

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18th

We will be commencing our regular school schedule next week, all students Kindergarten to Grade 3 in attendance. **REMINDER** our morning bell rings at 8:30am, please make sure your child arrives on time. Being on time to allow your child a successful start to their day. Our dismissal bell is at 2:35pm

LOOKING AHEAD

September 15	Every Friday is Spirit Wear Day at Cypress Park To order your Spirit Wear click here
September 18	All student emergency forms to classroom teachers
September 19	#1 grade 3 cross country - Ambleside Park 3:45-4:45PM 8:00 am running practice at school Tuesdays and Thursdays
September 20	Terry Fox run 1:30 Must have online Policy & Procedure form filled out to participate
September 21	Individual student photo day
September 22	Professional Development Day - school not in session
September 26	PAC meeting in the Cypress Park gym 9:15AM
September 26	#2 grade 3 cross county - Ambleside Park 3:45-4:45PM 8:00 am running practice at school Tuesdays and Thursdays
September 28	Parent information evening - Open House 5:00-6:00PM
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Recognition

REMINDER POLICIES AND PROCEDURE FORMS - Parent Action Item!

Please make sure to complete the **online** District's Policies and Procedure e-Form. The form includes mandatory consents to enable your child(ren) to fully participate in school activities. Your child will be unable to participate in any activities taking place off school grounds, such as our Terry Fox Run, unless we have these completed forms. Please **CLICK HERE** to be linked to the form. As

Note: You will need the classroom teacher's name to complete the form. Teachers at each grade level are:

- Kindergarten, Div 24 – Mrs. Sedgwick – bsedgwick@wvschools.ca
- Grade 1, Div 21 – Mrs. Anderson – Andrea.anderson@wvschools.ca
- Grade 2, Div 22 – Ms. Kay – mkay@wvschools.ca
- Grade 3, Div 23 – Ms. Boddez – sboddez@wvschools.ca

STUDENT PHOTO DAY – Thursday, September 21st

Individual student photos will be taken. If rain is in the forecast please remember to send appropriate rain gear to ensure your child is photo ready. Remember to bring your best smiles!

[Click Here](#) to view "How to Prepare for Photo Day".

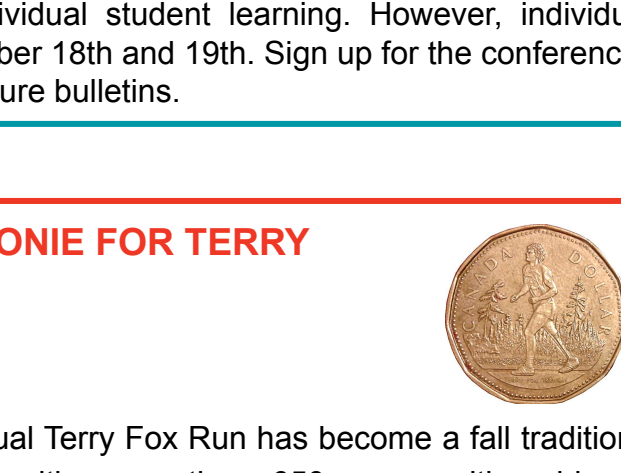
[Click Here](#) to visit "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) about Photo Day.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY



CYPRESS PARK PARENT INFORMATION EVENING - September 28th 5-6pm

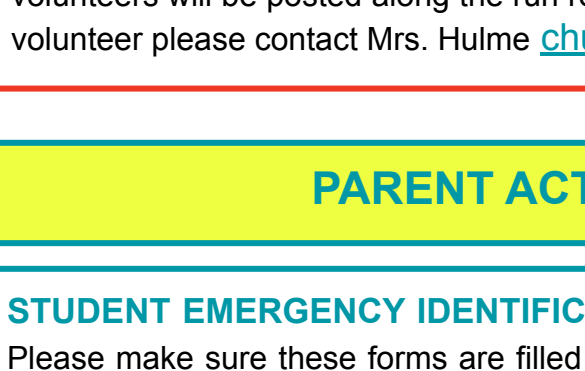
The Cypress Park Staff would like to invite families to an evening information session. This event is open to students and their families and is an opportunity to come into the school and meet the Cypress Park staff. To start, classrooms will be open from 5:00-5:45, open house style. From 5:45-6:00, families are invited to the gym, where Mrs. Hulme and Mr. Slater will address the community and end the evening with some closing remarks.



No formal presentations will be given by teachers so you are welcome to visit multiple classes at any time during the open house period.

This evening is not for conversations about individual student learning. However, individual Student Learning Conferences will be held on October 18th and 19th. Sign up for the conferences will be online, and more information will follow in future bulletins.

TERRY FOX RUN – 20 SEPTEMBER – TOONIE FOR TERRY



The annual Terry Fox Run has become a fall tradition in Canada, with more than 650 communities, big and small, urban and rural, English and French, fundraising for cancer research. This year, Cypress Park will participate on Wednesday, September 20th at 1:30pm. Students are asked to wear **red** for Canada or their CP spirit wear and bring a "Toonie for Terry" to school to donate to Cancer research and continue Terry's Marathon of Hope. Click here for more information.



We will need Parent Volunteers to support this event. The run will take place at 1:30 pm. Parent volunteers will be posted along the run route for safety and support. If you are interested in being a volunteer please contact Mrs. Hulme chulme@wvschools.ca

PARENT ACTION ITEMS - REMINDER

STUDENT EMERGENCY IDENTIFICATION and RELEASE FORMS - Parent Action Item!

Please make sure these forms are filled out and returned to school no later than September 29th. These forms are extremely important for school use in the event of an emergency or disaster. We recommend that the alternate guardians for the student should be persons living within walking distance of the school. The release form must be signed by all contacts. Students would be released **only to the alternates listed** on these forms. Although some parts of these forms seem similar, they are used for different purposes, and both are required. Please note that the school will attach your child's photo to the Student Emergency Identification form.

If there is an emergency:

- DO NOT phone the school as the school will be busy dealing with our children and will need all the lines for OUTGOING calls.
- Turn on your radio (you may need to use a battery-operated radio or your car radio).
- BRING PHOTO IDENTIFICATION (you may be dealing with officials who do not know you)

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We would like to take a moment to emphasize the importance of regular school attendance and punctuality.

Consistent Attendance Matters: Every day in school is an opportunity for your child to learn, grow, and thrive. Regular attendance ensures they don't miss out on valuable classroom experiences and educational milestones. It's the foundation for success in their academic journey.

Vacations During School Time: While we understand that family vacations are a cherished tradition, we encourage you to plan them during school breaks whenever possible. Missing school for extended periods can disrupt your child's learning progress and make it challenging for them to catch up on missed lessons.

On-Time Arrival: Being on time is equally crucial. It sets a positive tone for the day and allows your child to settle in, engage with peers, and benefit fully from classroom instruction. Punctuality fosters good habits that will serve them well throughout life.

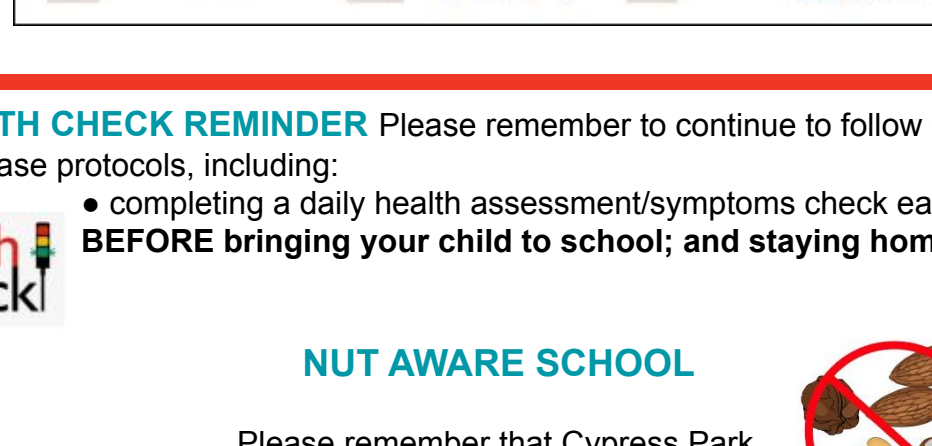
Late Arrival Policy: If your child is arriving late to school, please drop them off outside the undercover entrance door. The door is unlocked, there is no reason to ring the bell. Your child can enter the school on their own and report to the front office. Ms. Thoma will check them in, and help them to their classrooms.

Your partnership in ensuring your child's regular attendance and punctuality greatly contributes to their success in school. We appreciate your support and commitment to their education. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community.

PARKING INFORMATION AND SAFE ARRIVAL INFORMATION

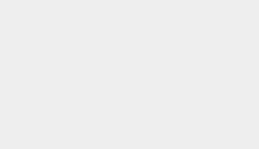
It is important to ensure that getting to and from school is safe for all students. Please do your part to follow Cypress Park's drop-off and pick-up procedures and expectations.

- Slow down. Obey 30 km/hr. speed limits in school and playground zones
- Yield for pedestrians at ALL times
- When crossing the street use designated crosswalks only
- Please do not enter the staff parking area, this is for the safety of your children and to avoid any vehicle backups.
- Obey all posted parking signs – especially in the drop off areas immediately in front of the school; please be respectful of accessible spaces and reserved parking spots
- **Parking along Morgan Crescent is for diagonal parking only.** There is no parking on the left side of the street on Morgan. Additional designated parking is on right hand side of **Marine Dr** beside the school field.
- Students are to line-up outside their classroom doors. Parents should not enter the classrooms at arrival times.



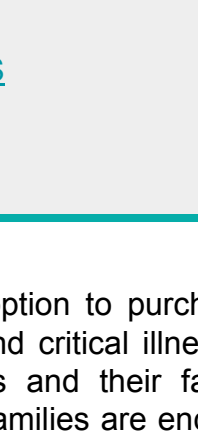
DAILY HEALTH CHECK REMINDER Please remember to continue to follow our health & safety infectious disease protocol:

- completing a daily health assessment/symptoms check each morning **BEFORE bringing your child to school; and staying home when sick**



NUT AWARE SCHOOL

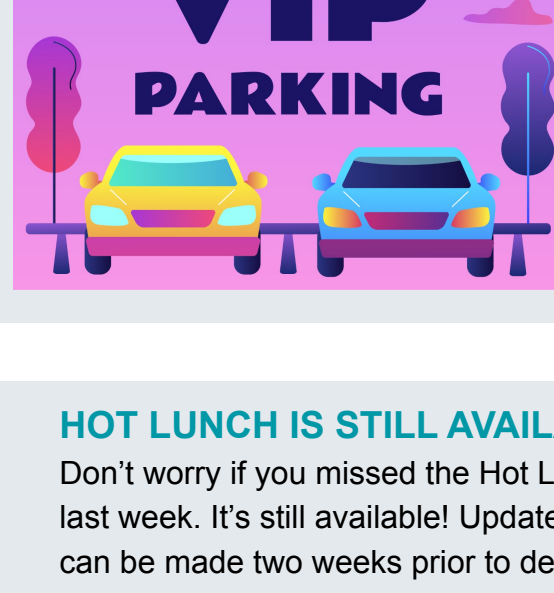
Please remember that Cypress Park is a Nut Aware school and parents and guardians should **NOT** pack nuts in their child's lunches.



OPTIONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR FAMILIES

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. There are many different voluntary plans that provide coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. Families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PAC



VIP Parking – Silent Auction

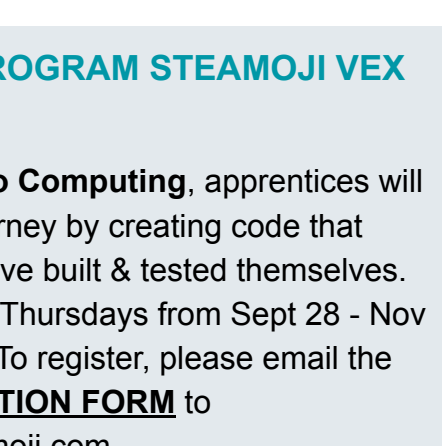
Are you tired of the morning rush & searching for parking spots? Do you dream of hassle-free drop-offs & pick-ups? Well, your dreams are about to come true!

- **What?** 2 Designated VIP Parking spots available for silent auction (Term 1: Sept - Dec)
- **How?** Send your bids to nat.quilty@gmail.com or text 778.233.6287
- **DEADLINE?** Friday, September 22

Take this opportunity to bid on your family's own designated parking spot, conveniently located near the school entrance. Your bid also directly contributes to our school's enrichment programs, extracurricular activities & educational resources.

HOT LUNCH IS STILL AVAILABLE
Don't worry if you missed the Hot Lunch sign-up last week. It's still available! Updates and orders can be made two weeks prior to delivery.

ORDER HOT LUNCH



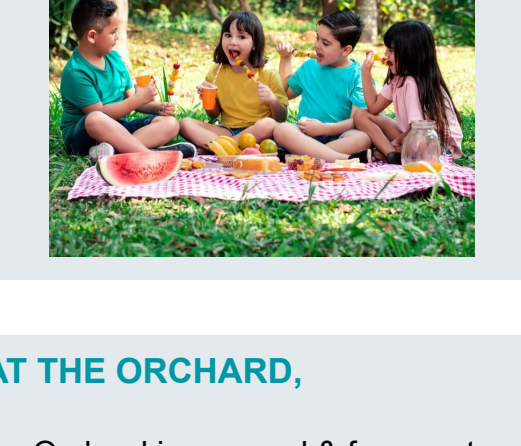
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM STEAMOJI VEX ROBOTICS

In this 10 week **Intro to Computing**, apprentices will start their Robotics journey by creating code that controls a vehicle they've built & tested themselves. Open to all grades, on Thursdays from Sept 28 - Nov 30 from 2:30-3:30PM. To register, please email the completed **REGISTRATION FORM** to westvancover@steamoji.com.

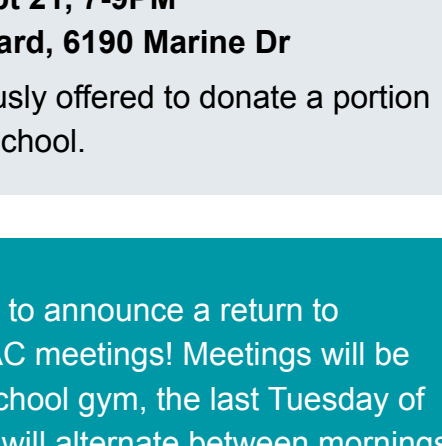
REGISTER FOR STEAMOJI

SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAYS
Order your Cypress Park Spirit Wear TODAY! T-shirts, pullover & zip-up hoodies are available in both Navy & Grey. **ORDER DEADLINE IS SEPT 30.**

ORDER SPIRIT WEAR



WELCOME BACK PICNIC
Please join us after the Terry Fox Run for a Welcome Back Picnic!
• **When:** Wed, Sept 20, 2:30PM
• **Where:** Cypress Park
The PAC will provide lemonade & some snacks to share. Bring your blanket, baskets, pack a picnic & meet other parents while the kids play.



PARENTS SOCIAL AT THE ORCHARD, GLENEAGLES
Our Parent Social at The Orchard is a casual & fun way to meet other parents from our special Cypress Park community.
• **When:** Thurs, Sept 21, 7-9PM
• **Where:** The Orchard, 6190 Marine Dr
The Orchard has generously offered to donate a portion of proceeds back to our school.

PAC MEETINGS
• Tues, Sept 26 @ 9:15-10:15 AM
• Tues, Oct 24 @ 7-8 PM
• Tues, Nov 28 @ 9:15-10:15 AM
• Tues, Dec 19 @ 7-8 PM
We're happy to announce a return to in-person PAC meetings! Meetings will be held in the school gym, the last Tuesday of the month & will alternate between mornings & evenings so that more people can attend.

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Programs at West Vancouver Community Centre & Gleneagles Community Centre
[Click here to view the programs and activities available](#)

Indigenous Arts & Culture workshops
Including beading, cedar weaving and wool weaving – visit [here](#)

Want to learn languages, science, Lego, chess..., visit
<https://westvancover.ca/learning>

Live! Music Series, Thursday, October 19, 4-5pm, Free
Come enjoy the musical hour with Gergana Velinova Jazz Trio in the Atrium
[Event info](#)

Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us:
<https://westvancover.ca/newcomers>

