

CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY

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School Absences
604-981-1210



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[Chartwell's Website](https://www.chartwell.ca)

LOOKING AHEAD



January 15	Black Excellence Day
January 16	PAC Meeting 9 AM Chartwell Library (in person)
January 20	No Basketball Games -BYE
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January 27	Boys' and Girls' Basketball Away (Bowen Island Community School) Intermediate Literacy Parent Workshop 5:30 PM @WV Memorial Library
January 30	Professional Development Day - School not in session
February 3	Boys' Basketball @ Chartwell vs. Westcot Girls' Basketball AWAY @ Westcot
February 11	Lunar New Year Celebrations

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

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Stay up to date on all things Chartwell!

January 15, 2026

NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION BULLETIN

Dear Families,

As we settle into the term, one of our key areas of focus, across the school, is building learning stamina.

Learning stamina is a child's ability to stay engaged, focused, and regulated during learning tasks—even when the work feels challenging. Like physical stamina, it develops over time and with practice.

How we teach students to stay focused at school:

Teachers don't just expect focus—we teach it. Across classrooms, students are learning:

- Clear routines so they know what to do and what comes next
- Chunking of tasks into manageable parts
- Goal-setting (for example, working until a timer ends or completing one section at a time)
- Strategies for distraction, such as movement breaks, quiet tools, or refocusing prompts
- Language for perseverance, helping students recognize when learning feels hard and how to keep going

These strategies look different in primary and intermediate classrooms, but the goal is the same: helping students build independence, confidence, and resilience as learners.

How families can support learning stamina at home:

- Encourage short, focused periods of reading or work, gradually increasing time
- Build in screen-free time, especially before school and bedtime
- Allow children to experience and work through moments of boredom or frustration
- Praise effort and persistence, not speed or perfection

When your child says, "I'm bored..."

Boredom is often the first step toward creativity and problem-solving. Some helpful responses might be:

- "That's okay—what could you do next?"
- "Boredom means your brain is ready to think of something new."
- "You can choose to read, draw, build, or just rest for a few minutes."

Giving children time to sit with boredom helps them develop independence, patience, and focus.

Building stamina takes time, and every child grows at their own pace. We appreciate your partnership as we support students in developing this important life skill.

Registration for 2026-2027

Admissions Open – January 15

K–12 admission applications for both in-district and out-of-district students opened today, January 15. If you know families who may be interested in joining West Vancouver Schools, please help spread the word.



West Vancouver Schools offer a strong sense of community and a commitment to high-quality learning that supports student growth, well-being, and success.

For details about registration requirements, timelines, and deadlines, please visit: **West Vancouver Schools Admissions**

[CLICK HERE](#)

Important reminders for Chartwell families:

Current Chartwell students do not need to re-apply for next year.

Grade 7 students moving on to Sentinel Secondary will be automatically transferred. Sentinel counsellors will visit in late winter/early spring to share transfer forms.

Families choosing a secondary school other than Sentinel must complete an online application by the posted deadlines.



[CLICK HERE](#)

Looking Ahead to Next Year

As enrollment planning begins for next year, we are gathering early information to support thoughtful planning. If you know that your child will **not be returning to Chartwell** next year, or if your plans are still uncertain, we kindly ask that you let the office know.
(aundseth@wvschools.ca)

This helps us with planning and does not affect your child's place at Chartwell.

Thank you for helping us plan ahead.



TERM 2 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

SIGN UP

We are thrilled to announce that our Sport Explorers program is now open to Grade 3!

Our Sport Explorers Chartwell program starts on Monday 12th which means you have just a few more days to register.

Sport Explorers Play is a high-energy, game-based program that focuses on learning through play. Athletes will participate in a wide variety of structured sport games.

Sports include: Badminton, Soccer, Pickleball, Volleyball, Ultimate frisbee, Handball, Basketball, and more!

NOTE: This is a non-competitive program and is suitable for all experience or level!

Chartwell Sport Explorers: Play (Gr 3-7)

Location: Chartwell Gymnasium

Dates: Jan 12th - Mar 9th (Mondays)

Time: 2:45pm - 4:15pm

Grades: 3-7

Price: \$240 + GST (8 sessions)

* No session Feb 16th *

REGISTER HERE >



Artmania's after-school Watercolour Art: Chinese & Persian Painting for Kids. In this imaginative and hands-on class, children will explore the flowing brushstrokes of traditional Chinese ink painting and the rich colours and patterns of Persian art. Using watercolours, ink, and fine brushes.

This class is perfect for children who are quiet creators or bold artists ready to experiment.

Class details:

Location: Room 1

Dates: January 12 – March 19 (no class February 16)

Time: Mondays | 2:45–4:45 pm

👉 **How to register:**

REGISTER HERE >

To secure your child's spot, please register online at artmaniabc.ca

West Van Run! March 7th and 8th

We invite students and families to take part in this fun, community run and enjoy special discounted registration. Parents and students can register for \$45 using the code **WVSCHOOLS**, and children can join the Kids 1K for \$15 using the code **WVKIDS**. These codes can also be used by other family members who would like to participate.

Chartwell Reminders

NO SUCH THING AS BAD WEATHER JUST INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Winter weather is here! Students go outside for approximately 45 minutes during morning and lunch recess, so it's important they are dressed to stay warm and dry.

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing warm winter clothing, including a coat, hat, gloves or mittens, snow pants, and waterproof boots.

We also recommend packing an extra set of clothes to keep at school or in their backpack in case they get wet.



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.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

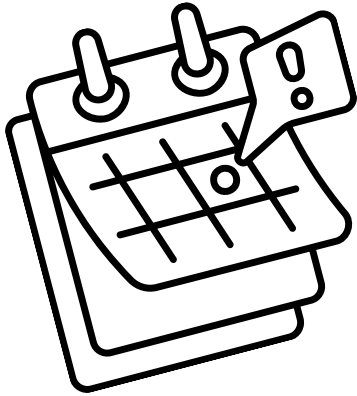
LATE AND ABSENT POLICY



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).

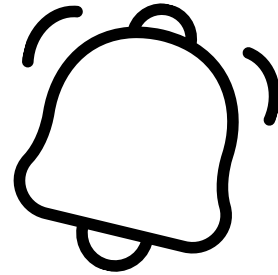
- Be sure to include the following: child's full name, grade/teacher, and anticipated length of absence.

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IMPORTANT DATES 2025-2026

CHARTWELL BELL TIMES



West Vancouver Schools
Community Connections

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I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skw̓xwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, on whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides.



WV Community Corner

Literacy at the WVML



Join us for an engaging session on supporting your child's literacy and language development. Presented by West Vancouver Schools in partnership with the West Vancouver Memorial Library, these workshops will explore practical strategies to foster a love of reading, build foundational skills, and create strong home-school connections. Sessions will include insights from district educators and library staff, highlighting local resources that help every child thrive academically. All sessions will take place in Welsh Hall at the West Vancouver Memorial Library. Session dates are as follows:

January 27th - Parents of Grades 4 – 7 students

March 3rd – Parents of Grades 8 – 12 students

Did you know that it takes someone about 25 minutes to refocus on the task they were doing after being distracted by their phone?

The average teen gets 10 notifications an hour.
Classes last 80 minutes.

YOU DO THE MATH!



Parents & Caregivers

Learn about Discord, Roblox, Instagram and Snapchat using the link below:

Parents Guide to Social Media and Digital Devices

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:

[Culture of Yes](#) or [Chris Kennedy's Twitter Account](#)



DPAC

parent evening with Sarah Ward on Executive Functioning

Wednesday, January 28th
\$20 per ticket

Sarah Ward is an internationally recognized expert in executive function. Her practical, research-informed strategies are widely regarded as groundbreaking in supporting student learning and independence.

Drawing from executive function coaching approaches used with elementary, secondary, post-secondary students and adults, this session will help build academic success by exploring time management, task prioritization, long-term project planning and the development of independent learning habits.



REGISTER HERE

**KAY MEEK THEATRE
1700 MATHERS AVE
WEST VANCOUVER**

**6:30 -
8:30 PM**



What Parents will Gain From This Evening



Understand

Parents will gain a clear, reassuring understanding of how executive function skills develop over time, why children may struggle with organization and time management, and what is developmentally typical at different ages.



Learn

Parents will learn practical, easy-to-use strategies they can apply at home to strengthen their child's time awareness, organization, study routines and follow-through for academic success.



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PAC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Jan 12-16



*Hot Lunch Program

The order for the new term is opened!

Hot Lunch Program

Hot Lunch Team is looking forward to hearing the feedback about new vendors.

PANAGO – sends apologies for the missing orders on Monday.

Hot Lunch Team would like to thank the office for handling the situation. If you would like to get a replacement for a missing Monday order, please email your child's name, division, order to chartwellhotlunch@outlook.com

Please place your order and support our biggest fundraiser!

*DDPAC UPDATES: DPAC presents Parent Night with Sara Ward

Date: Wednesday, January 28, 6:30 – 8:30.

Parents will get clear understanding of executive function skills development, and why kids struggle with organisation and time management. Parents will leave with practical strategies they can apply right away.

Tickets: \$ 20 at Kay Meek Theater.

* **CPAC General Meeting:** looking forward seeing parents and care givers January 16, At 9 a.m. in the library. Join to hear about the updates from the principal and Committees. Tea and coffee will be provided:))

Sincerely,

Chartwell PAC.

Friday Badminton Second Term is Opened!
Please go to – Munch a lunch - Fundraising

