

# CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY

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**School Absences**  
**604-981-1210**



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1300 Chartwell Drive, West Vancouver



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

## LOOKING AHEAD



January 27	Boys' and Girls' Basketball Away (Bowen Island Community School) Intermediate Literacy Parent Workshop 5:30 PM @WV Memorial Library
January 28	Grade 6 Field Trip to the Space Centre
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
February 13	Reading Break - no school in session
February 16	Family Day Holiday - No School
February 18	PAC Pancake Breakfast

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

Join the Chartwell PAC WhatsApp group.





# — Mindful, Resilient, Kind — From the Principal's Desk

Dear Families,

In this week's letter, I would like to briefly share how we approach conflict and problem-solving at Chartwell.

Learning how to manage friendships, disagreements, and strong emotions is an important part of growing up. At Chartwell, we view conflict as an opportunity to teach important social skills.

## **Age-appropriate problem solving**

Across all grade levels, teachers explicitly teach students how to:

- Use words to explain their feelings
- Listen to others and consider different perspectives
- Try to solve small problems independently
- Ask for adult support when a situation feels too big

While these skills look different in primary and intermediate classrooms, the goal is the same: helping students grow in independence, confidence, and responsibility.

## **Understanding different situations**

Not all difficult interactions are the same.

- **Conflict** is a normal disagreement between students.
- **Unkind** behaviour involves poor choices that are addressed through teaching and repair.
- **Bullying** involves repeated, intentional harm and is taken very seriously.

Our approach focuses on helping students understand the impact of their actions, take responsibility, and repair relationships when harm has occurred.

## **Working with families**

Teachers and administrators involve families when:

- A pattern of concern is emerging
- A child has been significantly impacted
- Additional support is needed

Our goal is always to work in partnership with families to support all students involved.

Next week, we'll offer a few practical tips for how families can support children when they come home with friendship concerns or conflicts.

# 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](https://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

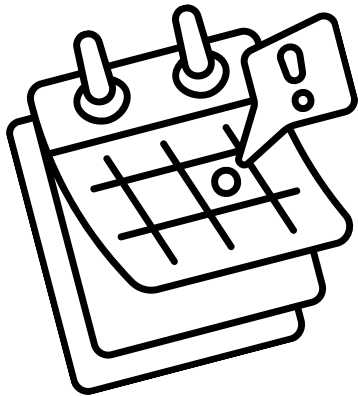
### LATE AND ABSENT POLICY



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](mailto:Chartwell@wvschools.ca) or voicemail system (604-981-1210).

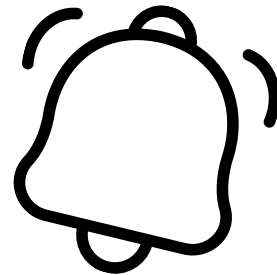
- Be sure to include the following: child's full name, grade/teacher, and anticipated length of absence.

# Chartwell Reminders



IMPORTANT DATES 2025-2026

CHARTWELL BELL TIMES



West Vancouver Schools  
Community Connections

Sara Bell  
Principal  
Chartwell (ECH)  
West Vancouver Schools  
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I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (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 19-23



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### \*Hot Lunch Program

The order for the new term is opened!  
Hot Lunch Team is looking forward to hearing the feedback about new vendors.

### Hot Lunch Program



**MUI GARDEN** – offers a choice of rice, Hainanese rice, rice with egg of fried noodles with every main dish, however the students can only choose ONE topping. If by mistake more than one topping is chosen is chosen, only ONE will be served.  
To report missing lunch or any other inquiries and suggestions, please email to [chartwellhotlunch@outlook.com](mailto:chartwellhotlunch@outlook.com), start your email with the student's name and division.

**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:** thanks to everyone who attended CPAC General Meeting to get the updates from the Principal, executive officers and committees.

\***Winter Fest (Pancake Breakfast)** is scheduled on **February 18**.  
More information and the link to order is coming soon!  
Stay tuned for updates!



Sincerely,

Chartwell PAC.