

# CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY

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



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

# LOOKING AHEAD



<b>January 30</b>	<b>Professional Development Day - School not in session</b>
<b>February 3</b>	<b>Boys' Basketball @ Chartwell vs. Westcot Girls' Basketball AWAY @ Westcot</b>
<b>February 5</b>	<b>Chartwell Torch Relay - Wear red and white or school spirit wear</b>
<b>February 6</b>	<b>Chartwell Oening Ceremonies - Wear country colours or Chartwell Spirit Wear</b>
<b>February 11</b>	<b>Lunar New Year Celebrations</b>
<b>February 12</b>	<b>The 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School</b>
<b>February 13</b>	<b>Reading Break - School not in session</b>
<b>February 16</b>	<b>Family Day Holiday - School not in session</b>
<b>February 18</b>	<b>PAC Pancake Breakfast</b>

## Follow, Chat & Stay Updated



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,

Last week, I shared how we approach conflict and problem-solving at Chartwell. This week, I'd like to offer a few simple ways families can support children when they come home with friendship concerns.

## **Supporting Primary Students (K-3)**

Families can help by:

- Listening calmly and asking, "Can you tell me what happened before that?"
- Helping children name their feelings and practise using words
- Encouraging children to seek help from an adult at school when a problem feels too big

It is also helpful to balance conversations at home. Rather than focusing only on what went wrong, try asking your child to share one positive thing from their day. This helps children see school through a broader, more confident lens.

## **Supporting Intermediate Students (Grades 4-7)**

As students grow, we encourage increasing independence. Families can support this by:

- Helping children reflect on the whole situation, not just the ending
- Asking, "What steps have you tried?" or "Who could you talk to at school?"
- Encouraging students to speak with a teacher or trusted adult themselves

Learning to address concerns at school helps build confidence, responsibility, and problem-solving skills.

While physical behaviour is never acceptable, understanding what led up to a conflict helps children reflect, take responsibility, and learn from the experience.

When to reach out to the school

## **Families are always welcome to connect with us when:**

- A concern feels ongoing or escalating
- A child is significantly impacted
- You are unsure how best to support your child

Our goal is always to work in partnership with families, while empowering students to have a voice in resolving challenges.

Warmly,  
Ms. Bell



# West Vancouver Schools Field Hockey Spring League

REGISTER NOW



## SIGN UP FOR SPRING LEAGUE 2026

**When:** April – June 📅  
**Who:** K – Grade 12 | All skill levels ✓  
*New players always welcome*

**What's Included:**  
★ Weekly skills clinics  
★ New to Field Hockey - intro session  
★ League games & development pathway

REGISTERING BEFORE JAN 31ST AND BE ENTERED INTO A DRAW TO WIN A JUNIOR FIELD STARTER KIT. ✨



SCAN TO SIGN-UP



West Vancouver Field Hockey Club  
Home of field hockey on the North Shore



## 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.



# Chartwell Reminders

## Spirit Wear

**CHARTWELL  
TOQUES**

This cozy stretch beanie is one size fits all. Order on Schools Cash Online before they're all gone!

**\$25**



## TERM 2 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS



**SIGN UP**

## West Van Run



### 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

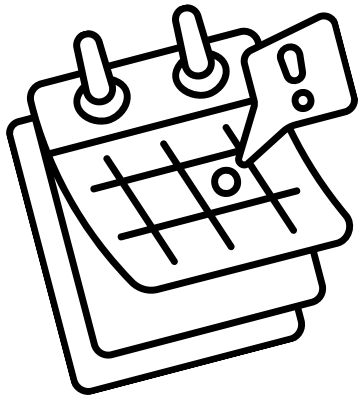
### LATE AND ABSENT POLICY



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).

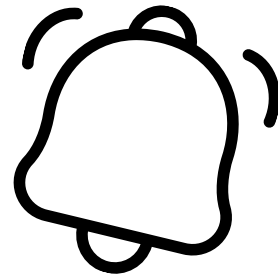
- Be sure to include the following: child's full name, grade/teacher, and anticipated length of absence.

# Chartwell Reminders



IMPORTANT DATES 2025-2026

CHARTWELL BELL TIMES



West Vancouver Schools  
Community Connections

Sara Bell  
Principal  
Chartwell (ECH)  
West Vancouver Schools  
T 604-981-1210



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VANCOUVER  
SCHOOLS**

*A world of opportunity*

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](#)





# PAC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Week of Jan 26-29



CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY PAC

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### Hot Lunch Program

#### \* Hot Lunch Program

The order for the new term is opened!

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

**B-BOX** is looking forward to hearing feedback about their lunch boxes. Please submit to [chartwellhotlunch@outlook.com](mailto:chartwellhotlunch@outlook.com)

**MUI GARDEN** – offers a choice of rice, Hainanese rice, rice with egg or fried noodles with every main dish, however the students can only choose ONE topping. If by mistake more than one topping 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!

\* **RETURN – IT FUNDRAISER:** CPAC is launching a new tradition. **RETURN – IT FUNDRAISER** to support the LEAVING CEREMONY for Grade 7. Today you are helping to make a memorable ceremony for the leaving students, one day the ceremony will be for your child.

Make an impact with a few easy steps:

#### Download RETURN-IT APP

Register your account

Get transparent/clear or special blue/yellow bags

Return-It accepts plastic bottles, aluminum cans, glass bottles, drink pouches, cartons, and bag in the box.

Choose your recycling depot and recycle using your account information.

It might take a few days for you to see your funds. After you receive the funds:

On you App – Home-Redeem Funds – Donate – Donate without Redeeming –

#### Select Chartwell Elementary

Become a RECYCLING HERO, send the photos of your bags to [CHPac@wvschools.ca](mailto:CHPac@wvschools.ca) and get recognised!



\* **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.