

February 13th, 2025 NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION BULLETIN

Dear Chartwell Families,

I recently read an insightful article in *Teacher Magazine* by Stacey MacLean, which discussed ways to support students in managing anxiety. At Chartwell, we are already implementing many of the strategies mentioned in the article to help our students work through and manage their emotions.

In particular, we've been using the *Second Step* program for our K-5 students, which helps them build skills for emotional regulation, empathy, and problem-solving. For our grade 6-7 students, we are using *Open Parachute*, which focuses on mindfulness and resilience. Both programs support our students in navigating the challenges that come with anxiety and other big emotions.

In addition to these programs, we provide strategies such as open discussions about anxiety, movement breaks, breathing and journaling to help students express and manage their feelings. These practices are all designed to create a supportive, predictable environment where students feel safe and confident to share their emotions.

As we continue to work together to support our students, we'd like to highlight one small but important way to help: arriving on time. While we know traffic can be challenging, arriving between 8:40 and 8:45 gives students the opportunity to settle in, connect with their teachers and classmates, and start the day feeling prepared. This unstructured time helps students who experience anxiety to feel grounded before the day's routine begins.

We believe that by working together—home and school—we can help our students build resilience and emotional intelligence, skills that are just as important as academic success.

Warm regards,
Sara Bell

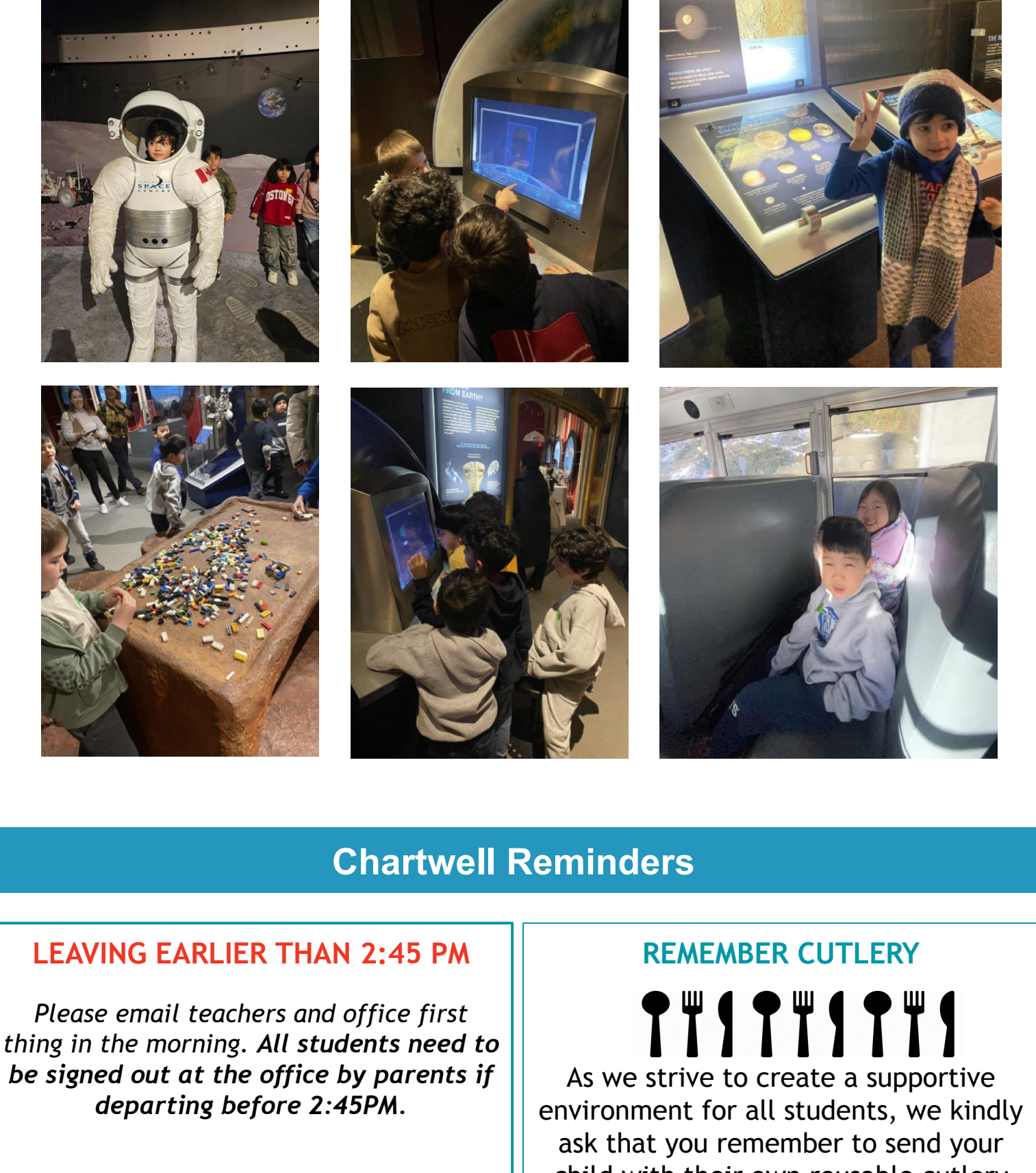
LOOKING AHEAD

February 14th	Reading Break - School not in session
February 17th	Family Day - School Closed
February 20th	Movie Night - Farewell Grade 7 Fundraiser
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 14th	Learning Updates Published
March 15-28th	Spring Break - No classes - School is closed
March 31st	First day back to school

Chartwell Spotlight

GRADES 1 and 2 VISIT THE PLANETARIUM

Divisions 10 and 11 went on a field trip to the Planetarium to learn about our night sky. Experiences like field trips are an important part of a child's school experience. We know these trips make meaningful connections to the curriculum and help learning come alive.



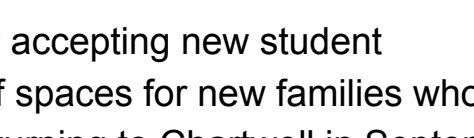
Chartwell Reminders

LEAVING EARLIER THAN 2:45 PM

Please email teachers and office first thing in the morning. All students need to be signed out at the office by parents if departing before 2:45PM.

STUDENT ABSENCES PLEASE EMAIL chartwell@wvschools.ca

REMEMBER CUTLERY



As we strive to create a supportive environment for all students, we kindly ask that you remember to send your child with their own reusable cutlery daily including Hot Lunch Days.

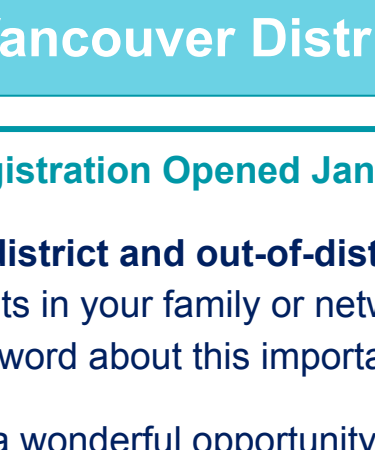
RETURNING TO CHARTWELL FOR THE 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR?

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 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.

THE PINK SHIRT DAY STORY



In 2007, Berwick, Nova Scotia, after a new student at their school was bullied for wearing a pink shirt, two grade 12 students bought 75 pink shirts and encouraged their classmates to wear pink. The next day they went to distribute the shirts and to their surprise the majority of the students arrived wearing pink! With that act of kindness, Pink Shirt Day was born. In 2008, British Columbia proclaimed every last Wednesday of February to be the provincial anti-bullying day, and the movement has continued to grow.

Our district and school goal is centered around building a sense of belonging amongst our community. We are connecting our learning about **mindfulness, resilience, and kindness** and its connection with being a Chartwell student.

Wear your pink shirt, Wednesday February 26th!!

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:
CNN 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

[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.

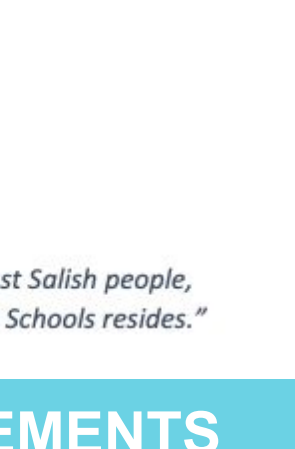
Why Attend?

- 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: Tuesday, February 25th
 TIME: 3:30 - 4:00 pm
 WHERE: 1150 22nd Street, West Vancouver
 CONTACT: Tara Zielinski
 PHONE: 604 981 1225
 EMAIL: tzielinski@wvschools.ca

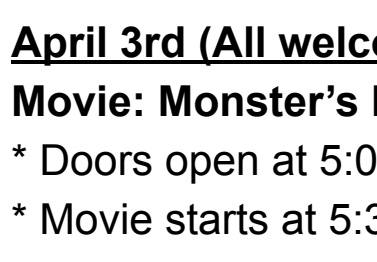


West Vancouver Community Events

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.

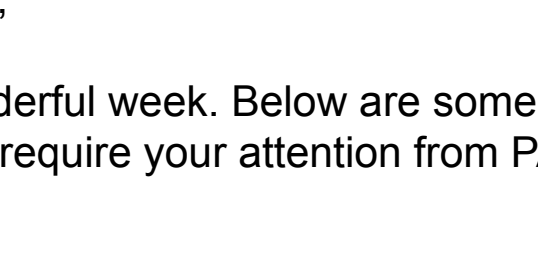
All school-specific information will continue to be featured in our regular ebulletin.

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 Skw̓w̓w̓7mesh (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

Due to recent bad weather, we are postponing our scheduled movie night on February 6th to April 3rd. Fortunately, our movie night on February 20th will proceed as planned. Please see the updated schedule below.

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

Movie: **The Wild Robot (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!

April 3rd (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!

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:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/17qQ9b1ngothTVsANyOuFU8TU7gqkTTEBGvFP_5D8XI/edit?tab=t.0

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.

Thank you for your continued support of the PAC and our school community. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us via email.
chpac@wvschools.ca

Happy Valentine's Day! Enjoy the long weekend!!

Warm regards,
Chartwell PAC Team