

CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

October 16, 2025 **NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION BULLETIN**

Dear Chartwell Families,

I'm very pleased to invite you to our next **Chartwell Parent Learning Series** event on Wednesday, **October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. (virtual)**. We're welcoming Ms. Cari Wilson, our District Vice Principal of Innovation and Technology, to lead a timely and practical conversation on "Raising and Teaching Children in a Digital World."

Cari will share insights about how technology is being used to support teaching and learning across West Vancouver Schools — including how AI is being integrated into classrooms in meaningful and responsible ways. She'll also offer practical advice for families on how to help children stay safe online, balance screen time, and focus on purposeful technology use rather than recreational gaming during school hours.

This session is a wonderful opportunity for parents to ask questions and gain confidence in guiding their children's digital experiences — both at home and at school. Cari is an engaging and knowledgeable presenter, and her passion for empowering students and families through technology always shines through.

Please join us for this important virtual conversation.

Click here to register: [LINK HERE](#)

Warm regards,

Ms. Bell

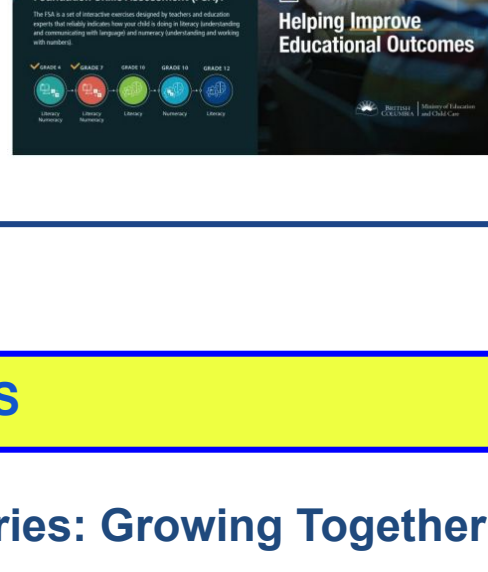
LOOKING AHEAD	
October 21	Boys Volleyball Game #1 Away (Caulfeild School) Girls Volleyball Game #1 Home
October 22	Individual Photo RETAKES Parent Learning Series (K to 7) - RSVP and survey - LINK HERE
October 24	Professional Development Day - Students Not in Session
October 28	Boys Volleyball Game #2 Home Girls Volleyball Game #2 Away (Gleneagles School)
October 31	More info to follow on costume regulations
November 4	Boys Volleyball Game #3 Home Girls Volleyball Game #3 - Away (Cedardale)
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 11	Remembrance Day - School not in Session
November 14	PAC meeting in Library - 9am
November 24	Professional Development Day - no school in session

Chartwell This Week!

Foundational Skills Assessment

Foundational Skills Assessments (FSAs) are for Grade 4 and 7 students. All students in these grades across BC will write the FSAs beginning in October.

The link to practice materials and more information for families can be found [HERE](#). If you have any questions or concerns about the FSAs, please contact your classroom teacher or Ms. Bell sbell@wvschools.ca



PARENT ACTION ITEMS

Chartwell Parent Series: Growing Together

About the Series

The Chartwell Parent Series: Growing Together is designed to bring parents and educators together to learn, share, and support one another in raising mindful, resilient, and kind learners. Each session features engaging speakers who offer practical strategies, new perspectives, and research-based insights to help families navigate both learning and life at home and school.

October 22nd 7pm (Virtual) - Cari Wilson – District Vice Principal of Innovation and Technology

Ms. Wilson will share ways parents can support their children in a digital world—exploring the opportunities and challenges of technology, online safety, and how to make technology meaningful for learning at home and school.

RSVP and take a short survey - [LINK HERE](#)

November - Tricia Yurkowski – District Elementary Enhancement Teacher (Foundational Skills)

In our first session, Ms. Yurkowski will focus on literacy skills—how parents can support reading and writing at home, and build strong foundations for their children's success. In future sessions, Tricia will return to share strategies for supporting math learning both at home and at school.

Registration for 2025-2026

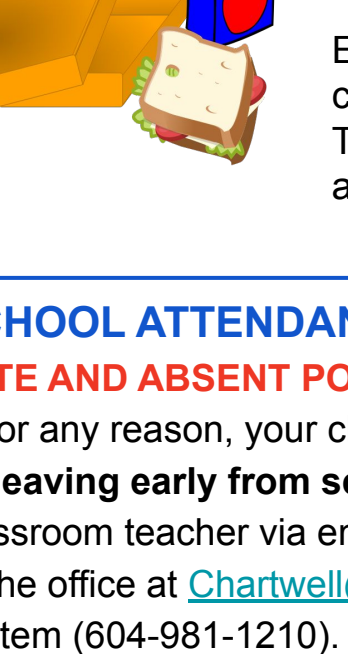
Applications for Kindergarten (in-catchment, out of catchment and out of district) AND for **in-catchment registrations in Grades 1-12 will be open on Wednesday, October 15th.**

Out of catchment and out of district will open January 15, 2026

Please note that current Chartwell students are not required to re-apply for the next school year. Grade 7 students going to Sentinel also do not need to apply, they will automatically transfer. Sentinel counsellors will visit us in late winter/early spring to distribute transfer forms at that time. HOWEVER, if your first choice for a secondary school is not Sentinel then you must complete an online application according to the student registration timelines. Please see this [link](#) for the deadlines.



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[@Chartwellelementary](#)

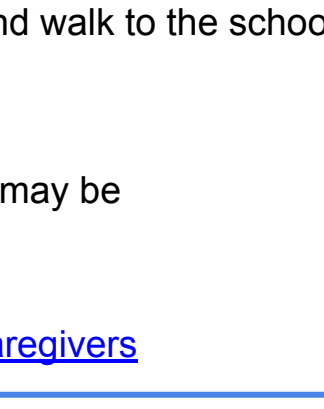


Join the **Chartwell PAC WhatsApp group** for information on school and PAC events. Thank you to Soroush for taking on this responsibility this year.

Chartwell Reminders

NO SUCH THING AS BAD WEATHER JUST INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING

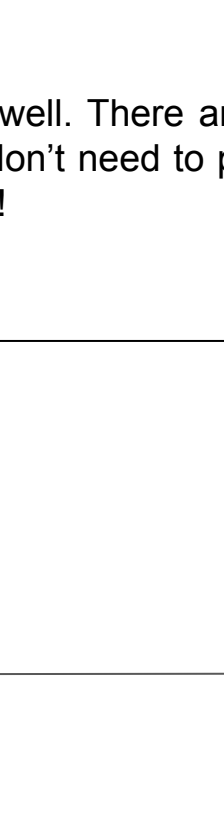
The wet weather has arrived! Students are outside for approximately 45 minutes for morning and lunch recesses and will need to keep warm and dry. Please ensure your children come to school in appropriate waterproofed clothing and footwear.



PLEASE PACK UTENSILS



Students need to bring a fork, spoon or chopsticks from home to eat their lunches. The office does not have extra for our students. Being mindful of single use plastics we are looking to have our students bring reusable cutlery from home.



SNACKS AND LUNCHES AT SCHOOL



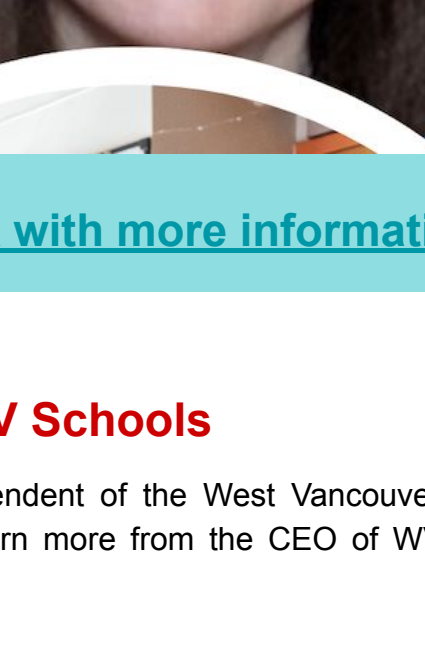
Packing enough food for lunches and snacks is so important to ensure our students are fueled for learning. We know that a student's well nourished are better able to self-regulate and learn new information.

Each year it is important to pack a little bit more food for your child than the year before, as they are growing and developing. The office can provide an emergency snack for students that are still hungry or who have forgotten their lunches.

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](mailto:Chartwell@wvschools.ca) the school via our email to the office at Chartwell@wvschools.ca or voicemail system (604-981-1210).



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

TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR ARRIVAL AND PICK UP

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](#)

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](#)

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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."

WV Community Corner

DPAC *parent evening with* Dr. Molly Lawlor

Equipping the Whole Child for Life: Helping kids build strong friendships, manage big feelings and bounce back from challenges—using brain science and mindfulness to support learning and growth.

Monday, October 20th

Join us for an evening with Dr. Molly Lawlor—who helps children and teens learn how to understand their feelings, build confidence and form healthy relationships. She is the lead author and Principal Scientific Advisor for MindUP—an evidence-based program that teaches kids how their brains work and gives them tools to manage emotions and thrive in school and life.

[Registration Link Here](#)

[Poster Link with more information](#)

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>

PAC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of October 13–17

- 🗳️ **Budget Approval**
- 🍽️ **Hot Lunch Program Updates**
- 👤 **Member Directory Update & Volunteer Opportunities**

We're excited to share that the **2025–2026 PAC budget** was officially approved at our meeting on **October 10**. This budget reflects our ongoing commitment to enhancing student learning and supporting key school initiatives. **Thank you to all parents for staying informed and engaged in our school community.**

📌 **Note:** As mentioned in the meeting, the amounts of two items in the principals' portion were switched, and the expense subtotal was corrected; this does not affect the overall totals or approved budget.

Welcome to our new Hot Lunch Team!

- **Chair:** Shima T.
- **Coordinator:** Lynda O.

We wish them great success as they take on PAC's largest initiative and fundraiser!

Lunch Refunds: Credits have been issued for hot lunches on **October 6, 7, and 10**.

Ordering Reminder: Don't forget to place your hot lunch orders through **Munch-a-Lunch!**

Important: If your child did not receive their lunch or received the wrong order, please have them report to the office immediately.

For all hot lunch questions or suggestions, please email: chartwellhotlunch@outlook.com (Include your child's name and division in the subject line.)

Chartwell [PAC members list](#) is updated on the website, including all contact emails. Please feel free to reach out to any member using the email provided. We are currently seeking volunteers for the following positions: **Volunteer Coordinator, Fun Fest Coordinator, and Chinese Liaison**. Please contact us if you are interested: CHPac@wvschools.ca

Sincerely,

Chartwell PAC

[Budget Plan 2025-2026](#)