

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

**REMINDER**

Friday, September 22nd is a Professional Development Day for teachers and schools, will not be in session. We wish everyone a wonderful long weekend and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday, September 25th.

**STUDENT ILLNESS**

As we approach the season where respiratory viruses become more common, we remind families to keep children home from school when they are displaying symptoms of illness. Children will recover more quickly and are least likely to spread the virus to other students and families if they take a rest day when they are unwell and return when they are feeling well enough to fully participate in learning. Thank you.

**MASKS**

If you wish your child to wear a mask at school, please ensure that your child has a medical mask and a spare one in their backpack should their mask get wet or dirty. The school no longer provides masks for students.

More information can be found online at Vancouver Coastal Health link [vch.ca](http://vch.ca)



**LOOKING AHEAD**

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	All student Emergency Forms to classroom teachers
September 28	Parent information evening - Open House 5:00-6:00PM
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Recognition
October 2	National Day for Truth and Recognition Stat Holiday - school not in session
October 3	#3 grade 3 cross county - Ambleside Park 3:45-4:45PM 8:00 am running practice at school Tuesdays and Thursdays
October 5	World Teacher Day

**TOONIE FOR TERRY**

We were thrilled to have our entire school community run for Terry yesterday. We had an assembly and a teacher led cheer in the gym. Thank you to all the parent volunteers and spectators!

Terry Fox, a Canadian hero, embodied unparalleled **courage**, unwavering **strength**, and an enduring **hope** that continues to inspire those battling cancer worldwide. In 1980, diagnosed with bone cancer, he embarked on a remarkable journey, running a marathon a day across Canada on his prosthetic leg, known as the Marathon of Hope. His determination to raise awareness and funds for cancer research was nothing short of extraordinary, symbolizing the resilience of the human spirit. Despite his own physical challenges, Terry Fox's indomitable will ignited a beacon of hope for countless individuals facing similar hardships. His legacy lives on as a testament to the power of one person's resolve to make a difference in the fight against cancer.

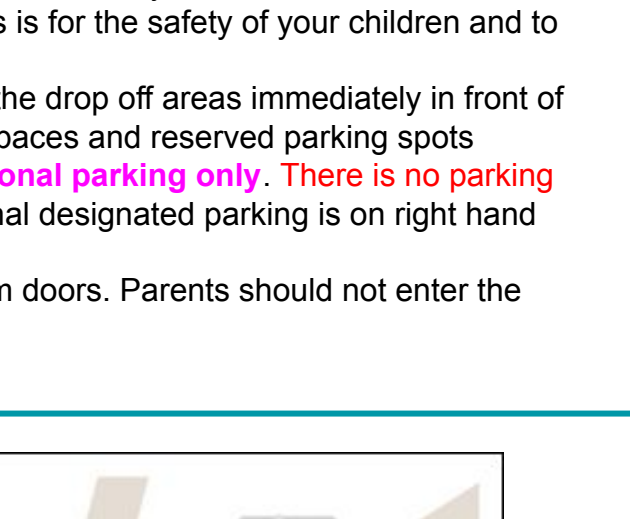


**TERRY FOX FUN at CYPRESS PARK 2023**



**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.

**TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION**



Cypress Park school will recognize Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 29th, and all children, staff and families are invited to wear an orange shirt. This day, and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, is to honour the legacy of indigenous, inuit and Metis children in Canada who were taken from their homes and sent to residential schools between the 1830s and 1980s. West Bay students will learn, in an age-appropriate way, about the theme of the day, "Every Child Matters." A reminder that Monday, October 2, is a national holiday.

**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.

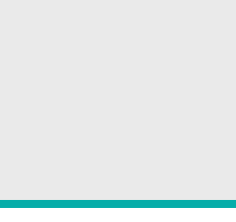
- Slow down. Obey 30 km/hr. speed limits in school and playground zones
- Yield for pedestrians at ALL times
- When crossing the street use designated crosswalks only
- Please do not enter the staff parking area, this is for the safety of your children and to avoid any vehicle backups.
- Obey all posted 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.



- Designated parking
- No Parking

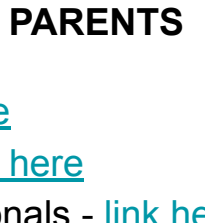
**DAILY HEALTH CHECK REMINDER** Please remember to continue to follow our health & safety infectious disease protocols, including:

- 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 children's lunches.



**CYPRESS PARK WEBSITE**

[YEAR TO DATE CALENDAR 2023-2024](#)

[CYPRESS PARK PLAYGROUND RULES](#)

[CYPRESS PARK BELL TIMES](#)

**UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS**

- Kindergarten Info Session - [link here](#)
- Family Smart Month Online Events - [link here](#)
- Family smart Workshop Open House for Professionals - [link here](#)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PAC**

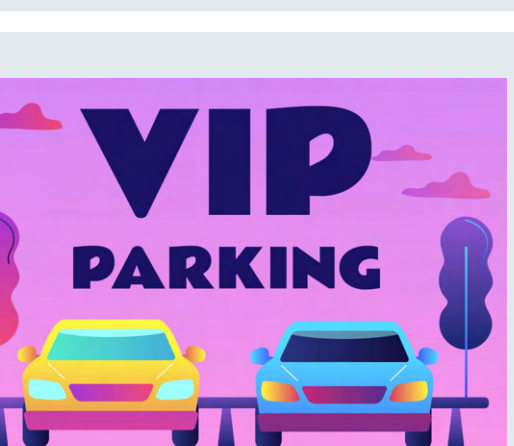
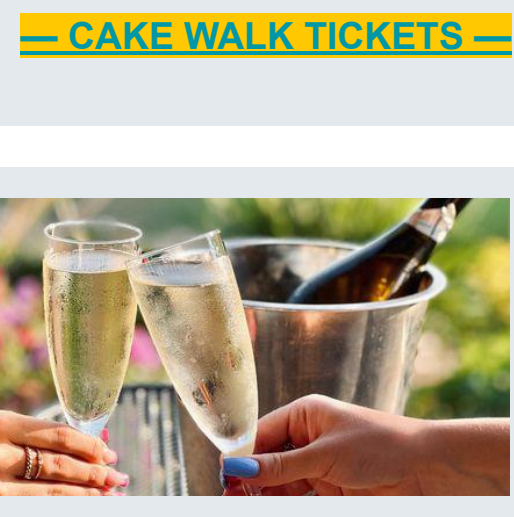
**CYPRESS PARK FALL FAIR**

Friday, October 27, 2023

Get ready for a day of autumn excitement, laughter & family fun at our Fall Fair! Admission is FREE & highlights will include a bouncy castle, popcorn, snacks, fall photo booth, carnival games & more!

We will be selling **CAKEWALK TICKETS** (\$10 for 3). All proceeds support PAC programs & initiatives.

**WHAT IS A CAKEWALK?** Tickets are bought & students walk around a numbered path in time to music. When the music stops, a number is drawn. The person standing on that number **WINS A CAKE!** **Looking for volunteers to bring or bake cakes!**



**PARENTS SOCIAL - TODAY!**

Thursday, September 21, 7-9PM

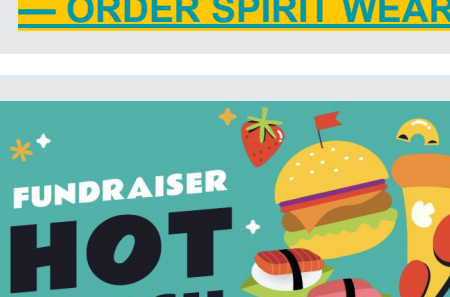
Our Parent Social at The Orchard (6190 Marine Dr) is a casual & fun way to meet other parents from our special Cypress Park community.



**VIP PARKING - SILENT AUCTION 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 directly contributes to our school's resources.

Send your bids to [nat.quilty@gmail.com](mailto:nat.quilty@gmail.com) or 778.233.6287



**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM STEAMOJI'S**

Thursdays: Sept 28 - Nov 30 from 2:30-3:30PM

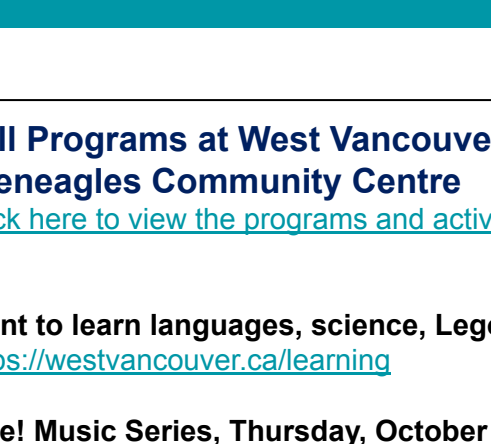
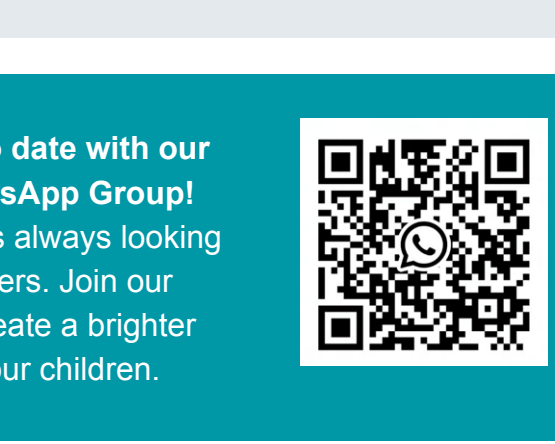
To register for this 10 week Intro to Computing, please email the completed [REGISTRATION FORM](#) to [westvancouver@steamoji.com](mailto:westvancouver@steamoji.com).

**SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAYS**

DEADLINE is September 30, 2023

Order your Spirit Wear TODAY! T-shirts, pullover & zip-up hoodies are available in both Navy & Grey.

[ORDER SPIRIT WEAR](#)



**HOT LUNCH IS STILL AVAILABLE**

Don't worry if you missed the Hot Lunch sign-up last week. It's still available! Updates & new orders can be made two weeks prior to delivery.

[ORDER HOT LUNCH](#)

**PAC MEETING NEXT WEEK**

- Tues, Sept 26 @ 9:15-10:15 AM
- See you in-person or [online](#)

Stay up to date with our PAC WhatsApp Group! Our PAC is always looking for volunteers. Join our team to create a brighter future for our children.



**DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Fall Programs at West Vancouver Community Centre & Gleneagles Community Centre**

[Click here to view the programs and activities available](#)

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



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I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, on whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides.