

October 12, 2023

2024-25 KINDERGARTEN AND CATCHMENT GRADE 1-3 REGISTRATION OPENS

ONLINE @ 08:00 ON **16TH OCTOBER** - [click here to register](#)

LOOKING AHEAD

October 13	Spirit Wear Day
October 16	Kindergarten and catchment 1-7 registrations
October 18	Learning Conferences early dismissal 12:05pm
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October 19	Shake Out BC Earthquake Drill 10:00am
October 20	Professional Development day - school not in session
October 23	Student Photo Retake Day
October 23	ELL Welcome Tea at West Bay Elementary library 9:00am
October 24	Earthbites grades two and three
October 24	PAC meeting 7:00pm in school gym
October 27	Spirit Wear Day
October 27	Fall Fair 2:30pm
October 31	Halloween dress-up
November 1	Field Hockey AM only
November 3	Field Hockey AM only
November 5	Daylight Savings - clock fall back one hour
November 10	11:00 Remembrance Day Assembly
November 13	Remembrance Day holiday - school not in session
November 14	Reading Day Break - school not in session

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP? PARENT / TEACHER LEARNING CONFERENCES

BOOKINGS CLOSE SUNDAY OCT 15TH MIDNIGHT!

On Wednesday, October 18th and Thursday, October 19th we will be dismissing students early (12:05 PM) to provide the opportunity for Student Learning Conferences.

Booking Parent, Teacher Learning Conferences

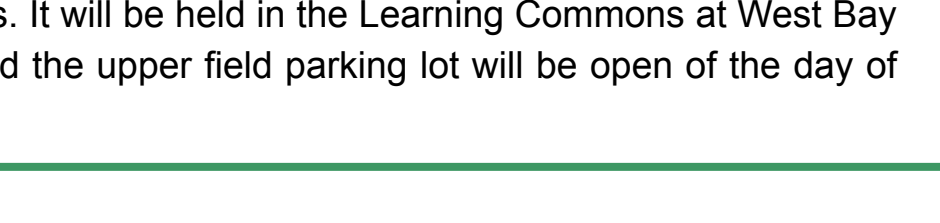
1. [Click here](#): If you are prompted for an event code, enter: **w43nm**
2. Enter your information (parent email, parent name, phone number and student name)
 - Here you can indicate the number of students that you need to book for, if you have more than one child at Cypress Park.
 - Click on GO
3. Choose your child's teacher
 - Choose the date and time that works best for you from the options provided.
 - Conferences are 10 minutes long.

NOTE: These conferences are **ADULT** only, please arrange childcare if you plan on attending.

REMINDER: Early dismissal times for both **October 18th and October 19th (12:05PM)** to accommodate the conferences.

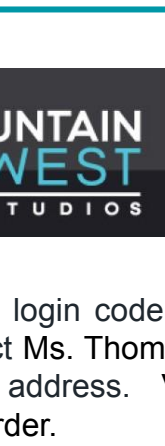
SHAKE OUT BC

Students and staff at Cypress Park will take part in the provincial "Shake Out BC" initiative on October 19th, this will be our first earthquake drill of the year. An important reminder to families to be prepared at home. Are you ready for an earthquake? Does your child know what to do?



ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING (ELL) WELCOME TEA

A parent information session about Cypress Park and West Bay's English Language Learning (ELL) programs will be held on **Monday, October 23rd from 9:00 - 10:00 am**. This will be a joint session for families whose children are involved in the ELL program at both schools. It will be held in the Learning Commons at West Bay Elementary and the upper field parking lot will be open of the day of the event.



ORDERING PHOTOS FROM PHOTO DAY

On Photo Day, students were provided with a photo folder containing a QR login code. Use the login code to access your student's photo gallery at weborders.mountainwest.ca with any active email address.

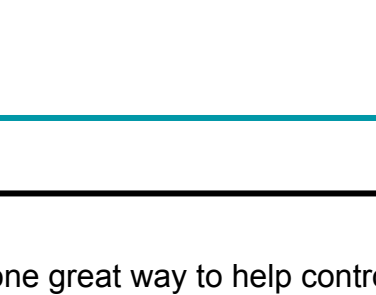


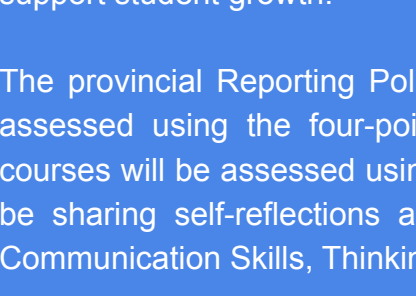
Photo Order Deadline is Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

To find out more about ordering, [Click Here](#) for support. If you do not have your login code, or require assistance, please_email Mountainwest at help@mountainwest.ca or contact Ms. Thoma at ethoma@wvschools.ca. Orders will be shipped directly to your home address. Visit portal.mountainwest.ca to access digital downloads or check on the status of your order.

Photo retakes will take place on **Monday, October 23rd**

TAKE A PEEK EVERY WEEK

Head lice are a common, annoying pest that all schools encounter, and one great way to help control the spread of head lice is to take a peek every week. It is important that we change how we approach and talk about head lice in our community.



We would like to encourage parents to speak more freely with each other if their child has head lice and to notify the school immediately. **Please report** cases to the school; individual information is never shared but this helps bring an awareness to the community at large. We currently do not have any cases here at Cypress Park but it is the season and other schools in our community have reported head lice.

Our Cypress Park website has pamphlets and information sheets from Vancouver Coastal Health. You will find them under the school resource page, [click here](#). Please make sure to go here first, for any questions.

NEW REPORTING POLICY

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.

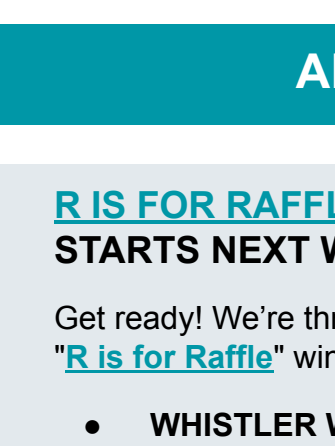
Teachers will be communicating and reporting throughout the year in the following formats:

- 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 Christine Hulme directly at chulme@wvschools.ca

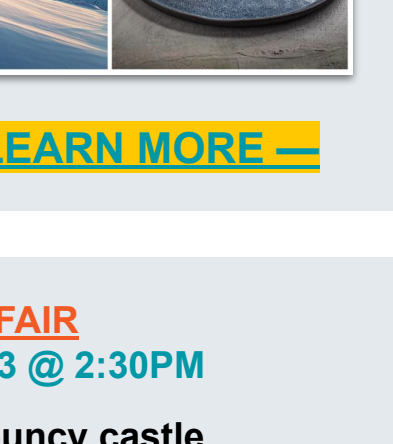
NO SUCH THING AS BAD WEATHER - JUST INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING



The wet weather has arrived! Students are outside for approximately 45 minutes for morning and lunch recesses and will need to keep warm and dry. Please ensure your child/ren come to school in appropriate waterproofed clothing and footwear. Please also make sure to add a change of dry clothing in their backpack.

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 your 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

CYPRESS PARK WEBSITE

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

[CYPRESS PARK PLAYGROUND RULES](#)

[CYPRESS PARK BELL TIMES](#)

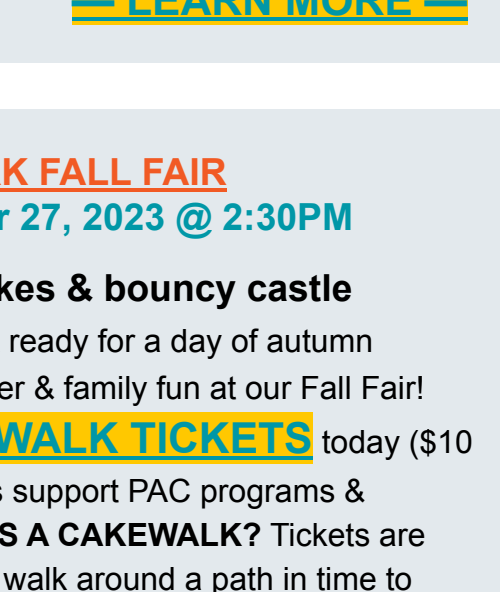
ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PAC

R IS FOR RAFFLE

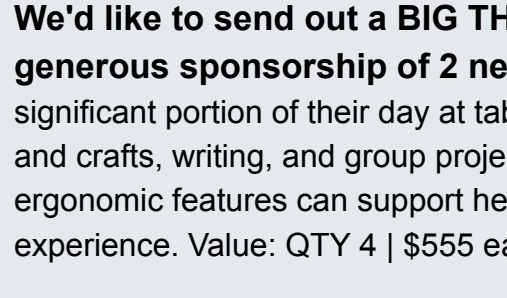
START YOUR NEXT WEEK: Oct 19 – Nov 30

Get ready! We're thrilled to announce our upcoming "R is for Raffle" winter fundraiser! Top prizes include...

- **WHISTLER WILDERNESS RETREAT (\$1600):** Fairmont Chateau Whistler (2 night stay)
- **WILD NIGHT ESCAPE (\$700):** Water's Edge (2 night stay) & famed restaurant Pluvio (\$200)
- **GREATEST GAMES (\$1450):** \$1000 worth of Cooking Crush Credits & any 3 Electronic Arts Games of the winner's choice (\$450)
- **SPORTSBALL PIZZA PARTY (\$750):** Private Coaching & Co. party & 10 medium pizzas!
- **OVER \$400 MORE:** Ballet, Martial Arts, VSO tickets, personal training, Lasertag, Steamoji's, Yoga, Soccer, Restaurant Gift Cards & More!



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CYPRESS PARK FALL FAIR

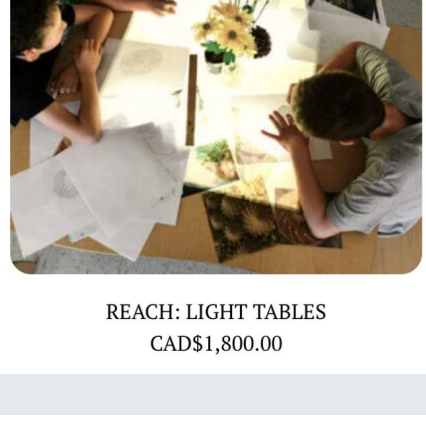
Friday, October 27, 2023 @ 2:30PM

Looking for cakes & bouncy castle volunteers! Get ready for a day of autumn excitement, laughter & family fun at our Fall Fair!

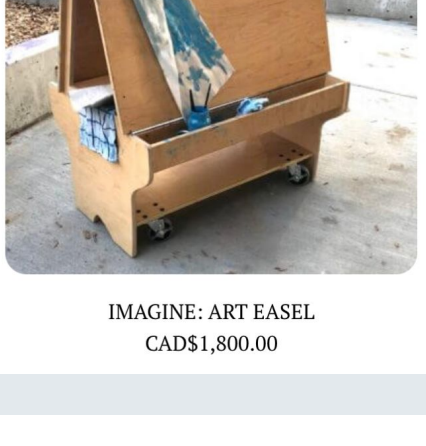
Buy your **CAKEWALK TICKETS** today (\$10 for 3). All proceeds support PAC programs & initiatives. **WHAT IS A CAKEWALK?** Tickets are bought & students walk around a path in time to music. When the music stops, a number is drawn & the person standing on that number WINS A CAKE!



NEW KINDERGARTEN TABLES
CAD\$555.00



REACH: LIGHT TABLES
CAD\$1,800.00

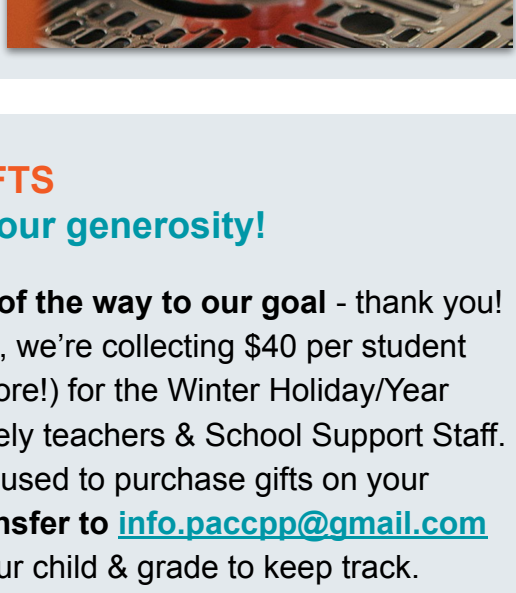


IMAGINE: ART EASEL
CAD\$1,800.00

BREWING SUCCESS

Coffee Card Sale Fundraiser

Isetta (across the street) & **Casa Mia Cucina** (across from the WV Community Center) have both generously offered to donate back 15% of all gift cards that we sell. Buy them for yourself, friends, family & our teachers! Please email info.paccpp@gmail.com with the amount you'd like to purchase & which coffee shop. Thanks!



TEACHER'S GIFTS

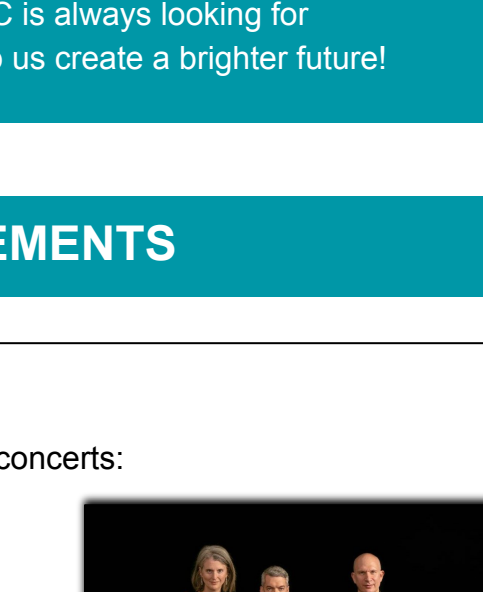
Thank you for your generosity!

We're already **66% of the way to our goal** - thank you! If you haven't heard, we're collecting \$40 per student (feel free to send more!) for the Winter Holiday/Year End gifts for our lovely teachers & School Support Staff. These funds will be used to purchase gifts on your behalf! **Please e-transfer to info.paccpp@gmail.com** with the name of your child & grade to keep track.

STEAMOJI'S EARLY PICKUP

Early Dismissal - Thurs, Oct 19

- **12:05pm:** Early dismissal
15 min: Lunch - Please pack a lunch
- **1:20pm:** Steamoji's Class
- **1:20pm:** Pick-up



NEXT PAC MEETINGS

- Tues, Oct 24 @ 7-8 PM
- Tues, Nov 28 @ 9:15-10:15 AM
- Tues, Dec 19 @ 7-8 PM

Stay up to date with our PAC WhatsApp Group!

Our PAC is always looking for volunteers. Help us create a brighter future!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

KAY MEEK THEATRE

Kay Meek Theatre is offering discounted tickets to the following concerts:

- Trio Fibonacci – Apply code TRIOF5
- Serenades and Divertimenti – apply code VETTA

Link to the website: <https://kaymeek.com/events/triofibonacci-1022>

For more information [click here](#)



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