

## CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

October 9, 2025

### NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION BULLETIN

Dear Chartwell Families,

Field trips are one of the most memorable and enriching parts of the school experience. They give students the chance to take their learning beyond the classroom walls, to see curriculum come to life, and to connect what they are studying with the wider world. Whether it is exploring local history, engaging with the arts, or participating in hands-on science activities, these experiences can spark curiosity, deepen understanding, and build lasting memories.

At the same time, it is important to share that field trips are not planned lightly. Teachers take great care when selecting excursions. Each trip is considered with the following in mind:

**Curriculum connection** – Trips must extend or enhance the learning already happening in class. The goal is to build on what students are learning, not replace it.

**Quality of programming** – We look for experiences that are engaging, age-appropriate, and thoughtfully designed to support student learning.

**Safety and supervision** – Both the activity itself and the setting are reviewed carefully to ensure student safety. The maturity of the students is always factored in.

**Cost considerations** – Pricing is weighed to make sure trips are accessible and provide value to families.

**District guidelines** – All field trips must follow the West Vancouver School District's policies and parameters, which set clear expectations around transportation, supervision, and safety.

Because of these considerations, not every suggestion or opportunity can be taken up by a class. Teachers work to balance the benefit of a trip with the time away from instruction, the cost to families, and the planning required to make the experience successful.

When these factors align, field trips can be truly wonderful opportunities for students. They bring joy, excitement, and real-world connection to what is being taught. We are grateful for your support and understanding as staff continue to thoughtfully plan meaningful experiences that enrich learning and reflect the best interests of our students.

Thank you for partnering with us in this important part of your child's education.

Warm regards,

Ms. Bell

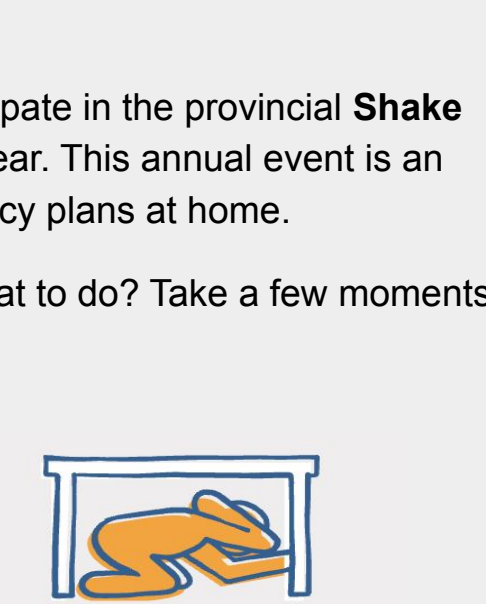
#### LOOKING AHEAD

<b>October 10</b>	<b>PAC General Meeting - 9am Library</b>
<b>October 13</b>	Thanksgiving Monday - students not in session
<b>October 14</b>	Final Cross Country Meet @ Ambleside 3:30
<b>October 16</b>	<b>Shake Out BC</b>
<b>October 21</b>	Boys Volleyball Game #1 Away (Caulfeild School) Girls Volleyball Game #1 Home
<b>October 22</b>	Individual Photo RETAKES
<b>October 24</b>	<b>Professional Development Day - Students Not in Session</b>
<b>October 28</b>	Boys Volleyball Game #2 Home Girls Volleyball Game #2 Away (Gleneagles School)
<b>November 10</b>	<b>Remembrance Day Assembly</b>
<b>November 11</b>	<b>Remembrance Day - School not in Session</b>

### 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.

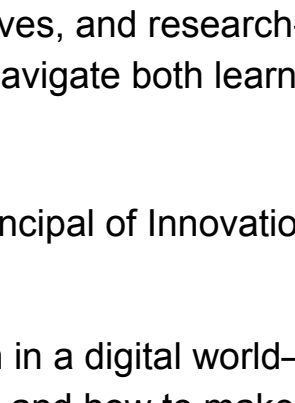
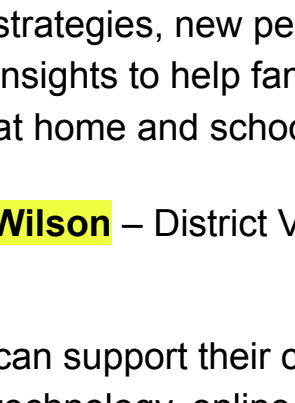
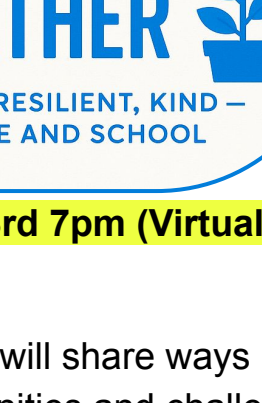


The link to practice materials and more information for families can be found [HERE](#). If you have any questions or concerns about the FSAs, please contact your classroom teacher or Ms. Bell [sbell@wvschools.ca](mailto:sbell@wvschools.ca)

#### SHAKE OUT BC

On **October 16th**, students and staff at Chartwell will participate in the provincial **Shake Out BC** initiative — our first earthquake drill of the school year. This annual event is an important reminder for families to review their own emergency plans at home.

Are you ready for an earthquake? Does your child know what to do? Take a few moments to talk about your family's plan and ensure you're prepared.



### 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 23rd 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 (Kindergarten)

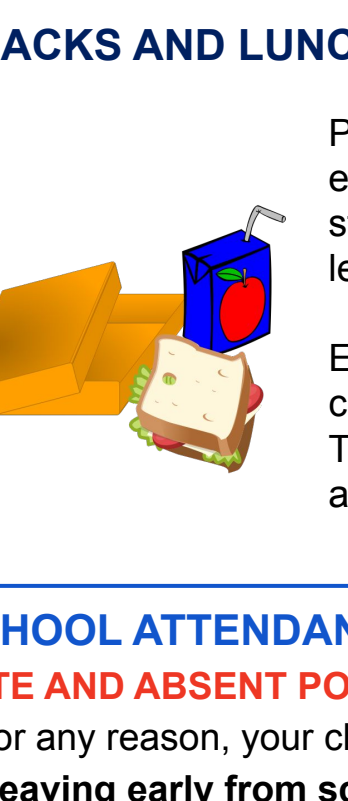
Applications for Kindergarten (in-catchment, out of catchment and out of district) AND for in-catchment registrations in Grades 1-12 will be open on Wednesday, October 15th.

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.



Subscribe to our Instagram account to see more information spotlighting Chartwell's teaching, learning and fun!

@Chartwellelementary

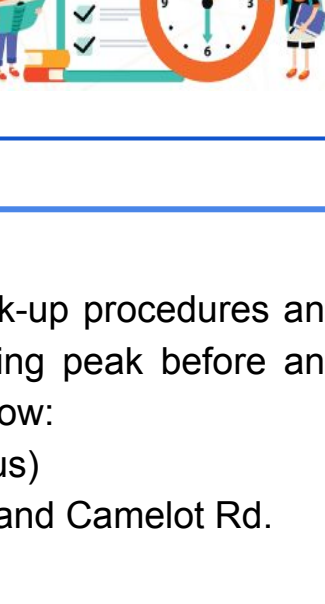


Join the **Chartwell PAC WhatsApp group** for information on school and PAC events. Thank you to Soroush for taking on this responsibility this year.

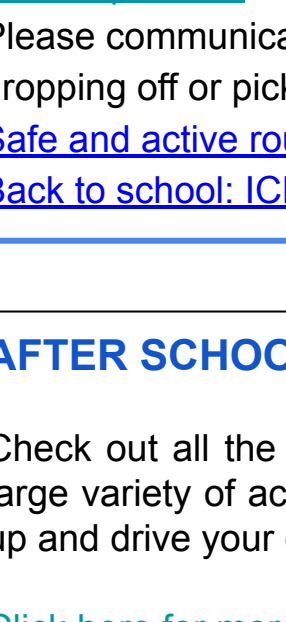
### Chartwell Reminders

#### NO SUCH THING AS BAD WEATHER JUST INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING

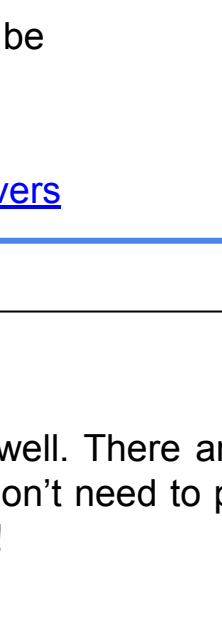
The wet weather has arrived! Students are outside for approximately 45 minutes for morning and lunch recesses and will need to keep warm and dry. Please ensure your children come to school in appropriate waterproofed clothing and footwear.



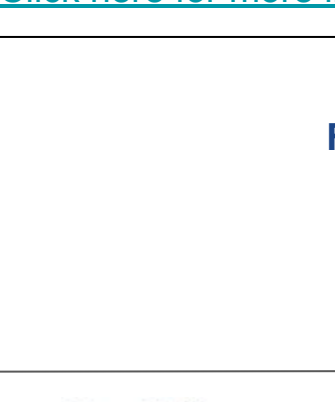
#### PLEASE PACK UTENSILS



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 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 email to the office at [Chartwell@wvschools.ca](mailto: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 Cambridge 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 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/chrkenedy>

### PAC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### Week of October 13-17

##### Chartwell PAC Update

All are welcome to attend our second PAC General Meeting tomorrow, **Thursday, October 10th at 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the library.**

[CPAC Agenda – October 10](#)

[Minutes – September 12](#)

We hope to see many of you there and wish everyone a wonderful

**Thanksgiving long weekend!**

Sincerely,

Chartwell PAC