CHARTWELL
ELEMENTARY



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October 29th, 2026

School Absences
604-981-1210





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1300 Chartwell Drive, West Vancouver

Chartwell's Website

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov 3	**Volleyball Game # 3**
Nov 5	**Vancouver Coastal Health - Hearing test for Kindergarten**
Nov 10	**Remembrance Day Assembly - 10:45am, Door open 10:35am, parking available on the field.**
Nov 11	**Remembrance Day Stat Holiday - No School**
Nov 17	**Volleyball Game # 4**
Nov 19	**Literacy Fair - 3:00 - 4:00 pm**
Nov 25	**Boys Volleyball Jamboree - 1:30pm-5pm @ Rockridge**
Nov 26	**Girls Volleyball Jamboree - 1:30pm- 5pm @ Rockridge**
Nov 27	**Professional Day - School Not in Session**

West Vancouver Schools Admissions

Admissions for the 2027/2028 school year **began on Thursday, October 15,** 2026, at 8:00a.m. for:

ALL Kindergarten students (in-catchment, in-district, and out-of-district students), and **all students living IN-CATCHMENT** who are applying for entry into Grades 1 – 12.

Admissions for Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students in Grades 1-12 open at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 15, 2027.

For more information about admissions processes, dates, guidelines, and requirements, families should visit the West Vancouver Schools admissions webpage here. Families are encouraged to carefully review the documentation requirements before beginning the application process.

— Mindful, Resilient, Kind —

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Chartwell Families,

Halloween brings plenty of excitement for many of our children. For families who celebrate, dressing up, trick or treating and greeting neighbours it can be a lovely way to make memories together.

With all that excitement and the darker evenings, please review safety with your children. Carry a flashlight, add reflective details to costumes and use sidewalks and marked crossings. Young children should be accompanied by an adult. If you are driving, please slow down and watch carefully for children.

And if you are carving pumpkins, save those seeds! A little kitchen time together can be part of the fun. Here are two recipes to try:

🎃 Crunchy pumpkin seeds: Sweet or savoury? Try roasted pumpkin seeds with cinnamon and brown sugar, or a little salt and seasoning. Have a family taste test and choose your favourite!

🎃 Pumpkin cake: Much like carrot cake, this pumpkin cake uses grated fresh pumpkin and has cream cheese icing. A delicious project for a cosy afternoon using a fresh pumpkin set aside for baking.

Enjoy the costumes, take a few photos and have fun together! Whether your weekend includes Halloween celebrations or other family plans, I wish you a safe and happy weekend.

Warmly,

Ms. Bell



Lest we forget.

CHARTWELL'S REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
10:45 a.m.

Led by our Grade 7 leaders

With performances by the
Grade 7 Band and Choir

Doors open at 10:35 a.m.

Parking available on the gravel field
from 10:35 a.m.

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Royal Canadian Legion

Remembrance Day Contests

Create something meaningful.

POSTER	ESSAY	POEM	VIDEO
K–Grade 7	Grades 4–7	Grades 4–7	Grade 7

National cash prizes: **$100–$500**

Submit entries to the school office by **November 10**

Rules, entry forms & prizes
remembrancecontests.ca

CHARTWELL LITERACY FAIR

Big smiles. Family fun!



Thursday, November 19

3:00–4:00 p.m.

After school in the gym

Fun literacy games and activities for the whole family!

Come read, play, and discover together!

Chartwell Library
Volunteers Needed!





We need regular volunteers in the library to put away books and help with a variety of tasks.

Volunteer Tasks

- Put away and shelve books
- Shelf read and organize sections
- Mend books that need repair
- Cut, laminate, and attach book covers
- Prepare new books for cataloguing

To volunteer, please email

kyorke@wvschools.ca

Sign up here:

Chartwell Library Volunteer Sign Up

Scan the QR code or visit:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EbhITPwuG66WPZSkGT3AMuFFWs-L7y1TmyWAR_GDdsw/edit?usp=sharing

Volunteer Times

Monday

- Morning: 8:45–10:15
- Mid-morning: 10:30–12:00
- Afternoon: 12:45–2:45

Tuesday

- Morning: 8:45–10:15
- Mid-morning: 10:30–12:00
- Afternoon: 12:45–2:45

Thursday

- Morning: 8:45–10:15
- Mid-morning: 10:30–12:00
- Afternoon: 12:45–2:45

If you are not able to commit to a regular time but would still like to help sometimes, please email me. I am happy to have help!

kyorke@wvschools.ca

Chartwell Reminders

HALLOWEEN GUIDELINES

As students and families start to think about costumes, to ensure the day is fun for everyone, please observe the following dos and don'ts:



❖ Feel welcome to dress in a costume or not.

❖ Continue to avoid costumes that promote cultural stereotypes. If you're looking for information on cultural appropriation vs. cultural appreciation, click **here** for a CBC video; and for a great list of questions to ask about whether a costume is appropriate or not, click here to see information from UBC's Equity & Inclusion Office. Costumes should align with our school and District Codes of Conduct.

❖ Absolutely no weapons (swords, lightsabers, guns, nunchucks etc.) and please make sure costumes are school appropriate.

❖ Wear something comfortable that can be worn all day. Remember they will be working and playing throughout the day so please make sure your child is comfortable (lots of face paint for example is uncomfortable).

❖ Please arrive in costume – there will be no changing in the washrooms.

❖ Avoid masks when possible - if a mask is a critical part of your child's costume they are allowed but must be removed when working in the classrooms.

❖ Students should avoid bringing in Halloween candy to school, as eating high sugar foods, and/or the idea of eating high-sugar foods, often distracts students from learning. A small treat in your lunch is acceptable coupled with other healthy choices. (Please remember we are a nut aware school)

❖ In the Community, the WVPD has asked us to remind families to please reinforce respect for neighbours, private property and community spaces.
❖ We encourage children and youth to celebrate responsibly and demonstrate the kindness, courtesy, and respect that help make our community a safe and enjoyable place for everyone.

Foundational Skills Assessment

Foundational Skills Assessments (FSAs) are for Grade 4 and 7 students. All students in these grades across BC will write the FSAs beginning in October.

The link to practice materials and more information for families can be found HERE. If you have any questions or concerns about the FSAs, please contact your classroom teacher or Ms. Bell sbell@wvschools.ca



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*With B.C. remaining on permanent daylight saving time, clocks **will not turn back** this Sunday, November 1, and winter sunrises will be later.*

We would like to remind families to take extra care travelling to school during these darker mornings and support consistent sleep routines at home as the days grow shorter.

On Sunday, please take a moment to check your digital calendars, alarms and devices. Ensure you have the latest updates installed and confirm that upcoming calendar entries and scheduled times are displaying correctly.



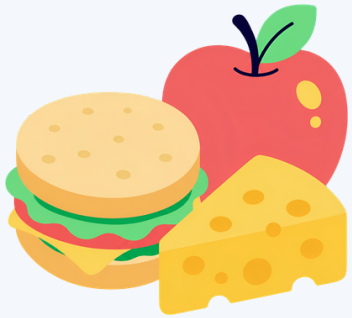
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY LATE AND ABSENT POLICY

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, division/teacher, and anticipated length of absence.

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.





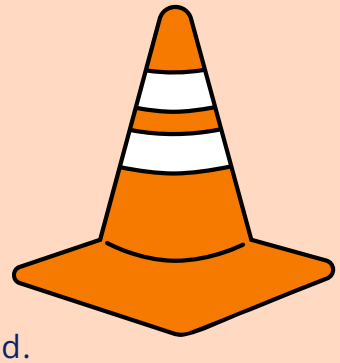
PLEASE pack forks and spoons for your children



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.**

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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

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.



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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.



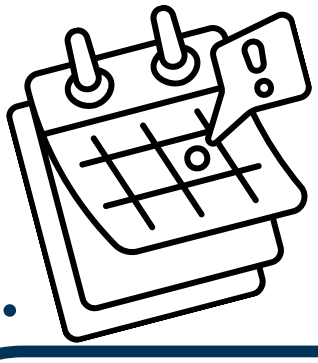
How you can help:

- 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!

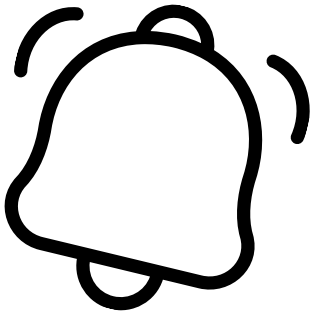
Thank you for your partnership and continued support. Let's keep building on the success of this initiative and continue supporting safe, focused learning for all.

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IMPORTANT DATES 2026-2027

CHARTWELL BELL TIMES





WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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@Chartwellelementary

Join the Chartwell PAC WhatsApp group.

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

I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, on whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides.

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A world of opportunity

Chartwell Connects

Impact NORTH SHORE

FORMERLY NORTH SHORE MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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/

PAC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 29

CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY PAC
Funded by Parents | Powered by CPAC

PAC UPDATES

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.

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
Volunteers Needed Halloween October 30
We are looking for volunteers to help with:

- Set-up
- Supervising games and activities
- Clean-up and take-down

Donations Needed
We would greatly appreciate donations of any of the following items:

- Individually wrapped candy
- Halloween pencils and erasers
- Mini toys and trinkets
- Individual bags of chips
- Popcorn

Future Chartwell PAC Meetings

December 4th
January 22nd
February 26th
April 23rd

AGM May 28th

We will be handing out popcorn to the kids as they enter the gym. We will also be putting together 12 baskets of goodies, one for each class, so teachers can hand out treats to their students at the end of the school day.

If anyone has inflatable's or large decor and wouldn't mind letting us borrow for the day that would be great.

If you are available to volunteer please let me know or if you would like to donate please drop off at the office.

You can join the following WhatsApp group for details:
https://chat.whatsapp.com/BzieA54QtwE81Wz7yF4CQ1