



CHARTWELL
ELEMENTARY

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February 19th, 2026



School Absences
604-981-1210



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1300 Chartwell Drive, West Vancouver



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LOOKING AHEAD



February 25	Pink Shirt Day - Show your spirit and wear PINK
February 25	Girls BB Jamboree - WVSS - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
February 26	Boys BB Jamboree - WVSS - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
March 6	Nowruz Celebration
March 11	Grade 7 Marketplace Fundraiser
March 13	Last day of school before Spring Break
March 30	School Back in Session
April 3	Good Friday - School not in session today
April 6	Easter Monday - School not in session today

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@Chartwellelementary

Join the Chartwell PAC WhatsApp group.





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

This week has been a wonderful celebration of community at Chartwell.

Our Lunar New Year event filled the school with colour, learning, and joy. Thank you to the Lunar New Year Committee and the many parent volunteers who made the day so special. Each student received a Year of the Horse plush — a generous gift — and funds raised will support new guided reading books, document cameras, magazine subscriptions for our intermediate students, and a jumbo outdoor chess set.

We were proud of our Grade 7 students who performed the Lion Dance after practising during lunch hours — a great example of leadership and school spirit.

To continue the fun, Ms. Lee and I have been hiding 100 miniature horses around the school grounds, with students earning Treehouse points as they find them. The horses also connect to today's 100th day of school, where students and staff dressed up and participated in creative literacy and numeracy activities centred around the number 100.

We're excited for our Pancake Breakfast next week — please see the PAC section of this bulletin for details — and we look forward to celebrating Nowruz together next month.

Thank you for being such an engaged and supportive community.

Warmly,
Ms. Bell



Chartwell Reminders



Ramadan Wishes

As the month of Ramadan begins, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to all members of our community who are observing.

Ramadan is a time of reflection, gratitude, generosity, and connection. We hope this month brings peace, strength, and meaningful moments with family and friends.

Laptop Computers

Please remind all Grades 4–7 students that personal devices must be fully charged before coming to school.

Many students are expecting to plug in their devices during class time. This creates a safety concern, as we cannot have charging cords running across classrooms.

Thank you for supporting responsible device use by following school and district personal device guidelines.

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

TOP Drawer Spring Break Camp



SIGN UP

TERM 3 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

CHARTWELL SPORT EXPLORERS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



 **Chartwell Elementary Gym**
Grades 4-7
 **April 13th - June 8th**
Thursdays 2:45pm - 4:15pm
 **Cost: \$240 + GST (9 Sessions)**

Key Features

Multi-Sport Programming
Participants experience a variety of sports and activities including soccer, basketball, ultimate, pickleball, handball and more

Experienced Coaches

Our coaches are dedicated to providing an unforgettable experience!

Suitable for All!

Programming suitable for all ages, skill levels, and backgrounds.

About Sport Explorers

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 with modified rules.

With a focus on fair play, coordination, game sense, and tactical growth, this program helps athletes build confidence. A rotation of PE games is included to keep engagement high.

Athletes will be sure to find their love of sport through our Play program.

JOIN NOW!



Powered by the Private Coaching Collective
www.privatecoachingco.com

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 or voicemail system (604-981-1210).

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



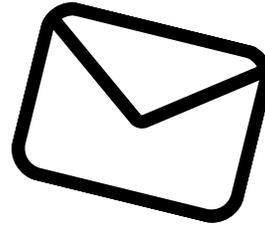
Chartwell Reminders

Letter from the Ministry of Education and Child Care

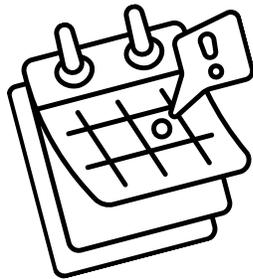
We are sharing a letter from Lisa Beare, Minister of Education and Child Care, regarding the recent tragedy in Tumbler Ridge and ongoing provincial supports for students and families. The message speaks to the importance of safe, caring school environments and outlines the systems and protocols in place across British Columbia.

The letter also includes links to helpful resources for families who may be looking for guidance in supporting children during difficult or uncertain times. Click below to read the letter:

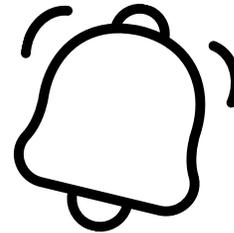
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I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, on whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides.



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.

March 3rd - Parents of Grades 8 - 12 students

Capilano University Access programs information session on March 5

Capilano University is hosting a **virtual information session** on Thursday, March 5 at 4 p.m. for students and their families to learn more two Access programs designed to support students with learning differences:

Discover Employability and Education and Employment Access. Both programs are full-time at the Capilano University North Vancouver main campus and start in September 2026.

While this information session is primarily designed for secondary age students and their families, Grade 6-7 families who are interested are also welcome to attend to learn more about future pathways, growth opportunities, and transition-to-adult life planning.

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**](#)



SPRING ADAPTIVE SOCCER PROGRAM FOR NEURODIVERSE PLAYERS

10 Week Program
on Thursdays from 3:45-4:45 PM
April 9th is the first session!
For ages 5 to 16

Location: Ambleside Field D



Register Here

***Free Jersey Included with
Registration fee***

Our Adaptive Soccer Program is designed especially for neurodiverse players who are eager to explore the game of soccer in a fun, welcoming, and supportive environment. Whether a player is brand new to organized soccer or has some experience, everyone is encouraged to join, learn, and grow. The program is open to players aged 5 to 16.



PAC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Week of February 16-20



CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY PAC
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Hot Lunch Program

* Hot Lunch Program

Hot Lunch Team is starting preparations for a new term.
Please submit your feedback at chartwellhotlunch@outlook.com

To report missing lunch or any other inquiries and suggestions, please email to 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 and get recognised!
All the Grade & parents can ask questions and share the opinions about leaving ceremony and the party at CHPac@wvschools.ca



* Chartwell Community celebrated the end of winter with PANCAKE BREAKFAST on Wednesday! Chartwell PAC would like to thank Miss Bell and Miss Lee for their help and our amazing parent volunteers! The event wouldn't happen without you!

Happy Lunar New Year and the warmest wishes to the families celebrating!

Sincerely,
Chartwell PAC.