

CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

October 2, 2025

NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION BULLETIN

Hello Chartwell Families,

As we enter October, there are a few important updates I'd like to share with you.

First, a reminder that our Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for October 8th and 9th. These conferences provide a wonderful opportunity for families and teachers to connect, review student progress, and discuss goals for the year. Each conference is about 10 minutes long, so it's important that families honor their scheduled times to ensure all families have an equal opportunity to meet with the teachers. Effective communication between home and school is a key component in supporting our students and helping them become the best learners they can be.

Throughout the year, our teachers will continue to keep you informed about classroom activities and may reach out if additional support is needed at home. We value this ongoing partnership with you. For tips on how to make the most of your parent-teacher conference, [please click here](#). Also, don't forget to check the calendar for the early dismissal times on October 8th and 9th (12:03 pm) to accommodate the conferences.

Meanwhile, our Grade 7 students are at Keats Camp! Aside from a little rain, the students are having a fantastic time, enjoying the outdoor activities. Outdoor school provides a great opportunity for students to bond, develop teamwork skills, and challenge themselves in new environments. It's always a highlight of the school year, and we look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return!

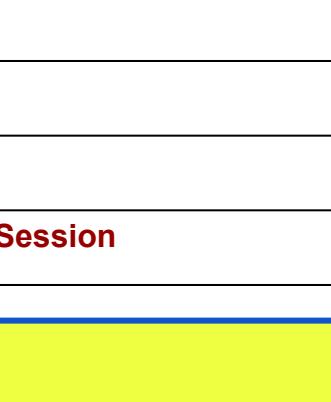
Thank you again for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing many of you during the conferences next week.

Warm regards,

Ms. Bell

WORLD TEACHER DAY - Tomorrow

World teacher is a day to celebrate how teachers are transforming education but also to reflect on the support they need to fully deploy their talent and vocation. We have a dedicated staff at Chartwell of caring and supportive educators. Remember to say, "Happy World Teacher Day!"



LOOKING AHEAD

October 3	Pick up for Grade 7's returning from camp at Horseshoe Bay Terminal at 3PM
October 7	Cross Country Meet #3 at Ambleside
October 8 & 9	Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Interviews - Dismissal at 12:03 pm
October 8	Yoga - 12:10 pm Library (After School Program)
October 9	Debate Club - 12:03pm - Library
October 10	PAC General Meeting - 9am Library - Agenda Linked [HERE] School Photo Orders Due
October 13	Thanksgiving Monday - students not in session
October 16	Shake Out BC
October 22	Individual Photo RETAKES
October 24	Professional Development Day - Students Not in Session

PARENT ACTION ITEMS

Parent Teacher Interviews - Oct 8th & 9th

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up! The conferences will be in-person at the school. We are providing an online appointment booking system through School Interviews. Virtual meetings can be arranged on request.

Please follow the instructions below to book your interview time. Once you have booked your appointment you will receive a confirmation email.

Use this booking link <https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/25dh2> to book your interviews.

Bookings will be available starting tomorrow, Friday, September 26th at 3:00 pm.

If you are prompted for an event code, enter: **25dh2**

- Enter your information (parent email, parent name, phone # and student name)
- Here you can indicate the number of students that you need to book for
- Click on GO
- Choose your child's teacher
- Choose the date and time that works best for you from the options provided.

Things to note:

- Please be on time for your scheduled conference.
- Please respect the time limit of **10 minutes for intermediate** classes and **15 minutes for primary classes**, as teachers try to stay on schedule.
- If you need to speak further with your child's teacher, email them to continue the discussion another time.

Please note the early dismissal times at 12:03 pm for October 8th & 9th.

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

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.

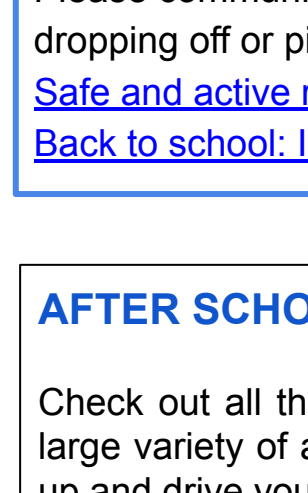
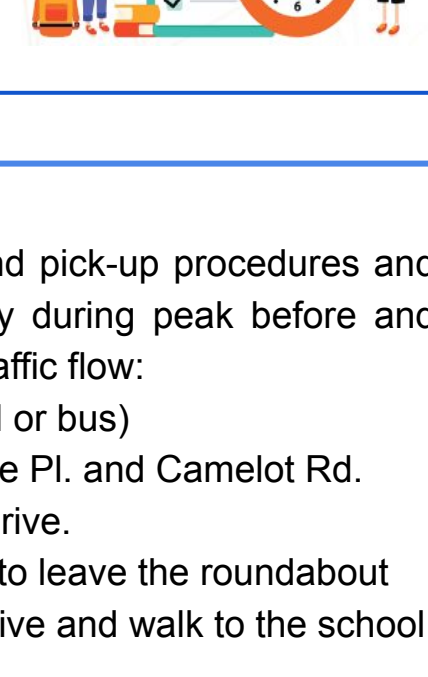
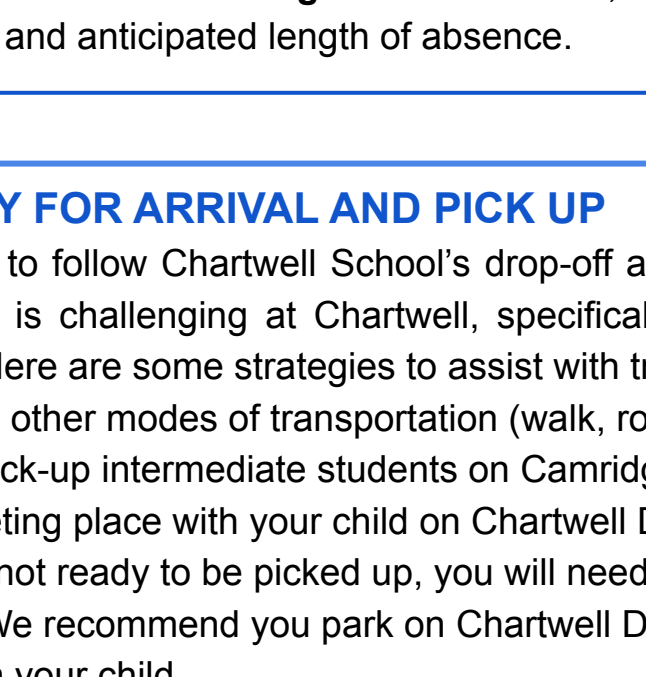
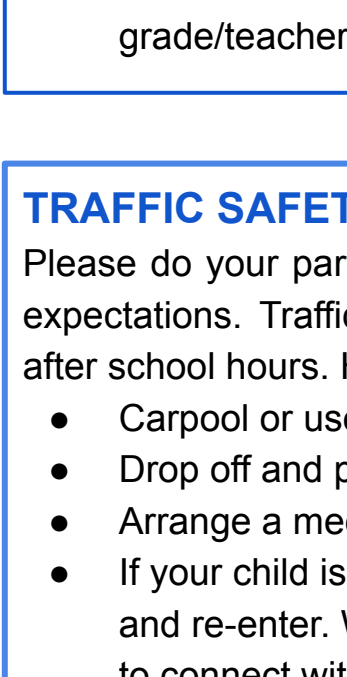
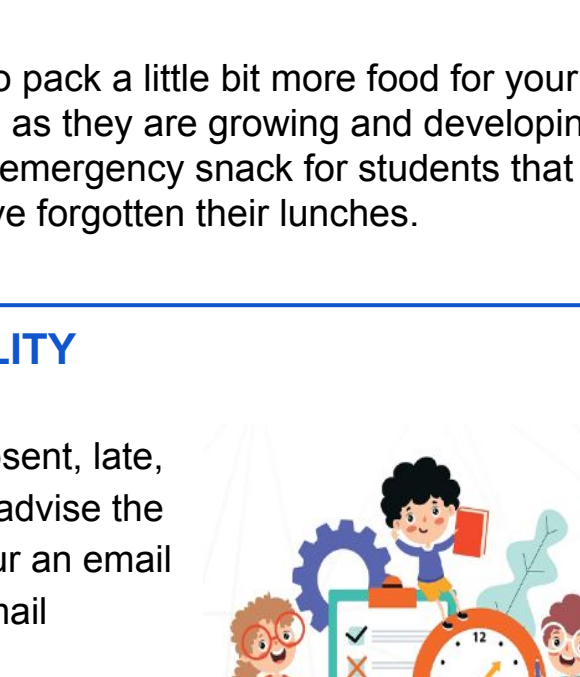
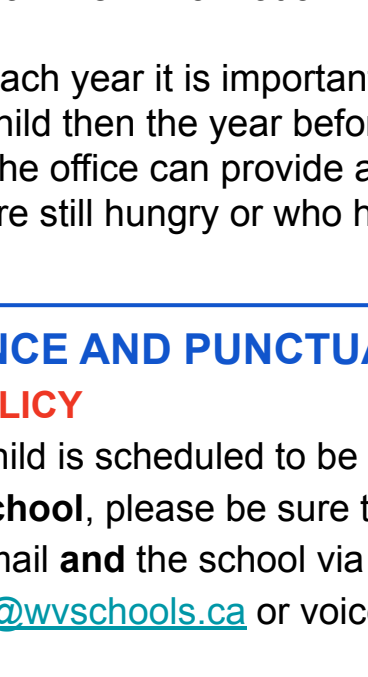
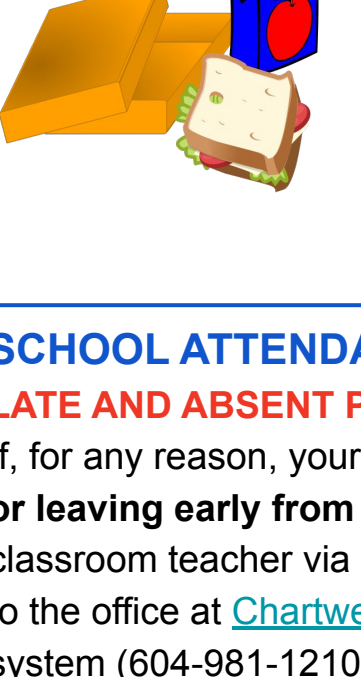
Please note that current Chartwell students are not required to re-apply for the next school year. Grade 7 students going to Sentinel also do not need to apply, they will automatically transfer. Sentinel counsellors will visit us in late winter/early spring to distribute transfer forms at that time. 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.

Chartwell Spotlight

Orange Shirt Day at Chartwell

To acknowledge our role in Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation, as well as the history of residential schools, staff and students across West Vancouver Schools recognized the importance of Orange Shirt Day on September 30th.

At Chartwell, staff and students engaged in a variety of grade appropriate literacy activities and discussions. As a whole school we created a an art installation to show our commitment to truth and reconciliation and to let our community know, "Every Child Matters"



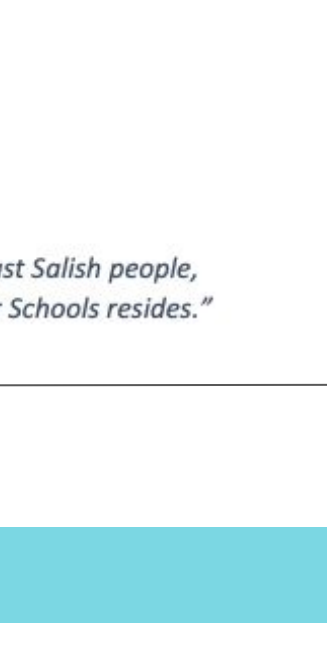
To see more information spotlighting Chartwell's teaching, learning and fun, please follow our Instagram account [@Chartwellelementary](#)

****New Camp Photos Available****

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.



Chartwell Parent Series: Growing Together

About the Series

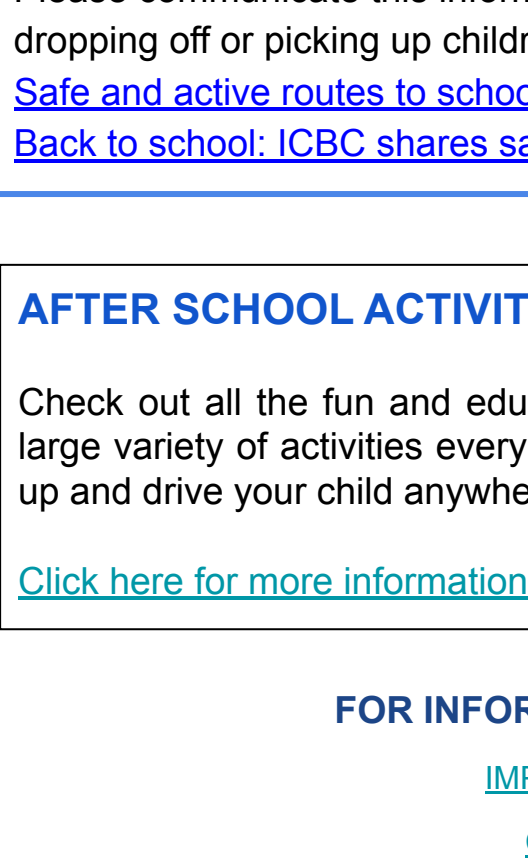
The Chartwell Parent Series: Growing Together is designed to bring parents and educators together to learn, share, and support one another in raising mindful, resilient, and kind learners. Each session features engaging speakers who offer practical strategies, new perspectives, and research-based insights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

Upcoming Speakers (dates and times to be announced)

October - Cari Wilson – District Vice Principal of Innovation and Technology
Cari 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.

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

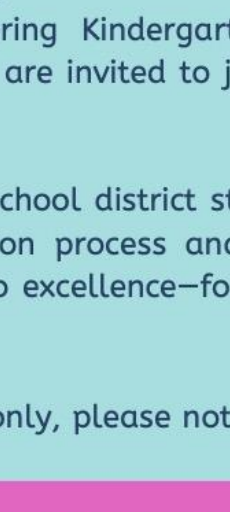
In our first session, Tricia will focus on literacy skills—how parents can support reading and writing at home, and build strong foundations for their children's success. In future sessions, Tricia will return to share strategies for supporting math learning both at home and at school.



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 students are well nourished are better able to self-regulate and learn new information.

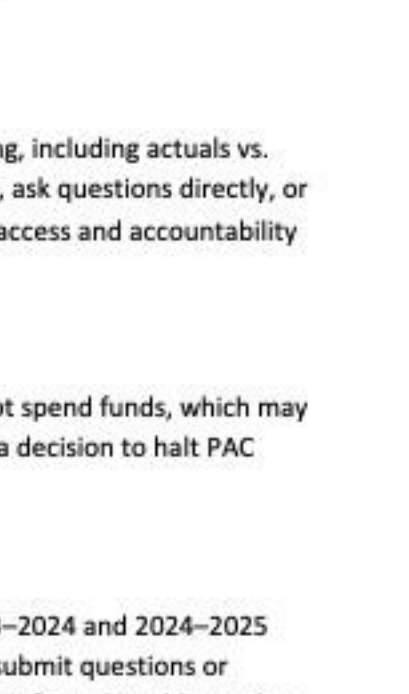
Each year it is important to pack a little bit more food for your child then the year before, as they are growing and developing. The office can provide an emergency snack for students that are still hungry or who have forgotten their lunches.

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 the school via our an 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](#)

Sara Bell
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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."

WV Community Corner

Kindergarten Information Session

WELCOME TO YOUR FUTURE

Opportunity awaits!

Parents & Guardians of children entering Kindergarten in September 2026 (children born in 2021) are invited to join us for our K info session.

Please join us for an evening with our school district staff to learn about the Kindergarten registration process and how West Vancouver Schools is committed to excellence—focusing on life skills for an ever-changing world.

This event is for parents and guardians only, please note that child care will not be available.

PLEASE REGISTER HERE

Date: Thursday, October 9th, 2025 6:00–7:00 pm

Location: Kay Meek Studio Theatre,
1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver

PAC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Chartwell Families,

The PAC Executive would like to address recent a group of parents' concern regarding financial reporting, the Hot Lunch program, and PAC leadership. We take these concerns seriously and remain committed to transparency, accountability, and fairness in all PAC operations. Our work follows the best practices and the guidelines outlined in the Chartwell PAC Constitution and Bylaws, available on the Chartwell website.

Financial Reporting

The PAC Treasurer presents a monthly Treasurer's Report at every PAC meeting, including actuals vs. budget and bank statements. Parents are always welcome to attend meetings, ask questions directly, or request a copy of the monthly report by email at any time. This ensures open access and accountability for all parents.

Budget Process

The 2025–2026 budget is pending approval. Until it is voted on, the PAC cannot spend funds, which may temporarily affect events and activities. This is a procedural requirement, not a decision to halt PAC work.

Past Reports

In response to concerns about past reporting, all financial reports for the 2023–2024 and 2024–2025 school years will be available for review in Principal Bell's office. Parents may submit questions or concerns in writing to the PAC email CHPac@wvsschools.ca by October 9, 2025, for to be addressed at the October 10th, PAC meeting.

Hot Lunch Program

We will also take time at the October meeting to review the Hot Lunch program and provide clarity on how it operates.

We strongly encourage all parents to attend the October PAC meeting to review the financial documents and help move forward with the approval of the 2025–2026 budget so planned activities can proceed smoothly.

Sincerely,

Chartwell PAC Executive

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October 10th PAC General meeting - Please find the agenda for the [HERE](#)