

February 20th, 2025 NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION BULLETIN

Dear Chartwell Families,

I wanted to share a quick update on the exciting work happening at Chartwell with AI. During our recent presentation, we showcased how we are beginning to integrate artificial intelligence tools in our classrooms, especially for our Grade 4-7 students. This aligns with the West Vancouver School District's strategic goals of embracing technology to support innovative learning.

Our journey with AI started with an introductory workshop, where students explored AI concepts in a fun and interactive way. They are now using AI as a learning partner, helping to deepen their understanding of subjects like history, writing, and music. From conducting interviews with virtual like figures to creating music, our students are learning to leverage AI as a tool for creativity and critical thinking.

We are taking a careful approach to ensure that students understand the importance of safety and academic integrity while using AI. As we continue to explore the possibilities, we remain committed to supporting their growth and learning in this new digital landscape.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to provide our students with innovative and exciting learning opportunities.

Warm regards,

Sara Bell

Looking Ahead

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
April 3rd	Grade 7 Fundraiser Movie Night
April 8th	Ultimate Game 1 - 3:45 pm
April 9th	PAC Meeting
April 18th	Good Friday - School not in session
April 21st	Easter Monday - School not in session

Chartwell Spotlight

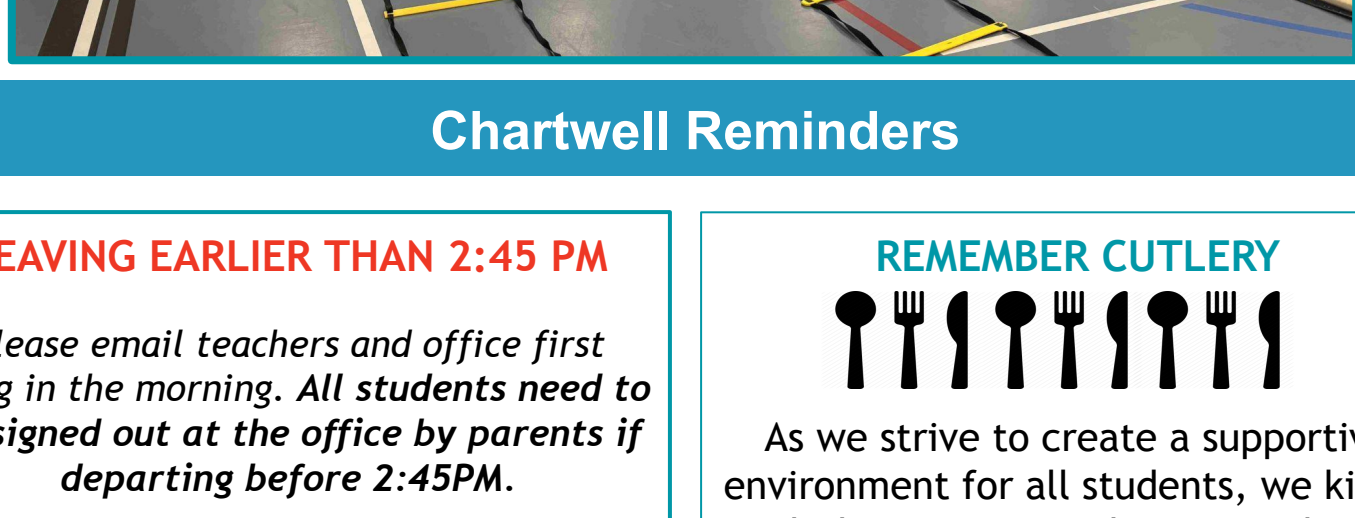
Did you know ...

At Chartwell, we have three choirs, giving students a wonderful opportunity to engage in musical education and develop their vocal skills. We have a Primary Choir, a Grade 3 Choir, and a vibrant Intermediate Choir.

Singing in a choir helps students build musical skills, confidence, and social connections. Choirs encourage teamwork, improving collaboration and communication among students. A big thank you to Mx. Garrison and Mrs. McLaughlin for their passion for music and singing!

Did you know ...

The grade 6s and 7s are getting stronger? In follow up to a professional development session on January 27th, divisions 1-4 have been working with WV District Physical Literacy Leads as a part of a pilot program looking at strength and conditioning training in elementary schools. Starting this past week, it was W.O.W! Work-Out Wednesday. Led by Ms. Pascual and Ms. Crawford where students explored different fundamental movements and then worked through stations to develop their strength, agility, endurance and conditioning. Let's see how many pushups we can do at the end of the year!



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.

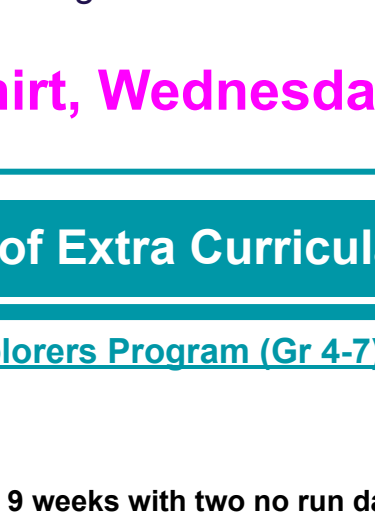
RETURNING TO CHARTWELL FOR THE 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR?

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 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.

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 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!!

New Term of Extra Curricular Activities

Chartwell After School Sport Explorers Program (Gr 4-7) - MONDAYS

Location: Chartwell Gym

Dates: April 7th - June 16th (Mondays - 9 weeks with two no run days)

Time: 2:45pm - 4:15pm

Grades: 4-7

Price: \$270 + GST (9 sessions)

Program Description

Unlock your child's potential through our engaging, multi-sport after-school programs designed to inspire and energize! Led by experienced coaching staff dedicated to providing an unforgettable experience, Sport Explorers introduces young athletes to a world of fun, teamwork, and skill-building in a safe, inclusive environment. Each session offers a mix of sports that keeps kids excited, moving, and discovering new talents. Perfect for all experience levels, Sport Explorers makes after-school time active, social, and full of adventure.

Sports include Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Handball, Hockey, Pickleball and more!

Register today to secure your child's spot for sport exploration!

No classes April 21st & May 19th

Registration Link:

[https://privateteachingco.uplifterinc.com/registration/product-detail/Chartwell\(4-7\)SEASPTerm3](https://privateteachingco.uplifterinc.com/registration/product-detail/Chartwell(4-7)SEASPTerm3)

Chartwell After School Yoga Program - WEDNESDAYS



EYE YOGA & YOGA for kids
AFTER SCHOOL WEEKLY KIDS YOGA
WITH MENKA FROM APRIL-JUNE 14 2025 AT CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

For all kids who love and/or benefit from yoga and mindfulness...And especially for those who are on screens and/or wear glasses!
Mixed Ages April - June 14 2025
Wednesday after school 2:50-3:55/4pm
\$18/class
Total = 5*GST =

To register, sign up on the link: <https://forms.gle/Tjm6kktKSPzWVWZx6> or contact menkapurawany@gmail.com 604 861 3309

Chartwell After School Basketball Program - Thursdays

Hoops Basketball

Thursdays April 17 - May 29

More information to follow..

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](#)

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

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.

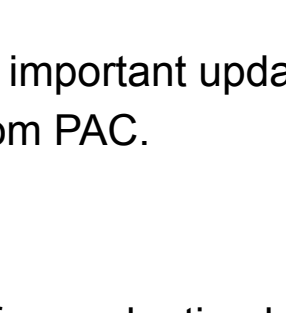
Why Attend?

- Learn about our school and the very popular LFI Program at P3
- 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 P3 and in West Vancouver Schools

Meet Our Team!

Join Ecole Pauline Johnson Principal Mme Zielinski as she hosts our 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 Ecole 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

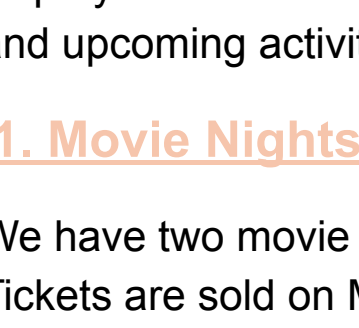


West Vancouver Community Events

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.

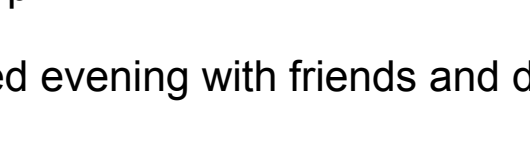
All school-specific information will continue to be featured in our regular ebulletin.

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 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 have two movie nights coming up to raise funds for graduation kids. Tickets are sold on Munchalunch.

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!

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

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 chpac@wvschools.ca

Warm regards,

Chartwell PAC Team