

**Thursday, January 27th, 2022 E-Bulletin**

**Bears Calendar**

January	28	Bear Wear Friday
	31	Secondary School Registration Forms Due
February	1	Coed Intersquad Basketball Game - The Den
	1	Lunar New Year Begins / Black History Month
	2	Lunar New Year Celebration at iDEC
	4	Bear Wear Friday
	8	Baseketball Game #2
	9	FSA Booklets sent home to Families

[2021/2022 IDEC School Calendar](#)

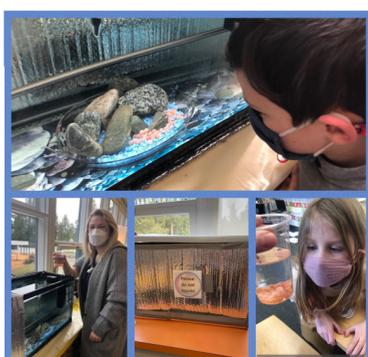
**Learning at iDEC**

As mentioned last week, iDEC will be adding further to our learning and recognition of Lunar New Year this year. Together with the support and guidance of our CPAC members, our whole school community will engage in special buddy class learning experiences to celebrate Lunar New Year next **Wednesday, February 2nd**. This opportunity brings our school community together allowing our students to better understand the significance and importance of this cultural event.

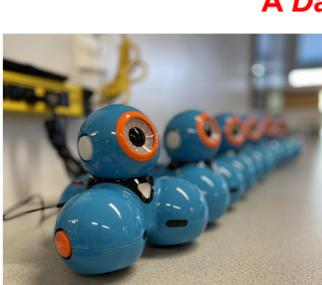


**110 New Bears Arrive**

Last week we updated families about our growing student population and how we welcomed several new children to iDEC in January. Yesterday, we grew again by 110 new Bears to iDEC all of which have been added to Division 11 and 12! Our Grade 2's are taking on a very exciting and rewarding challenge of raising salmon in their classrooms. From science to art and more, this transdisciplinary, experiential learning opportunity will keep Ms. Lefeaux and Ms. Prins' students busy with their 110 new friends until their release date this spring.



**A Dash of Learning and Fun**



Another new addition to the iDEC learning community are a small fleet of Dash robots. These robots help students learn the basics of robotics and coding while adding a high level of engagement to our classrooms. They are a great cooperative learning addition to our student's work with iPads. Our district technology leader Cari Wilson will soon be working with our Gr. 3's through a series of workshops to help launch our new robots. Mr. Muthanna and Ms. Lapinskie will be leading a variety of digital learning opportunities for our grade three students this term.

**Supporting Student Health and Wellness at iDEC**

In November, our Grade 6 & 7 teachers, as well as, Mr. Lund our school counsellor, participated in a professional development opportunity offered by our school district. This month, both grade teams are now underway with our Gr. 6 and 7 (almost 90 students) teaching and Learning with Open Parachute. Open Parachute is an intermediate program designed for students in grade 6 to 8 that focuses on mental health and wellness. The resources and and planning tools are helping start conversations that will support our students through conversations, planning and actions.

**Bears Sports**



In their first games of the season our Gr. 7 Bears learned a lot about the rules, pace and teamwork that are an integral part of the basketball season. Both our boys and girls teams represented Caulfeild well through their hard work, positive attitude and fun. The girls had a strong second half and defeated Gleneagles to earn their opening game of the season at home. The boys faced a skilled team on the road at Gleneagles and came up short losing their season-opener. Both teams are not scheduled for season play next Tuesday but will be busy on the court with intersquad games in The Den.

**Bears Girls Team:** Practice on Thursday at: 7:50am  
**Bears Boys Team:** Practice on Thursday at: 2:40pm

**Admissions 2022-23**

Admissions for [ALL](#) Grades from Kindergarten is now [OPEN](#). If you know a family interested in attending Caulfeild iDEC next year, please direct them to our school or district website to begin the registration process.

**Kindergarten Registration**

Over the past three years we have received enough registrations to plan and staff for two kindergarten classes. For 2022-23 we hope to do the same, but are lower on our registrations for Kindergarten than expected at this time. In the event you know a family with a child who is ready to register for K (born 2017) and is not yet registered, please share the admission information links above.

**Health and Safety**

*This section of the E-Bulletin is included in each publication for your convenience.*

**Performing a Daily Health Check:** Families should continue to perform the [Daily Health Check](#) daily health check with your child(ren) prior to drop off each morning. If your child is not feeling well, please do not send them to school. VCH recommends that you can also use the [K-12 health-checker app](#).

Thank you Caulfeild families for your commitment to mask safety measures. We would ask that families continue to help their child come prepared with their own mask, and an extra each day.

**If you have Questions about Health Matters:** In all cases, West Vancouver Schools look to the health authorities for their guidance. With this in mind, we ask all our families with questions on testing and isolation to visit the BCCDC website [HERE](#)

**Q & A Recording:** Please follow the link [HERE](#) to the video to Q&A session with Dr. Mark Lysyshyn, Deputy Chief Medical Health Officer with Vancouver Coastal Health.

**Procedure for Late Arrivals and Early Pick-Up**

Though we strongly encourage students to arrive and leave school during their scheduled times, we understand that there are occasionally extenuating circumstances that cannot be helped. When that is the case please email Ms. Chung [jchung@wvschools.ca](mailto:jchung@wvschools.ca) and follow the guidelines below:

**Late Arrivals:** Students needing to arrive late are asked to come at the end of one of the two outdoor recess breaks. They are to check in at the office then enter with their class.

**Kindergarten to Grade 3: 10:30 am or 12:40 pm      Grades 4 to 7: 10:30 am or 1:00 pm**

**Early Pick-Ups:** Students needing to leave early are asked to leave at the beginning of one of the two outdoor recess breaks. They are to check out at the office, then exit through the main doors to be picked up at the top of the roundabout.

**Kindergarten to Grade 3: 10:10 am or 12:00 pm      Grades 4 to 7: 10:10 am or 12:40 pm**

We thank you for your cooperation in following these procedures as they help minimize classroom disruption, as well as, ensure that health & safety protocols are followed as students enter and leave the school.

**Winter Weather: What to Do**

As the winter weather continues, we are asking families to be prepared to make alternate arrangements in the event the forecast is such that a school closure is warranted for safety reasons. Updates are posted on our school district website and social media by 6:00 am.

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/news/weather-closures-and-procedures>

**Caulfeild PAC**

**CPAC General Meeting**

Here is the link to the slide deck from [Mr. Kolkea's Principal Update](#) from our January CPAC General Meeting



**Bear Wear Sale - Last Call**

Bear Wear Sales are open till Jan 30th. So hurry and place your online now:

[Caulfeild Elementary School - Bear Wear Sales](#)

Password : Caulfeild2021

All orders will be delivered to school and distributed to classes in mid-February.

**Environmental Action Committee**

*Did you know?*



Globally, every year **254 million tons of discarded paper towels end up in landfills**, where they generate **methane** as they break down, a greenhouse gas 23 times more harmful than carbon dioxide.



Without doubt, using paper towels for drying hands and cleaning spills is super convenient. But did you know that it takes 17 trees and 20,000 gallons of water to make one ton of paper towels and that the vast majority of those paper towels end up in landfills? Here are some eco-friendly solutions we encourage you to consider and implement.

**Greenish:** Put your used paper towels in the green bin. Paper towels are biodegradable and compostable (unless they have been in contact with harsh chemicals). Do not recycle them or flush them down the toilet.

**Greener:** Buy totally chlorine free (TCF) paper towels made from 100% recycled paper. This way you will help save trees and reduce harmful chemical use.

**Greenest:** Ditch single-use paper towels and use cloth rags and dish towels. Of course, if you tend to run a load of hot-water wash for a few barely soiled dish towels, paper can be the more eco-friendly option. But if you approach your cloth towels conscientiously, cloth is the greener option.

## Hot Lunch Term 2

Our Hot Lunch program runs every day of the week this term. **You can still place your orders on [Caulfeild \(munchalunch.com\)](http://Caulfeild(munchalunch.com))**, just keep in mind that it takes 10 days to process your orders.

We are also looking for **Hot Lunch volunteers** to help distribute hot lunch orders to classes on Tuesdays and Fridays. Also, if you are unable to do a weekly rotation but would like to help out by being on a backup list for absentee coverage, we would appreciate the help. We look forward to hearing from you, please email our Hot Lunch coordinator Candace at [candacehavelock75@gmail.com](mailto:candacehavelock75@gmail.com).

## Traffic Committee

As you may have noticed on certain days drop offs get busier so we would like to offer help to school staff on those busy mornings. If anyone can spare time on a **Thursday** or a **Friday** (or if another day suits you better) between **8:20-8:40** please let us know. You will be assisting with the roundabout drop off, opening car doors and helping kids out. Please email [aneela.mallick@gmail.com](mailto:aneela.mallick@gmail.com) if you are interested along with a day preference and dates that you are able to commit to.

## Connect with CPAC

Website: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/caulfeild-elementary/parents/>

Facebook: CPAC Facebook Group (You need to answer two questions to join this closed group)

Twitter: @CaulfeildPAC

Email: [capac@wvschools.ca](mailto:capac@wvschools.ca)

## WV Community Corner

### West Vancouver DPAC - Meeting with Dr. Yong Zhao



Join acclaimed scholar, author and speaker [Dr. Yong Zhao](#) for a discussion on his latest book about preparing students to succeed in a post COVID world. Explore the how and why of self determined learning - which emphasizes autonomy and choice, turning over ownership for learning to students by supporting them in engaging in activities that are of personal value to them. **Click on the poster** for more information and to register.

## West Vancouver Run

As has become tradition, the school district is inviting students (and their parents) to participate in the West Van Run happening March 5 and 6, 2022. Students and parents have the option to join in the event at a discounted rate (\$29.95) by registering here: <http://www.westvanrun.com/schools>

**1KM events (for Kids 13 & Under): FREE**

## Place for Sport



The West Vancouver Place for Sport is becoming a reality! Here is the press release: <https://westvancouver.ca/news/west-vancouver-place-sport-fundraising-campaign-closes-target-council-steps-close-funding-gap> and here is a link to the story in the North Shore News: <https://www.nsnews.com/local-sports/west-vancouver-sports-facility-finally-hits-its-fundraising-goal-4969102>.

Many of you have made personal donations, and your PACs have also made contributions to the project. Thank you for sticking with this for the last decade. This is incredible news for our students and community!

## Snow Pass for Grade 4 & 5



Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass are here! The Grade 4 & 5 snowPass is a not-for-profit program provided by the Canadian Ski Council and the Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic, and Western Ski Area Associations. It provides every Canadian student in grades 4 and 5 the opportunity to ski and snowboard affordably through the winter. Parents/Guardians can apply for their Grade 4 or 5 child at [www.snowpass.ca](http://www.snowpass.ca). For family members not in Grade 4 or 5, explore other affordable introductory programs at <https://goskiinggosnowboarding.ca/>.

## West Vancouver Field Hockey Club

West Vancouver Field Hockey Club (WVFC) is busy registering 1500 players for Spring League which starts in April. WVFC would love to invite all new players and to remind existing players to register. As an outdoor sport WVFC have seen participation grow during the pandemic as it is a great way to stay active whilst doing so in a lower risk environment. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



## Girls with SuperPowers

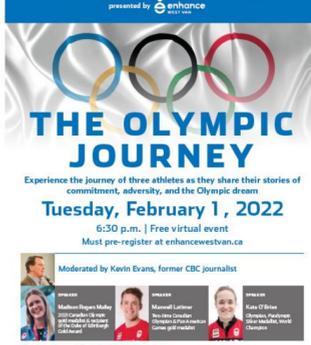


If you are a girl in **Grade 6 or 7** who attends a West Vancouver School and you are interested in coding, this club might be for you! Just click on the poster to enlarge it for details on how to register and for further details. *This is a weekly club that takes place in the evening.*

## The Olympic Journey

Experience the journey of three athletes as they share their stories of commitment, adversity and the Olympic dream

This virtual event is free to attend however [registration](#) is required.



## 2022-2023 WVS Ignite Your Passion (IYP) Program

**2022-2023 WVS Ignite Your Passion (IYP) Programs are OPEN for Registration!**

For a detailed list of the IYP Programs being offered by West Vancouver Schools for the 2022-2023 school year, see the link: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/ignite-your-passion>. Links to each program provide parents & students with detailed information such as: overviews/benefits; teachers/coaches; schedules; venues; fees; and registration procedures.

## Connect With Us

### 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 blogs and follow him on Twitter to learn more from the CEO of WV Schools in: <https://cultureofyes.ca/> or <https://twitter.com/chrkennedy>

We would love to have you connect with us and follow our [Caulfeild School Twitter](#) account! Many of our staff are active Twitter users and our [CPAC](#) also uses Twitter regularly. Here is some of the content you would have seen if you were following us on Twitter this week:



## Google Classroom: Parent Tip

An important digital platform for supporting student learning across all grades at iDEC is Google Classroom. Reviewing your child's Google Classroom is a supportive activity you and your child should do together. Here's a short video, just 3 minutes long, that explains how to look at your child's Google Classroom. *Remember, parents are not members of the Google Classroom, you need to log in together on your child's account. Your child's teacher can answer any questions you may have.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RWHgCRpCCaQ>



Take a virtual tour of Caulfeild iDEC in less than two minutes. Visit our learning spaces on this narrated tour and begin to understand more about our vision for learning. Please share this video with potential new families to help them learn more about All Things iDEC.

The iDEC News is a wonderful way for us to bring you learning stories happening at iDEC as told by our very own students. We are very pleased to share the link to our YouTube channel to access our most recent iDEC News, as well as, past editions since 2019.

## Connect with Caulfeild iDEC

School Website: [Caulfeild iDEC Elementary](#)

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Email: [Caulfeild@wvschools.ca](mailto:Caulfeild@wvschools.ca)

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