

CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY

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September 24th, 2026



School Absences
604-981-1210



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1300 Chartwell Drive, West Vancouver



[Chartwell's Website](#)

LOOKING AHEAD



Sept 25	Professional Day - School Not in Session
Sept 29	Orange Shirt Day Cross Country Meet #3 3:45pm - 5:00pm @ Ambleside Field
Sept 30	Truth & Reconciliation Stat Holiday - No school
Oct 2	ELL Parent information meeting in the library 9:00 - 10:00am
Oct 5	FSA starts - Grade 4 & 7
Oct 7 - 9	Camp Elphinstone - Grade 7
Oct 12	Thanksgiving Day Stat Holiday - No School
Oct 14 & 15	Parent Teacher Interviews - Early Dismissal @ 12:15pm
Oct 21	Photo Retakes - Library
Oct 23	Professional Day - School Not in Session



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

Dear Chartwell Families,

Tomorrow marks our first Professional Development Day of the school year. While students will not be at school, our staff will be together doing some important learning of our own.

Professional development days are an important part of how we continue to grow as educators. Teaching is a profession that requires us to keep learning: deepening our understanding of how children learn, examining our practices, learning from research and from one another, and considering how we can better respond to the students in front of us.

Tomorrow, we are joining several other schools in our district to welcome renowned literacy educator, Adrienne Gear. Our staff are very excited for the opportunity to learn together and deepen our understanding of effective literacy instruction. This connects directly to the work we have been doing at Chartwell to strengthen reading and writing instruction across Kindergarten to Grade 7.

One of the things I value most about professional learning is that it does not end when the session is over. The important work happens afterwards, when teachers bring new ideas back to their classrooms, talk with colleagues, try different approaches, reflect on what they notice in their students, and continue to refine their practice.

Great schools are learning communities for everyone, including the adults. When our teachers have time to learn, collaborate, question and grow, our students ultimately benefit.

We are looking forward to a great day of learning together tomorrow and, even more importantly, to seeing that learning come to life in our classrooms.

Warmly,

Ms. Bell

TERRY FOX

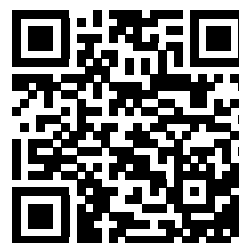
\$1,000 SCHOOL GOAL

ALL DONATIONS GO TO
THE TERRY FOX FOUNDATION
FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Cash donations accepted in the office.

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Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews - Oct 14th & 15th

Parent-teacher conferences are coming soon! The conferences will be in-person at the school. We are providing an online appointment booking system through School Interviews. Virtual meetings can be arranged on request.

Please follow the instructions below to book your interview time. Once you have booked your appointment you will receive a confirmation email.

Use this booking link <https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/abuzc> to book your interviews.

Bookings will be available starting, Monday, September 28th at 3:00 pm.

If you are prompted for an event code, enter: [abuzc](#)

- Enter your information (parent email, parent name, phone # and student name)
- Here you can indicate the number of students that you need to book for
- Click on GO
- Choose your child's teacher
- Choose the date and time that works best for you from the options provided.

Things to note:

- Please be on time for your scheduled conference.
- Please respect the time limit of 10 minutes for intermediate classes and 15 minutes for primary classes, as teachers try to stay on schedule.
- If you need to speak further with your child's teacher, email them to continue the discussion another time.

Please note the early dismissal times at 12:15 pm for October 14th & 15th.



Chartwell Reminders

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, September 30th 2025

On September 30th, Canada observes the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a federal holiday to honour survivors of residential schools, their families, and communities. This day is an opportunity to reflect on our shared history and the importance of reconciliation.

Students are invited to **wear orange on Monday, September 29th** as part of Orange Shirt Day, which recognizes the experiences of Indigenous children and affirms that Every Child Matters.

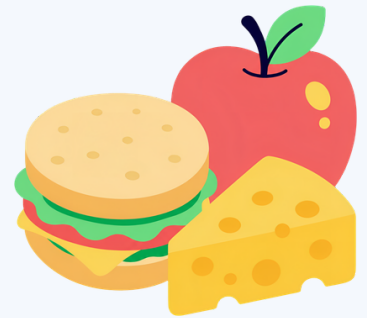
There will be no school on Wednesday, September 30th in recognition of the holiday.



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.



**PLEASE pack forks and spoons
for your children**



Our office is always here to help; however, we are unable to keep up with the demand for forks and spoons - **Please pack these items everyday for your child.**

Chartwell Reminders

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 send 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.

Feeding Futures:

As part of the **Ministry of Education** and **Childcare Feeding Futures initiative**, the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families.

The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity.

Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their school principal or to feedingfutures@wvschools.ca if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.



Chartwell Reminders

Personal Digital Device Use – Elementary School Expectations

At West Vancouver Schools, we know that digital devices can support learning—but they can also be a distraction. To help students stay focused and safe at school, new provincial guidelines now require consistent rules across all schools.

The school expectations are:

- Personal devices (including cell phones) may only be used with permission from a teacher or administrator.
- Devices are not to be used during the school day, including before school, recess, lunch, and after school.
- Exceptions will be made for medical, accessibility, or other accommodation needs.



How you can help:

- Review the Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices and any expectations from your child's teacher.
- Model healthy tech habits at home—especially during family time.
- Support balance by encouraging reading, outdoor play, and screen-free time.
- Avoid texting or calling your child during school hours. If it is an emergency call the office for help. We can pass on important information to your child.

By working together, we can help all students focus, learn, and thrive. Thank you for your support!

Thank you for your partnership and continued support. Let's keep building on the success of this initiative and continue supporting safe, focused learning for all.

Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS)

Support for you and your family as you
navigate the Canadian school system

CHECK OUT THE
UPCOMING WORKSHOPS
& EVENTS!



SWIS hosts a variety of workshops for newcomers and community events. Our newcomer workshops explore topics such as Canadian culture and systems, employment options, English language, parenting, health and so much more. Our community events explore themes of immigrant inclusion, belonging, and anti-racism.

<https://impactnorthshore.ca/immigrant-service-centre/settlement-workers-in-schools/>

Registration for
the 27/28 year
opens on Thursday,
October 15th, 2026

Kindergarten Information Session



WELCOME TO YOUR FUTURE

Parents & Guardians of children entering Kindergarten in September 2027 (children born in 2022) are invited to join us for our K info session.

Please join us for an evening with our school district staff to learn about the Kindergarten registration process and how West Vancouver Schools is committed to excellence—focusing on life skills for an ever-changing world.

~~This event is for parents and guardians only, please note that child care will not be available.~~

PLEASE REGISTER HERE

Date: Thursday, October 1st, 2026 6:00–7:00 pm

Location: Kay Meek Studio Theatre,
1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver



www.wvschools.ca

West Vancouver Schools invites
you to our Kindergarten
Information Session!



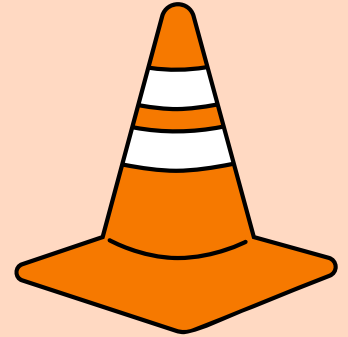


Chartwell Traffic



SAFE ARRIVAL AND PICK-UP INFORMATION

At Chartwell, student safety is our top priority. Please follow the school's drop-off and pick-up procedures to help keep everyone safe and reduce traffic congestion. Traffic is especially busy before and after school.



Tips to support smooth drop-off and pick-up:

- Carpool or use active transportation (walk, roll, or bus).
- Drop off/pick up Grade 4-7 students on Cambridge Pl. or Camelot Rd.
- Arrange a meeting spot with your child on Chartwell Drive.
- If your child is not ready when you arrive, please leave the roundabout and re-enter once they are ready.

We recommend parking on Chartwell Drive and walking in to meet your child instead of waiting in the roundabout.

Important: Please share this information with **anyone** who may be dropping off or picking up your child

[See Map HERE](#)

[Safe and active routes to school | West Vancouver Schools](#)

[Back to school: ICBC shares safety tips for drivers, parents and caregivers](#)

STAY Connected



SMS Text Messaging

For parents/guardians who would like to be notified of a school emergency such as power outages, severe weather or safety alerts via

SMS - Please text a "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 to ensure you are on the list.



Chartwell Elementary

Friday Badminton Program

Enrollment (Fall 2026)

A PAC Fundraising Event

Good Friends Brighter Days!

We want to thank all parents for your support and participation in this PAC fundraising event. We are pleased to announce the registration details for this term Friday Badminton activity.

Here are the full details:

1 Family Badminton Play



Fee option 1: \$30 per family per term
(includes access for all family members)

Fee option 2: Drop-in option:
\$5 per session for occasional attendance.



Dates: Every Friday from September 18th to December 11th (except September 25th, October 23rd, and November 27th.)



Time: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM



Total Weeks: 10 weeks



Court Availability:

- 3:00 – 4:00 PM → All 3 courts available
- 4:00 – 7:00 PM → 2 courts available



2 Supervised Student Badminton Training

(Limited to 4 students per session)



Dates: Every Friday from September 18th to December 11th (except September 25th, October 23rd, and November 27th.)



Time: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM



Total Weeks: 7 weeks

Time Slot	Skill Level	Fees
4:00 – 5:00 PM	Beginner/Intermediate	\$266 (includes family badminton play access)
5:00 – 6:00 PM	Intermediate/Advanced	\$266 (includes family badminton play access)
6:00 – 7:00 PM	Intermediate/Advanced	\$266 (includes family badminton play access)

Build Skills
Make Friends
Have Fun!



Clarification on Supervision Requirement:

1

For safety reasons, we kindly ask that only Chartwell families who are registered for the activity remain in the gym.

2

Please note that children who participate in the family play session must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times.

3

If students' training ends and they wish to stay for the family play session, parents must be present and supervise throughout the activity. This is to ensure the safety of all participants, especially when younger and older students are sharing the gym space.

4

Please enter and exit through the gym's side door (closest to the parking lot), and make sure to sign in and out at the check-in table by the entrance. Thank you!

Safety Builds a Stronger Community!

REGISTRATION
OPENS



Sunday, September 13, 2026
at 12:00 PM

Register through  **Munchalunch.com**

Spots may be limited!
Register early!



Active Kids • Stronger Families • A Brighter Chartwell





PAC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



September 24



CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY PAC
Funded by Parents | Powered by CPAC

Message from the PAC Chair

As a parent or guardian of a student at Chartwell, you are automatically a member of CPAC. Our executive team is planning an exciting year ahead. CPAC enriches students' school experience through community events, cultural celebrations, and fundraising initiatives such as community events, celebrating our diverse culture, and driving key fundraising initiatives. The funds we raise directly support crucial school enhancements, from library renovations and classroom learning tools to playground upgrades and sports equipment.

Sincerely, Chartwell PAC



New Chinese Liaison

Judy Jiang

Grad Committee Chair and Members Needed

If you have a child graduating this year and would like to chair or be on the committee, email us at CHPac@wvschools.ca

Class Representatives Needed

We need one parent volunteer from each division to represent their class and attend PAC meetings. Interested?

So far we have:

Harjeet Gill for Division 12 / kindergarten

Please email us at CHPac@wvschools.ca

Volunteers Needed / Food donation

Teacher Appreciation Day at Chartwell, October 5

We're planning a potluck lunch to thank our wonderful Chartwell staff!

If you'd like to bring a dish or help out, please join the WhatsApp group for details:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BzieA54QtwE81Wz7yF4CQ1>

Sincerely, Chartwell PAC

CHARTWELL HOT LUNCH IS BACK!

More choice. More variety. Five days a week.

Tasty Food Brighter Days! ♥



Ordering opens
SEPTEMBER 13



Hot Lunch begins
SEPTEMBER 21



Good to know:

Orders must be placed at least one week before the lunch delivery date.



Two vendors
each day



A variety of
cuisines throughout
the week



Halal options
available
every day



Smaller portion
options available
every day



New vendors this year: Zaatar, Aburi & Hatam!



Healthy
Choices
Happy Kids
♥



Want all the details?

See the full Hot Lunch Information Guide for vendors, menu rotations and ordering instructions.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE FULL GUIDE](#)



Good
Food
Great
Community
♥



ORDER NOW



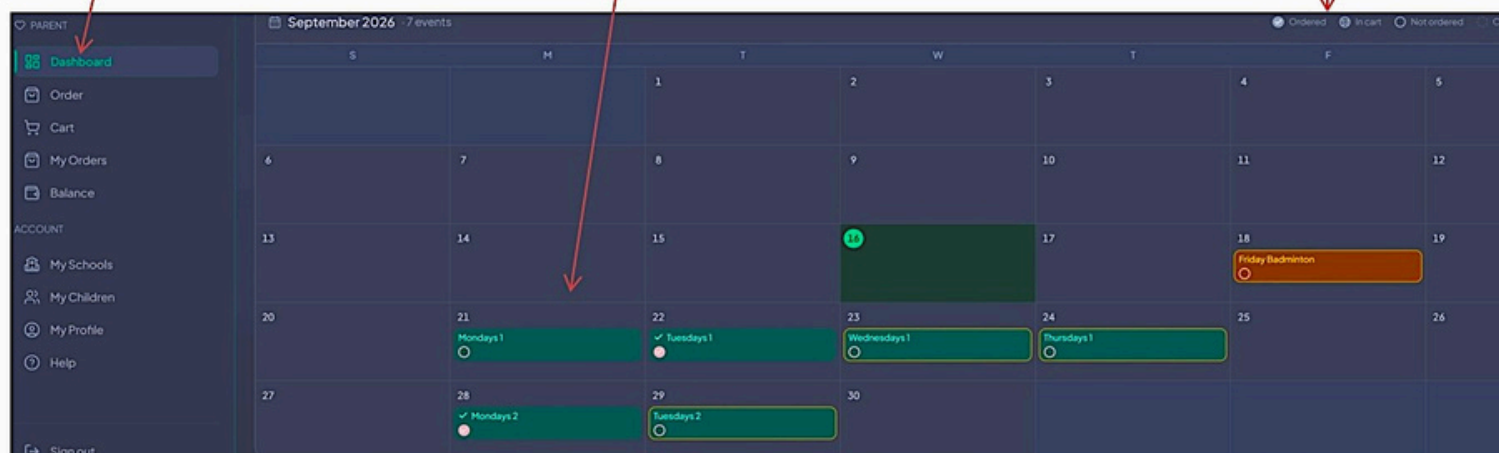
Please Check your orders

Please check if you have successfully placed order for your child's lunch.

Step 1: click on the dashboard

Step 2: verify order status in the calendar:
In this case, only 9/22 and 9/28 will have lunch delivered

Refer to the legend for details



For questions, please send email to:
chartwellhotlunch@outlook.com

Welcome to Our Parent's Monthly Physical Literacy Newsletter!

We are excited to share our Parent's Monthly Newsletter, created to support families in understanding the importance of physical literacy and the role movement plays in a child's development. As educators, we know that movement is about more than exercise—it is a foundation for confidence, creativity, connection, and lifelong well-being.

Thank you for your continued dedication to helping your children grow, learn, and thrive through movement, exploration, and play. Together, we can inspire a lifelong love of being active!

Jina Taylor

SD#71, Physical Literacy Lead
Teacher, Learning in Motion Program
Workshop Facilitator and Physical Literacy Lead

Dwayne Roberts

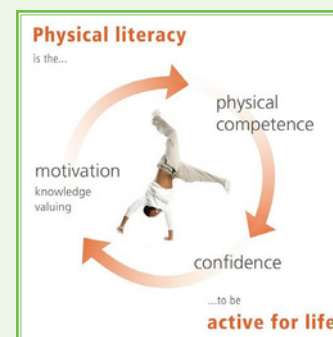
Program Manager, Indigenous Programs, Learning in Motion Program



What is Physical Literacy

"Physical literacy is the motivation, confidence, physical competence, knowledge, and understanding to value and take responsibility for engagement in physical activities for life."

— *The International Physical Literacy Association, May 2014*



How is Physical Literacy Developed?

Kids develop physical literacy gradually through a variety of structured and unstructured activities. The nature of these activities grow as kids grow in age and ability.



What We Can Do to Develop Physical Literacy

ROLE MODEL BEING ACTIVE

Children learn from what they see others do, so if you're active they'll see the behavior as normal. Chances are they'll want to be active too.



FIND THE SPACE

Children need space to run around and be active. Maybe it's in the house with furniture to the side or maybe it is outside in nature, but they need a safe space to build their skills.

EXPOSE CHILDREN TO A VARIETY OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Being active can mean playing sports such as soccer, hockey or basketball, but can also mean skateboarding, yoga, dance, walking, cycling or hiking. The idea is to provide a variety of opportunities and different ways to be active and children will choose to continue doing what they enjoy.



WE ALL NEED ENCOURAGEMENT

Just like with reading and math, physical literacy will take time to develop. Be patient and supportive while your child's brain and muscles grow and provide opportunities for practice.



A note from North Shore Black Bear Society on bear safety awareness:

With school back in session, and daylight hours becoming shorter, the North Shore Black Bear Society would like to share some bear safety and awareness information with families.

When families and children are walking to and from school, it's important to use your voices and stay together as a group. Talking out loud, singing or calling out lets any bears (or other wildlife) know that humans are present.

If you do meet a bear, we recommend that you:

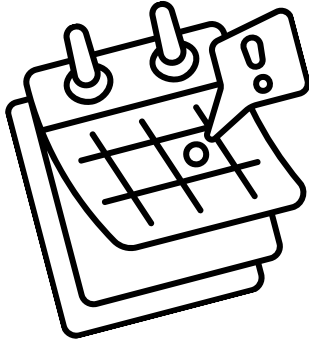
- Stop.**
- Gather together as a group.**
- Speak to the bear in a calm voice (do not shout or scream).**
- Slowly back away (do not run).**

The bear will either slowly and calmly move away, or will ignore you (which might mean changing your route). Please share this information with your children.

Please check our website for more information about coexisting with these beautiful animals

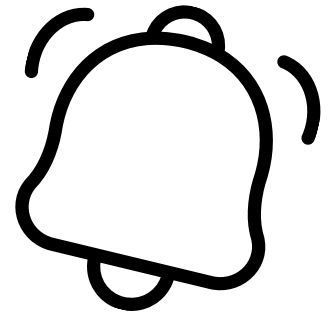
<https://northshorebears.com>

Chartwell Reminders



IMPORTANT DATES 2026-2027

CHARTWELL BELL TIMES



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information

@Chartwellelementary

Join the Chartwell PAC
WhatsApp group.



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.



West Vancouver Board of Education All Candidates Meeting

Tuesday, October 6th from 6-8pm
Kay Meek Studio Theatre
1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver

On October 17, 2026 voters in the District of West Vancouver, the Village of Lions Bay, Bowen Island Municipality and part of Metro Vancouver Electoral Area A will elect five Trustees for School District 45, West Vancouver Board of Education.

The West Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council (WVDPAC) is hosting an All School Trustee Candidates Meeting on Tuesday October 6th, 2026 in the Kay Meek Studio Theatre.

All members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

