

January 16th, 2025 NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION BULLETIN

Dear Chartwell Families,

As we continue to foster a love of learning at Chartwell, many of our teachers are planning field trips for students in the coming weeks. These outings provide wonderful opportunities for experiential learning, which is an essential part of our students' education.

Field trips offer real-world connections to what students are learning in the classroom, allowing them to engage with new environments, cultures, and ideas. Whether exploring nature, visiting a museum, or experiencing hands-on activities, these experiences deepen understanding, spark curiosity, and help students retain knowledge in ways that traditional classroom settings may not.

Beyond academics, field trips also encourage teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking. Students often work together to navigate new experiences, developing important life skills that will benefit them long after their school years.

We are excited about these learning opportunities and the memories they will create for our students. Thank you for your continued support in making these field trips possible!

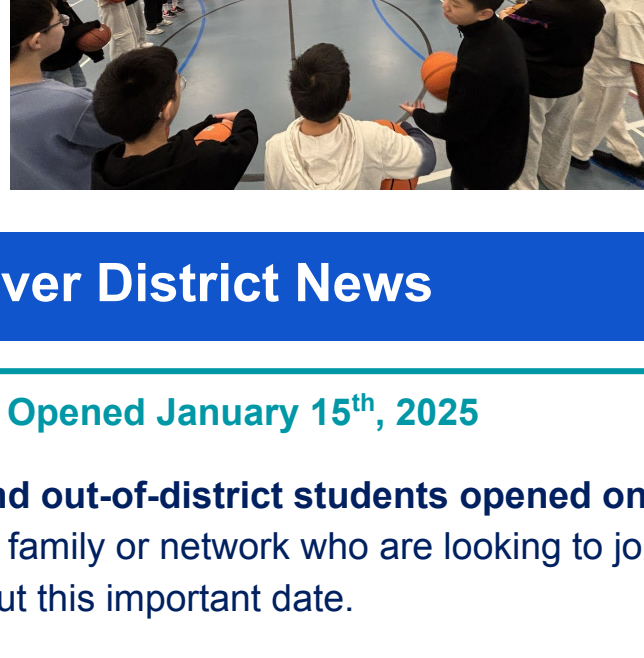
Warm regards,
Sara Bell

LOOKING AHEAD

January 21st	Basketball Game #1 (3:30 - 4:40 pm)
January 23rd	Food Drive for the Harvest Project
January 24th	Lunar New Year Celebration
January 27th	Professional Development Day - School not in Session
January 28th	Basketball Game #2 (3:30 - 4:30 pm)
January 31st	Hot Chocolate Day - PAC Fundraiser
February 4th	Basketball Game #3 (3:30 - 4:30 pm)
February 11th	Basketball Game #4 (3:30 - 4:30pm)
February 12th	PAC Meeting - Location TBD
February 14th	Reading Break - School not in session
February 17th	Family Day - School Closed
February 26th	Pink Shirt Day
February 26th	Grade 7 Girls Basketball Tournament
February 27th	Grade 7 Boys Basketball Tournament

Chartwell Spotlight

These past couple weeks and into next week, students have been given the opportunity to learn and practice their Basketball skills with Coach Bijan, thanks to the generous support of the Chartwell PAC. Primary classes had an introductory couple of sessions last week, while this week the intermediate students have been focusing their skills on the fundamentals of movement, passings, dribbling and shooting.



West Vancouver District News

West Vancouver Schools Registration Opened January 15th, 2025

K-12 registration for both in-district and out-of-district students opened on January 15! If you have students in your family or network who are looking to join our district, please help spread the word about this important date.

West Vancouver Schools offer a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community that values excellence in education. Our schools take pride in creating meaningful learning experiences and providing opportunities that support the growth, well-being, and success of every student.

To learn more about registration expectations and processes, please visit our admissions page: [West Vancouver Schools Admissions](https://www.wvschools.ca/admissions)

We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our vibrant and supportive school community!

Personal Digital Device Expectations

Personal Digital Device Expectations for the New Year

As we begin a new term, we'd like to remind students and families of our **Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations**, which have been key to fostering focused and engaging learning environments.

Students are expected to use personal digital devices only with the explicit permission of a teacher or administrator, ensuring their use is intentional and supports learning.

Families can continue to support this by:

- Encouraging balanced screen time at home.
- Avoiding calls or texts to students during school hours.
- Modeling mindful device use when on school property and at home.

Let's keep building on the success of this initiative and continue supporting safe, focused learning for all!

Chartwell Reminders

RETURNING TO CHARTWELL FOR THE 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR?

As we prepare for the 2025-26 school year, we are now accepting new student registrations and working to determine the availability of spaces for new families who wish to join our school community. If your child will **not** be returning to Chartwell in September 2025, please inform Ms. Undseth in writing as soon as possible at aundseth@wvschools.ca

This information is essential for us to understand how many spaces will be available for new students.

Please also note that students returning to Chartwell for the 2025-26 school year are expected to be present at school by **Tuesday, September 2, 2025**, to secure their enrollment. Students who are not in attendance on this date may be removed from the school's register.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS - REGISTER TODAY!

Mondays - Sport Explorers, formerly "Multi-Sport"
Tuesdays - Chess
Wednesdays - Yoga and Red Fox
Fridays - Chess (lunch recess) and Hoops (afterschool) We also currently setting up a Fridays - Lights-Up Theatre

MONDAY

Chartwell Sport Explorers After School Program: Spots available

Location: Chartwell Gymnasium
Dates: Mondays, January 13 - March 10 (No session Jan 27, Feb 17)
Time: 2:45-4:15
Grades: 4-7
Pricing: \$210 + GST (7 Sessions)

Register here: <https://privatecoachingco.uplifterinc.com/registration/product-detail/ChartwellSEASPTerm2>

TUESDAY

Chess Club After School - run by Sentinel High School Students in the Chartwell Library - Grades 4-7 and free of charge. Program is from: 3pm - 4:30pm. Please email aundseth@wvschools.ca if you would like to join. Starts Tuesday January 14 - March 11th, 2025.

WEDNESDAY

After School Weekly Kids Yoga "Yoga and our Second Brain"

In the Library Space
Register here: www.worldofyogaschool.com: Spots Available

THURSDAY

Chess Club - Thursdays at lunchtime - Chartwell Library: Currently full
Register here: <https://chartwellchess2025janmar.eventbrite.ca>

Register here: [Hoops basketball registration](https://www.hoopsbasketball.ca) : Spots Available

FRIDAY

After School Lights Up - NEW PROGRAM**
LIGHTS UP MUSICAL THEATRE AFTER SCHOOL AT CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY
Sing Dance Act Shine! At Lights Up After School, your child can experience the joys and benefits of musical theatre by taking part in our afterschool programs led by our talented and experienced Lights Up Musical Theatre Schools staff.
WINTER SHOW! INSIDE OUT! Performance for parents on the last day of classes!
Fridays JAN 10 - MAR 14, 2:45 PM - 5PM
GRADES: K to 7 Fee: \$365* (+plus GST)

Register here: lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/chartwell/ : Spots Available

FOR INFORMATION ON THE COMING YEAR

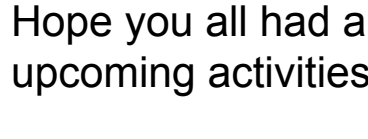
[CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION](#)
[IMPORTANT DATES 2024 - 2025](#)
[CHARTWELL BELL TIMES](#)

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.

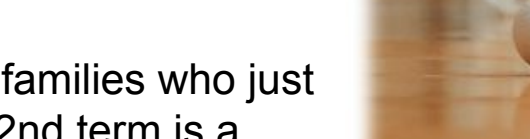
All school-specific information will continue to be featured in our regular ebulletin.

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."

PAC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

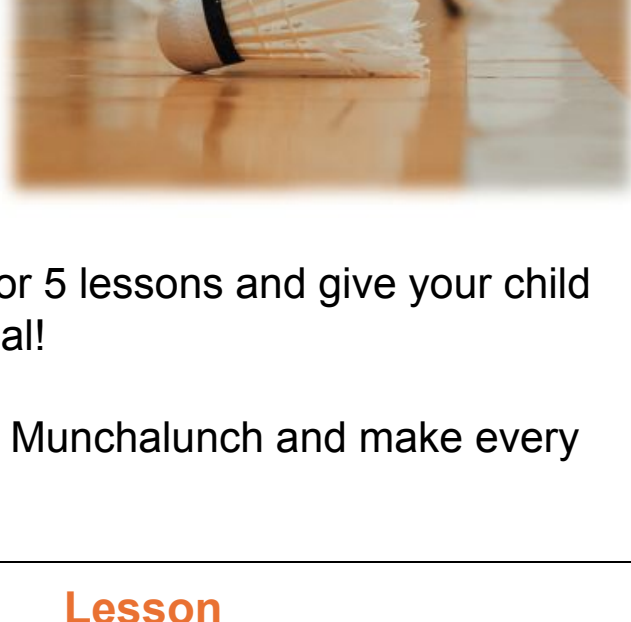


Dear Chartwell Families,

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

Family Badminton Friday

Our exciting Family Badminton Fridays are back! 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. This term, our on-site coach will continue to give kids lesson!



Free Play: \$30/term for families who just want to enjoy free play.(2nd term is a shorter one)

Badminton Lessons: Add on \$75 or \$60 for 5 lessons and give your child the opportunity to learn from the professional!

Registration is now open! Sign up today on Munchalunch and make every Friday a smash hit!

Date	Free Play	Lesson		
		4:00-5:00 (\$75)	5:00-6:00 (\$75)	6:00-6:50 (\$60)
Jan 17th	3:00-6:50pm	Make Up Lesson from Term 1	Make Up Lesson from Term 1	Make Up Lesson from Term 1
Jan 24th	4:00-6:50pm	K-G3	G4-G7	G4-G7
Jan 31st	3:00-6:50pm	K-G3	G4-G7	G4-G7
Feb 7th	3:00-6:50pm	K-G3	G4-G7	G4-G7
Feb 21st	3:00-6:50pm	K-G3	G4-G7	G4-G7
Feb 28th	3:00-6:50pm	K-G3	G4-G7	G4-G7

Lunar New Year Event

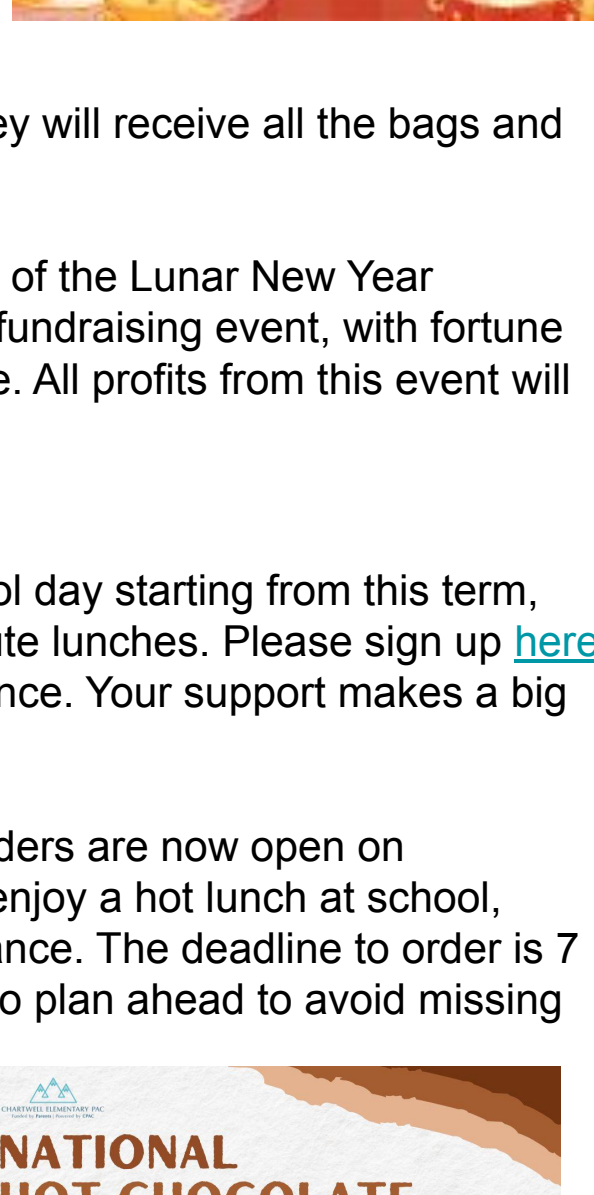
We are thrilled to announce that our Lunar New Year event will take place next Friday, January 24th! This special occasion is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate diversity with fun activities, games, and cultural traditions. On the day of the event, students will take turns visiting the gym to participate in the festivities. We warmly welcome all parents and family members to join us during your child's scheduled time slot.

Event Schedule:

9:00–10:10: Divisions 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
10:45–11:55: Divisions 5, 6, 7
12:45–1:40: Divisions 2, 3
1:40–2:35: Divisions 1, 4

Fortune Bags:

Fortune bags are now open for purchase through Munchalunch! Each bag is priced at \$20 and contains fun, kid-friendly gifts. In addition, every fortune bag comes with an opportunity to enter a raffle for exciting prizes. Buying a fortune bag is completely optional.



If a child purchases multiple fortune bags, they will receive all the bags and gain multiple entries into the raffle.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to be part of the Lunar New Year celebrations! Keep in mind that this is also a fundraising event, with fortune bag sales being the primary source of income. All profits from this event will go directly to the PAC account.

Hot Lunch Volunteers

With hot lunch now being offered every school day starting from this term, 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!

A quick reminder to all parents: Hot Lunch orders are now open on Munchalunch! If you would like your child to enjoy a hot lunch at school, please make sure to place your order in advance. The deadline to order is 7 days before the delivery day, so don't forget to plan ahead to avoid missing out.

Hot Chocolate Dat

Date: Friday, January 31
Price: \$3 per cup (cash only)
Time: 2:45pm
Location: Chartwell Gym



Thank you for your continued support of the PAC and our school community. If you have any questions or need assistance with Munchalunch order, feel free to reach out to us.

Looking forward to a fantastic year together!

Warm regards,

Chartwell PAC Team