

**October 5th, 2023**

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### Hawks Highlights

<b>Oct</b>	9th	<b>Thanksgiving Day - no classes</b>
	10th	<b>Photo Order Deadline - action item!</b>
	10th	<b>Caribou Contest Permission Form Deadline - action item!</b>
	16th	<b>Coffee &amp; Curriculum</b> @ 9:15 am
	17th	<b>Grade 6/7s at Science World</b>
	18th	<b>Caribou Contest #1</b> @ 7:30 am
	19th	<b>Emergency Release Drill</b> @ 1:15 pm
	20th	<b>Provincial Professional Development Day - school not in session</b>
	23rd	<b>Festival de mathématiques</b>
	25-26th	<b>Learning Conferences - early dismissal 11:30 am /11:50 am</b>
	27th	<b>Photo Retake Day</b>
	28th	<b>PAC Cedardale Movie Night</b> 11:00 am @ Park Royal Cineplex
	31st	<b>Halloween</b>

#### Changes to reporting

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As communicated last Spring, the Ministry of Education and Child Care has implemented a new Learning Update Policy which defines and provides direction for the ways our school will be communicating your child's learning. The goal of the Learning Updates is to provide personalized, descriptive feedback to effectively communicate with students, parents, and caregivers about where students are in their learning, next steps, and how families and teachers can work together to support student growth.

The provincial Reporting Policy mandates that students in Kindergarten through Grade 9 will be assessed using the four-point proficiency scale and students in Grade 10 through Grade 12 courses will be assessed using letter grades and percentages. Each term, students at all levels will be sharing self-reflections and making goals around British Columbia's Core Competencies – Communication Skills, Thinking Skills, and Personal and Social Skills.

Teachers will be communicating and reporting throughout the year in the following formats:

- 3 Formal Written Learning Updates (2 Mid-year Learning Updates, and **1 Summary of Learning**)
- 2 Informal Learning Updates (ex. Parent-Teacher Conferences, Student-Family-Teacher Conference, Interim Report)

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, responsible for creating reporting requirements, has provided [reporting information for parents and caregivers](#) in the following languages: [English](#), [French](#), [Chinese \(Simplified and Traditional\)](#), [Tagalog](#), [Farsi](#), [Urdu](#), [Punjabi Gurmukhi](#)

Should you have any further questions, please reach out to me directly at [khaves@wvschools.ca](mailto:khaves@wvschools.ca).

Sincerely,

Mme Hayes

#### It's that time of year again! - Stay home if you are sick!

If your child is demonstrating any signs of illness, please keep them home so that they may rest and return to school in good health. As we are in the middle of cold and flu season, we are making every effort to reduce student and staff absence due to illness. Thank you for doing your part!

If your child will be absent, be sure to inform the school before classes begin by emailing Mme Frezell [mfrezell@wvschools.ca](mailto:mfrezell@wvschools.ca) or by leaving a message on the school voicemail (604-981-1390).

#### Lunch Reminder - Action Item!

**Please remember to send cutlery with your child.**  
**Fun Lunch DOES NOT come with cutlery.**

#### Emergency Release Drill - Thursday, October 19th @ 1:15 pm

This is a simulated emergency drill to practise releasing students to emergency contacts before the regular dismissal time. We practise this in the event of an earthquake or other emergency evacuation.

#### Have you returned your child(ren)'s verification forms? Who have you listed as an emergency contact for your child? For whom are you listed as an emergency contact?

Please make sure that anyone listed as your child(ren)'s emergency contact is aware of this responsibility. In the event of an emergency release, it would be their responsibility to check-on/pick-up your child if you are unable.

#### Release Procedures:

- Parent/Caregiver will be directed to the alphabetical "Parent/Caregiver Reception Tables" where they will show their government issued **photo identification**
  - If you have not filled out and returned an emergency contact form (i.e. completed your child(ren)'s verification forms in the white envelope), you will be asked to do so, before a runner can be sent for your child
- A runner will be sent to get your child from their respective classroom while you await them in the "Parent/Caregiver Waiting Area" before leaving the school

#### All learners who are not picked up during the release drill will be dismissed at their usual dismissal time.

Your patience and participation are truly appreciated as we work to ensure the safety of all our Cedardale community.



The deadline to participate in the Caribou Contest is on **Tuesday, October 10th**. Participants will then receive a login code in their agenda to activate their account for the 2023-2024 year!

#### Fun Lunch is underway! - please send cutlery!

After a bit of a rocky start, our fun lunch program is up and running. You can still order using these links:

- Returning families: <https://munchalunch.com/login>
- Families new to Cedardale: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/Cedardale>

You can order the same food for multiple weeks all term, or create separate orders for different dates if you'd like more variety. Please note that orders must be received by Monday to be delivered the following week, and **unpaid orders will be cancelled**.

If you have any concerns about Monday's White Spot delivery (there were errors), or have any questions about fun lunch in general, please email [cedardalehotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:cedardalehotlunch@gmail.com).

If you'd like to volunteer to help distribute fun lunch at the school, please email [jeanne\\_you@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanne_you@hotmail.com).

#### Cedardale Athletics



Thank you to all of the volunteers, coaches, and participants who took part in this year's cross-country season!  
 It was a great success!

#### Parents & Caregivers

#### Coffee & Curriculum

Cedardale grown-ups are invited to join Mme Hayes in the library to learn more about the curriculum:

- What is the BC Curriculum?
- Where can I find it?
- What makes IB unique?
- What *really* is a Unit of Inquiry?
- Where does Physical and Health Education fit in?

If you wish to attend, please r.s.v.p. by emailing [khaves@wvschools.ca](mailto:khaves@wvschools.ca).



#### Resources and Opportunities for Students and Families

#### Optional Accident Insurance

Each year the school district reminds families that they have the option to purchase insurance coverage against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. One option is *The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) provided by Industrial Alliance*. This voluntary plan provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. As always, families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider. Learn more here: <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc> or contact:

- Phone: 1.800.266.5667
- Email: [solutions@ia.ca](mailto:solutions@ia.ca)

#### Canadian Parents for French



The Chapter that grows the most during the first two months of the school year gets ALL its local membership fees back, which it can use to bring in entertainers, host festivals and enrich students' French education. Support your West Vancouver Chapter by becoming a member and help us bringing more French activities into our community! Click here to join or renew: <https://bc-yk.cpf.ca/en/membership-drive/#joinCPFbcyk>



#### CPF - French Classes

Nathalie Thibaut-Buffart is [Canadian Parents for French](#) and a native French speaker, born and raised in Belgium, with a Master's Degree in Languages and French & Roman Literature and a great passion for sharing her Literature knowledge, en Français! She will be offering a French literature class this fall.

This class is a great opportunity to bring your French to a higher level while learning sur la littérature française throughout time. If you are interested in joining this class or would like to know more details about it, please email Nathalie @ [n\\_thibautbuffart@yahoo.fr](mailto:n_thibautbuffart@yahoo.fr)

Please note that this class requires an advance French level (B+ Level). Below some details.

#### West Vancouver Community Centre - French Classes for Adults

LINK: [https://anc.ca.apm.activecommunities.com/westvanrec/activity/search/detail/148260?onlineSiteId=0&from\\_original\\_cui=true](https://anc.ca.apm.activecommunities.com/westvanrec/activity/search/detail/148260?onlineSiteId=0&from_original_cui=true)

In this class with a native French-speaking instructor, you will develop your conversation skills and communicate about yourself and your daily life. You will also improve your pronunciation, expressions and vocabulary.

By the end of the course, you will be able to:

- Introduce yourself with more details
- Communicate with essential sentences and questions about different subjects
- Use a good range of vocabulary for everyday conversation
- Use present tense and more irregular verbs

And, of course, we will continue to discover other French cultural facts in a fun way!

#### After School Opportunities

#### Hoops Basketball Pro-D Day Camp (Kindergarten – Grade 2) -- Friday October 20th

This dynamic program is all about having fun, fostering physical literacy, and learning the fundamental skills of basketball through entertaining games and activities. It's all about turning a day off from school into a day of excitement and movement! We'll even sprinkle in breaks for playground fun, so make sure your little ones are geared up for some outdoor fun!

**Full Day Camp --- 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
**Half Day Camp --- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Sessions will be held @ **Ecole Cedardale Elementary**

To register, visit us at: [www.hoopsbasketball.ca](http://www.hoopsbasketball.ca)

