

January 30th, 2025 NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION BULLETIN

Dear Chartwell Families,

This week, I want to highlight the significant impact that daily home reading can have on our students' literacy development. Engaging in just 20 minutes of reading each day has been shown to enhance vocabulary, comprehension, critical thinking skills and overall academic performance.

For Our Primary Students:

In the early years, reading is all about building confidence and establishing foundational skills. Encourage your child to explore a variety of genres and discuss the stories to enhance comprehension. As your child explores books at home, try to ask them simple questions about the story, such as "What happened first?" or "How did the character feel?" These types of discussions support comprehension and their critical thinking about the text. Don't be afraid to read together, taking turns and pausing to talk about new words or ideas.

For Our Intermediate Students:

As students move into the intermediate grades, reading builds fluency and comprehension. Encourage independent reading, but check in on their progress. Ask open-ended questions like, "What do you think will happen next?" or "Why did the character make that choice?" Setting small goals, such as reading a certain number of pages or chapters each week, can help maintain motivation and keep reading a regular part of their routine.

For Our ELL Learners:

For our English Language Learners, daily reading is especially beneficial. You can support your child by reading together in English or their home language, if possible, to strengthen their understanding of both languages. Don't hesitate to use bilingual books, as these can offer extra support in their language development and make reading a more enjoyable and inclusive experience.

By dedicating time to daily reading, we can support our students' growth and foster a lifelong love of learning.

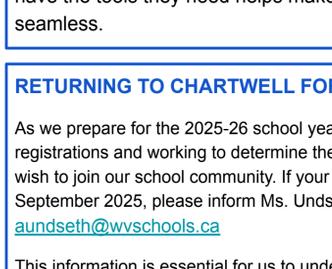
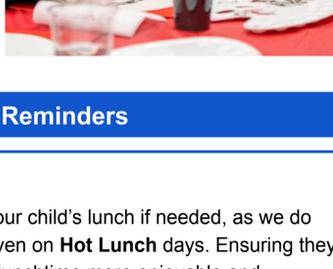
Warm regards,
Sara Bell

LOOKING AHEAD

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
March 7th	Nowruz Celebration
March 12th	Grade 7 Marketplace
March 15-28th	Spring Break - No classes - School is closed
March 31st	First day back to school

Chartwell Spotlight

Lunar New Year! Thank you again to all our wonderful parents for making this year's Lunar New Year celebration at Chartwell so special! The event was a true reflection of our community's spirit, and it was wonderful to come together to celebrate the Year of the Snake. From the vibrant decorations to the thoughtful activities, we appreciate your support in making this occasion memorable for our students and staff. Here's to a prosperous and joyful year ahead!



Chartwell Reminders

DON'T FORGET CUTLERY!

A gentle reminder to pack cutlery in your child's lunch if needed, as we do not have extras available at school, even on **Hot Lunch** days. Ensuring they have the tools they need helps make lunchtime more enjoyable and seamless.

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** - Knitting club (lunch recess) Chess (afterschool)
- Wednesdays** - Yoga and Red Fox
- Thursdays** - Chess (lunch recess) and Hoops (afterschool)
- Fridays** - Lights-Up Theatre

MONDAY

Chartwell Sport Explorers After School Program: Spots available

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>

Hoops Basketball Academy

Register here: [Hoops basketball registration](#) : Spots Available

FRIDAY

After School Lights Up - NEW PROGRAM**

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

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 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](#)

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

Worried about SNOW? Please refer to this section of [our website](#) for information.

School closures may also appear on:

News 1130 <http://www.news1130.com/>

CKNW 98 <http://www.cknw.com/news/>

Global TV <http://globalnews.ca/live/bc/>

CBC <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia>

FOR INFORMATION ON THE COMING YEAR

[CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION](#)

[IMPORTANT DATES 2024 - 2025](#)

[CHARTWELL BELL TIMES](#)

YOU'RE INVITED!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A LATE FRENCH IMMERSION OPEN HOUSE

What is Late French Immersion?

Late French Immersion (LFI) is designed for students wishing to start their French education in Grade 6, allowing them to study the French language and culture while following the full BC curriculum.

Why Attend?

- Learn about our school and the very popular LFI Program at PJ
- Discover the benefits of learning French fluently
- Hear how parents can support their child when they do not speak French themselves
- See the fun we have at PJ and in West Vancouver Schools

Meet Our Team!

Join École Pauline Johnson Principal Mme Zielinski as she hosts an informative session about the LFI program. Parents and students will have the opportunity to meet with her, the Vice-Principal, French Coordinator, and the dedicated LFI teaching team. As part of our established pathway to Sentinel Secondary School, we are pleased to welcome Principal Mike Finch, who will share insights about their French Immersion program at Sentinel and how it builds upon the foundation established at École Pauline Johnson.

WHEN: Monday, February 3rd
TIME: 3:30 - 4:00 pm
WHERE: 1150 22nd Street, West Vancouver

CONTACT: Tara Zielinski

PHONE: 604 981 1225

EMAIL: tzielinski@wvschools.ca

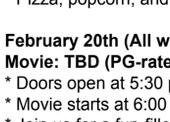


West Vancouver Community Events

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.

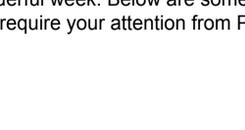
All school-specific information will continue to be featured in our regular ebulletin.

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.

1. Movie Nights

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Movie Nights which will take place on February 6th and February 20th. It's an event you won't want to miss, full of entertainment, snacks, and community spirit. All students must be supervised by an adult. These are not drop-off events.

Here's everything you need to know:

February 6th (All welcome - K-7 appropriate)

Movie: Monster's Inc (G-rated)

* Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

* Movie starts at 5:30 p.m.

* Pizza, popcorn, and sweets will be available for all to enjoy!

February 20th (All welcome - Parent discretion for K – 2 children)

Movie: TBD (PG-rated)

* Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

* Movie starts at 6:00 p.m.

* Join us for a fun-filled evening with friends and delicious snacks!

How to Purchase:

You can purchase movie tickets and a variety of food options through [Munchalunch](#).

2. Hot Lunch Volunteer

With hot lunch now being offered every school day starting from this term, we need additional volunteers to help distribute lunches. Please sign up through the link below to contribute to your child's hot lunch experience. Your support makes a big difference!

Volunteer sign up: [HERE](#)

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.

3. Hot Chocolate Day

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Looking forward to a fantastic year together!

Warm regards,

Chartwell PAC Team