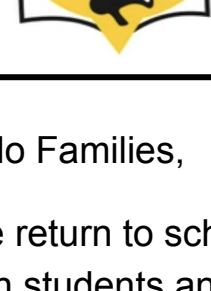


## CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION BULLETIN

### SCHOOL COMMUNICATION



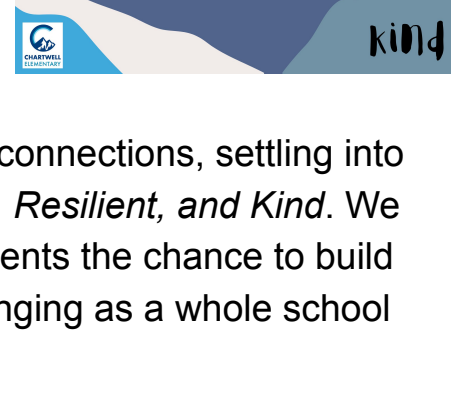
#### Regular home communication is important to us!

Please make reading our Thursday e-Bulletins a weekly routine to stay up-to-date with school events and information.

All eBulletins will be posted on the Chartwell website under "eBULLETINS"

Hello Families,

The return to school has been filled with great energy for both students and staff, and we are delighted to welcome many new families into our community. Our PAC-led Parent Coffee and Tea reception was a wonderful success, and I enjoyed meeting so many of you. Thank you for helping us start the year with such warmth.



This week is Orientation Week, where we focus on building connections, settling into routines, and reinforcing our shared values of being *Mindful, Resilient, and Kind*. We are also introducing our **Treehouse Teams**, which give students the chance to build friendships across grades and strengthen our sense of belonging as a whole school community.

Class placements will be shared with families at the end of the day on **Friday**. Our teachers have been carefully considering student needs, friendships, and learning styles since last June to create balanced and supportive classrooms. Because of the thoughtful planning that goes into this process, we are not able to make changes to class assignments. Thank you for your understanding and trust.

This year, Chartwell will continue to offer a variety of multi-age classrooms. For more information, you can find details [HERE](#). As the year begins, children may feel a mix of excitement and nerves. At home, I encourage you to highlight the positive aspects of their new environment—new friendships, opportunities to grow, and engaging learning experiences. These feelings are natural, and our teachers are committed to helping every child settle in and have a positive, successful year.

### WEEK 2 SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 2025

September 8<sup>th</sup> to September 12<sup>th</sup>

8:45 - 2:45 pm

8:45 - 12:00 pm

Regular day for all students in grades 1 to 7

Kindergarten students attend half day only

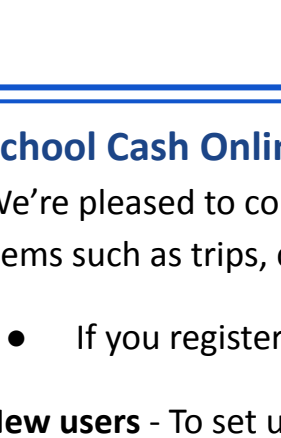
September 8<sup>th</sup> to September 11<sup>th</sup>

Kindergarten Intake Conferences - after school - by appointment

LOOKING AHEAD	
September 5	Tree House Colours Spirit Wear Day
September 9-12	Kindergarten In-take conferences - K dismissal 12pm
September 11	Cari Wilson visits Gr. 4-7- Cyber Bullying Awareness and Prevention
September 12	District Kindergarten Picnic - 12:30 First PAC Meeting - 9:00 am in the Library
September 16	#1 Gr 3-7 Cross Country Meet- Ambleside Park 3:45-4:45 pm
September 17	Open House Event - Early Dismissal 2:05
September 23	#2 Gr 3-7 Cross Country Meet- Ambleside Park 3:45-4:45 pm
September 24	Individual Photos
September 25	Terry Fox Run
September 26	Professional Development Day - students not in session
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - School Not in Session
October 1 - 3	Grade 7 Outdoor School at Keats Camp

### PARENT ACTION ITEMS

#### 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR – TIME SENSITIVE



**District On-line Release Forms All Parents** in the district are asked annually to complete a West Van District Policy and Procedures online form for each of their children.

This form covers many areas including use of school internet, use of privately owned electronic devices on school networks and media parental consent form.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access this Policy and Procedures form.

It is very important these forms are completed promptly.

#### School Cash Online

We're pleased to continue offering **School Cash Online**, a quick and secure way to pay for school items such as trips, club/athletic fees, and spirit wear.

- If you registered in a previous year, no re-registration is needed.

**New users** - To set up an account and explore the system, please follow the instructions below. You received the PIN referred to in **Step 3** in a separate email sent by Ms. Undseth - [aundseth@wvschools.ca](mailto:aundseth@wvschools.ca)

#### Register Online:

- Step 1: Please click on this link: [westvancouver.schoolcashonline.com](http://westvancouver.schoolcashonline.com)
- Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps.
- Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the "click here" option, login in, and add each of your children to your household account. To do this, you will need your student's **PIN number**, last name, and date of birth.

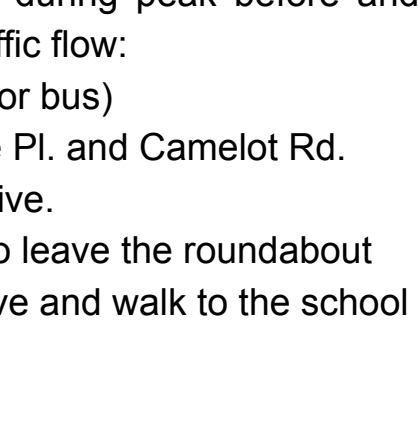
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### Chartwell Reminders

#### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

##### LATE AND ABSENT POLICY

If, for any reason, your child is scheduled to be absent, late, or leaving early from school, please be sure to advise the classroom teacher via email **and** the school via our email to the office at [Chartwell@wvschools.ca](mailto:Chartwell@wvschools.ca) or voicemail system (604-981-1210).



Chartwell School must account for each student's whereabouts.

- Be sure to include the following:** child's full name, grade/teacher, and anticipated length of absence.

#### TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR ARRIVAL AND PICK UP

We want to ensure that getting to and from school is safe for all students. Please do your part to follow Chartwell School's drop-off and pick-up procedures and expectations. Traffic is challenging at Chartwell, specifically during peak before and after school hours. Here are some strategies to assist with traffic flow:

- Carpool or use other modes of transportation (walk, roll or bus)
- Drop off and pick-up intermediate students on Camridge Pl. and Camelot Rd.
- Arrange a meeting place with your child on Chartwell Drive.
- If your child is not ready to be picked up, you will need to leave the roundabout and re-enter. We recommend you park on Chartwell Drive and walk to the school to connect with your child.

[See Map HERE](#)

Please communicate this information to any other individuals who may be dropping off or picking up children.

[Safe and active routes to school | West Vancouver Schools](#)

[Back to school: ICBC shares safety tips for drivers, parents and caregivers](#)

#### CROSS COUNTRY For Grade 3-7

Our Cross-Country season is beginning soon. Any student in **Grades 3-7** that is interested will be invited to attend a meeting this **Tuesday September 9th at Lunch** in the Library to meet the coaches, receive information about the season, and receive a PERMISSION FORM with detailed information, including practice and Meet locations and dates.

##### If they WOULD like to join the team:

- Complete the permission form and return it to the school as soon as possible, with a deadline of Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> to submit the form.
- Pay the \$10.00 fee via the School Cash Online link.

**If they WOULD NOT like to join the team: NO** further action is required.

#### BAND REGISTRATION AND START UP

Calling all Grade 6 & Grade 7 students!! Thank you parents and students who have already registered for Chartwell Band for the 2024-2025 school year. For students who are interested in joining and have not yet registered it is not too late! To register please click on the following link: [Elementary Band Program](#) page.



**Band Start-up Reminder:** We are excited to announce the start up of Chartwell band for 2025-2026 school year. A reminder to students and parents that rehearsals will begin next week on Tuesday, September 9. No Instruments needed! Meet and Greet with Ms.Ng.

**Rehearsals:** Tuesdays - 1:50 pm - 2:45 pm and Thursdays - 8:00 am - 8:45 am in the music portable.

#### Personal Digital Device Expectations

At West Vancouver Schools, we recognize that personal digital devices can support collaboration, creativity, and communication. At the same time, maintaining focused and safe learning environments is essential. Provincial guidelines highlight the need to reduce distractions, as digital devices can interrupt class time and student concentration.

To support learning, digital device expectations apply across all schools. Personal devices may only be used with explicit permission from a teacher or administrator, who will set clear guidelines for purposeful use. Exceptions will be made as needed for medical, health, accessibility, or accommodation purposes.

Here's what this means for Chartwell School:

- Elementary Schools:** Personal digital device expectations apply throughout the entire school day, including before school, after school, and during break times. **Cell phones will not be used at all** during school hours.

##### How You Can Help:

To support these updated expectations, we ask parents and guardians to:

- Familiarize Yourself:** Please take the time to read through the [Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices](#) to fully understand the new district-wide expectations. Additionally, review any specific guidelines or expectations provided by your child's teacher(s).
- Model Appropriate Use:** Demonstrate and discuss the importance of limiting device use at home, especially during family time or other important activities. Your behavior sets a powerful example for your child.
- Encourage Balance:** Help your child find a healthy balance between screen time and other activities, such as reading, outdoor play, or family interactions. This will reinforce the focus on learning during school hours.
- Mindful Communication:** Please avoid calling or texting your child during school time. Remind your child that school time is for learning, and that messages can wait until after school. **If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office at 604-981-1210.**

By working together, we can create a safer, more focused learning environment for all students. These small steps at home can make a big difference in reinforcing the positive changes we're implementing at school.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

#### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Check out all the fun and educational after school activities at Chartwell. There are a large variety of activities every day of the week. The best part? You don't need to pick up and drive your child anywhere. Everything is right here at Chartwell!

[Click here for more information and links to register.](#)

#### FOR INFORMATION ON THE COMING YEAR

[IMPORTANT DATES 2025 - 2026](#)

[CHARTWELL BELL TIMES](#)

### WV Community Corner

#### OPTIONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR FAMILIES

Each year the school district reminds families that they have the option to purchase insurance coverage against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. There are many different voluntary plans that provide coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. Families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider.

#### DPAC Event- Parent Evening with Dr. Graeme Mitchell

Harnessing Hope: Reframing How Our Children See the World

[For more information and to register, click HERE.](#)

#### Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV

##### Schools

Get insight into the thoughts and ideas of Chris Kennedy, Superintendent of the West Vancouver School District. Read his latest blog and follow him on Twitter to learn more from the CEO of WV Schools in: <https://cultureofyes.ca/> or <https://twitter.com/chrkennedy>



**DPAC** *parent evening with*  
**Dr. Graeme Mitchell**

Harnessing Hope: Reframing How Our Children See the World

Join us for an evening with Dr. Graeme Mitchell, author of *Harnessing Hope: Reframing How Our Children See the World*. Dr. Mitchell explores how his latest messages of connection on social media, through his children's books, and how his latest research, storytelling and connection can help us change our lives and the lives of others. He offers parents, practical tools to foster confidence, curiosity and hope at home.

**Thursday, September 4**  
**6:30 - 8:00 PM**  
**KAY MEIK THEATRE**  
**1700 HATHERS AVE**  
**WEST VANCOUVER**

**What You Will Gain From This Evening**

- Understand how your child's perspective shapes their world and how to help them see the world with possibility.
- Learn strategies to replace fear with hope and possibility.
- Discover how to use your child's perspective to help them see the world with possibility.

**WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS DPAC**

**REGISTER HERE**

### PAC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



A big thank to all the families who attended our Welcome Tea on Tuesday! It was joy to connect with our community . We are looking forward to a wonderful school year.

We are looking for Hot Lunch Coordinator and a Volunteer coordinator, please email us at [CHPac@wvschools.ca](mailto:CHPac@wvschools.ca).

Our first PAC meeting is on September 12 at 9 a.m. in the library . Please join to get insight into school events and opportunities to help enhance our children's education.



**Sara Bell**  
Principal  
Chartwell Elementary School  
T 604 981 1210



"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."