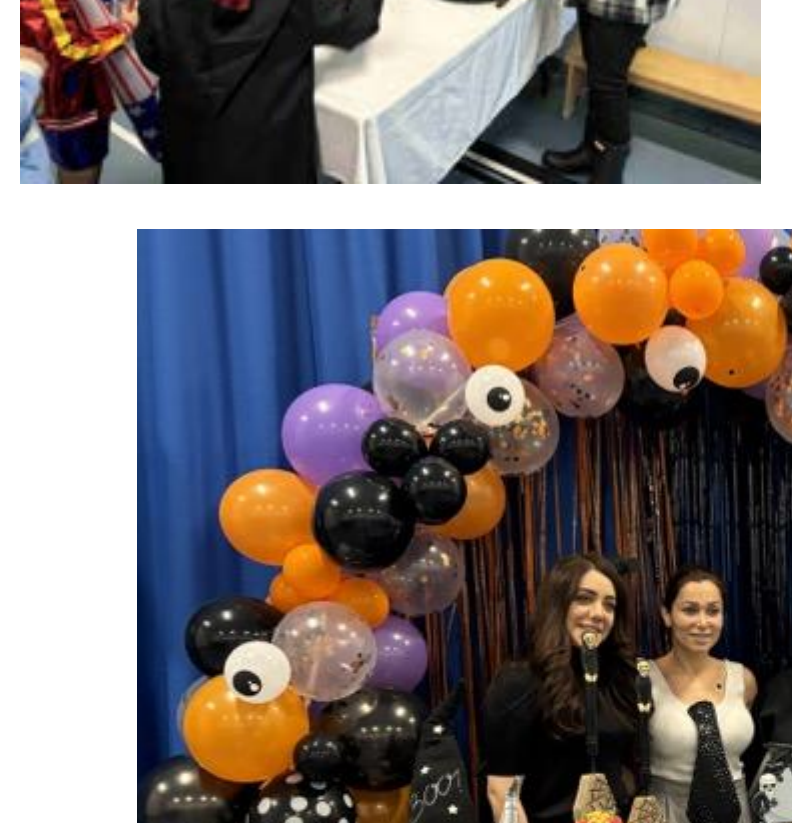
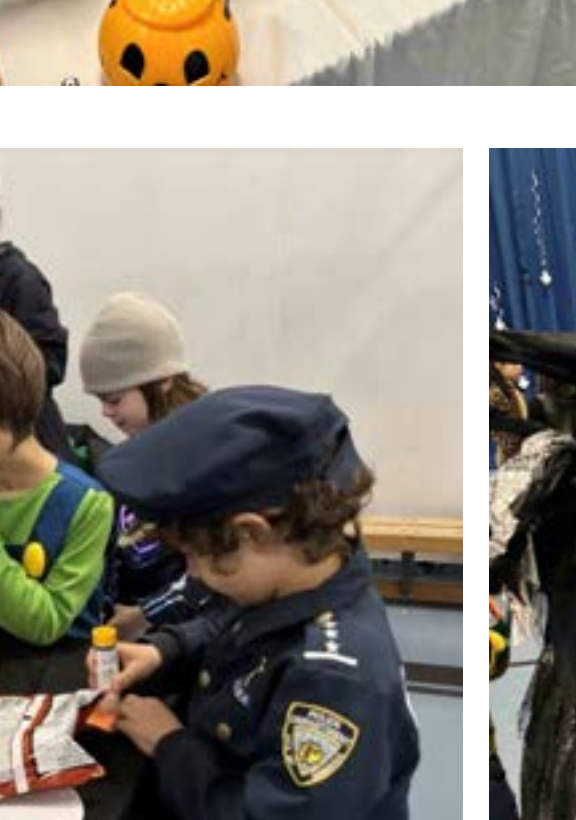
**Highlights:**  
**Basketball Skills Training**  
**Fun Games with Prizes**  
**Pro Basketball Exhibition**

**Registration will open next week!!**

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

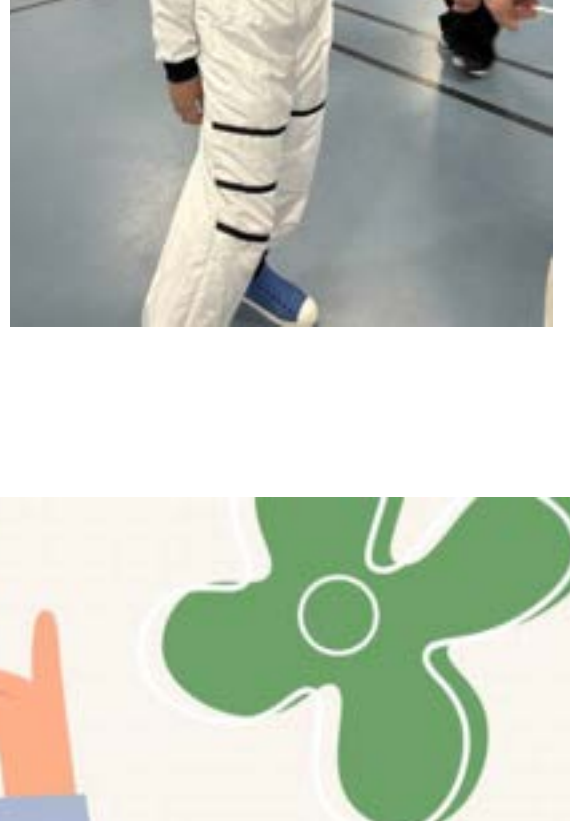
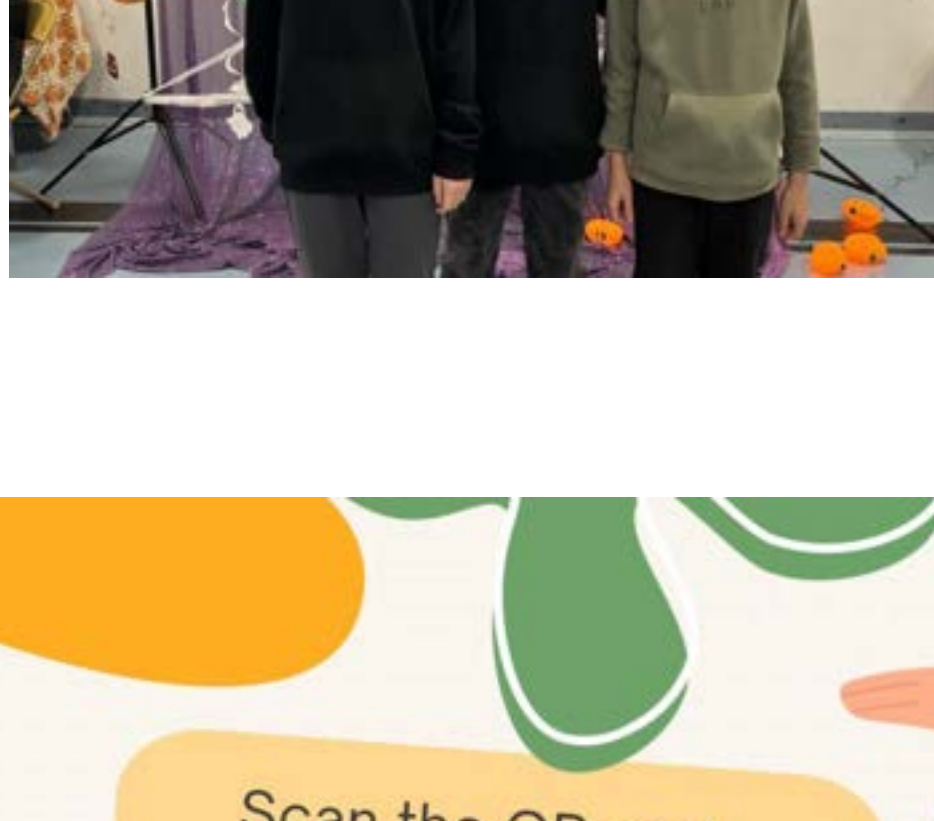
Best regards,

Jasmine Ni  
PAC Chair



**Thank you Chartwell PAC for organizing a fantastic day for our students.**

A special thanks to all the volunteers and parents that donated candy.



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

