

October 26, 2023

REMINDER
CYPRESS PARK FALL FAIR - TOMORROW at 2:30pm



LOOKING AHEAD

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 9	IB Parent Info Night 6:00-7:00 PM
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly 11:00
November 13	Remembrance Day stat - school not in session
November 14	Reading Day Break - school not in session
November 16	Parent Social at the Orchard 7:00-9:00 PM
November 28	PAC Meeting 9:15 AM in the gym
November 30	Movie Night in the gym

COMMUNICATION CORNER - OCTOBER

As we are in Year 3 of our FESL (Framework for Enhancing Student Learning) goal, we would like to highlight the different forms of communication at Cypress Park.

FESL GOAL: Through the implementation of inclusive practices and a team-based approach, how can the literacy achievement, (communication and writing skills) of learners be improved?

We use Seesaw for a variety of purposes at Cypress Park; to show learning over time both as individuals and as group learners, to reflect on our learning and to communicate learning to parents.

Becoming involved in your child's learning can start with interacting with Seesaw.
Child: "Did you SEE my picture?"
Parent: "I SAW your picture" (get it...Seesaw)



We encourage you and your child to converse about their learning when viewing the pictures. You could also share a comment or question in the comment section. For example, try using some of our IB language such as..

- "I see you were a communicator/ risk-taker/ principled etc."
- "What are your next steps?"
- "Tell me more..."
- "What went well, what would you do differently."

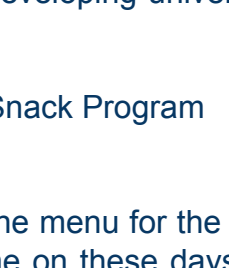
HALLOWEEN GUIDELINES

As students and families start to think about costumes, to ensure the day is fun for everyone, please observe the following dos and don'ts:

- ❖ Feel welcome to dress in a costume or not.
- ❖ Continue to avoid costumes that promote cultural stereotypes. If you're looking for information on cultural appropriation vs. cultural appreciation, [click here](#) for a CBC video; and for a great list of questions to ask about whether a costume is appropriate or not, [click here](#) to see information from UBC's Equity & Inclusion Office.
- ❖ **No masks**, beyond, of course, medical masks worn for health reasons.
- ❖ Absolutely **no weapons** (swords, lightsabers, nunchucks etc.) and please make sure costumes are school appropriate.
- ❖ Wear something comfortable that can be worn all day. Remember they will be working and playing throughout the day so please make sure your child is comfortable (lots of face paint for example is uncomfortable).
- ❖ Please arrive in costume – there will be **no changing in the washrooms**.
- ❖ Avoid scented items that might irritate others (e.g. some hair colouring products)
- ❖ Our costume parade will be held **outdoors at 8:40am**, rain or shine. Student Parents are asked to spread-out around the school and bring an umbrella.
- ❖ Students should **avoid bringing in Halloween candy** to school, as eating high sugar foods, and/or the idea of eating high-sugar foods, often distracts students from learning. Candy may be held for students and returned at the end of the day but is best avoided to begin with. **(remember no nuts)**



THE PARADE: Please arrive on time on the 31st. Students will go to their classes as per normal, where teachers will take attendance. Students will exit the school via their exterior classroom door and walk around the school. Please give the students space. The classes will keep moving. Bring an umbrella just in case! We will take lots of photos throughout the day so if you are unable to make the parade please do not worry!



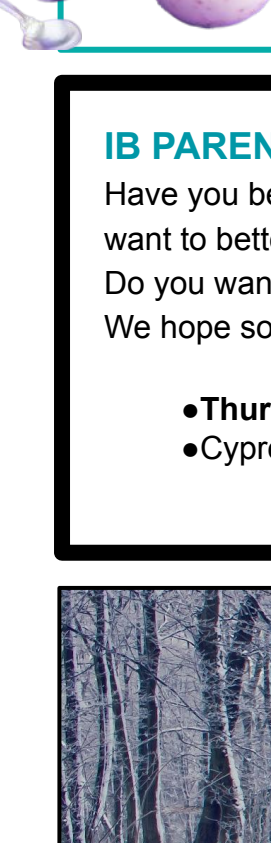
K-3 UNIVERSAL SNACK PROGRAM

The province's [Feeding Futures](#) program is a new Ministry of Education & Child Care initiative focused on investing, building, and expanding local school food programs by developing universal, barrier free access to nutritious meals and snacks to students at no cost.

As part of West Vancouver Schools Feeding Futures Initiative, a K-3 Universal Snack Program (USP) launched yesterday in all Kindergarten to Grade Three classrooms.

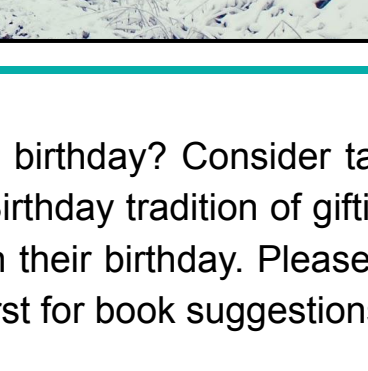
We are excited a healthy snack will be offered to our students once a week. The menu for the first 10 weeks is below. Parents are asked to continue to send a snack from home on these days as teachers may be offering the USP snacks at different times during the day that may not align with the morning recess snack time. Also please note, due to local supplier shortages, menu items are subject to change. For more information, please refer to the email and FAQ sent to all families on Thurs, October 19th.

Week	Date	Snack Items
1	Oct 25	Whole apple and cheese string
2	Nov 1	Hummus and baby carrots
3	Nov 8	Half an english muffin and seed butter
No snacks the week of Nov 13 due to the Stat and Reading Break		
4	Nov 22	Mandarin orange and yogurt
5	Nov 29	Hummus and whole mini cucumbers
6	Dec 6	Seed crackers and 1 individual cheese
7	Dec 13	Half a bagel and cream cheese
8	Dec 20	Whole banana and cheese string
9	Jan 10	Nut free granola, raisins, and yogurt
10	Jan 17	Edamame and seed crackers



IB PARENT NIGHT

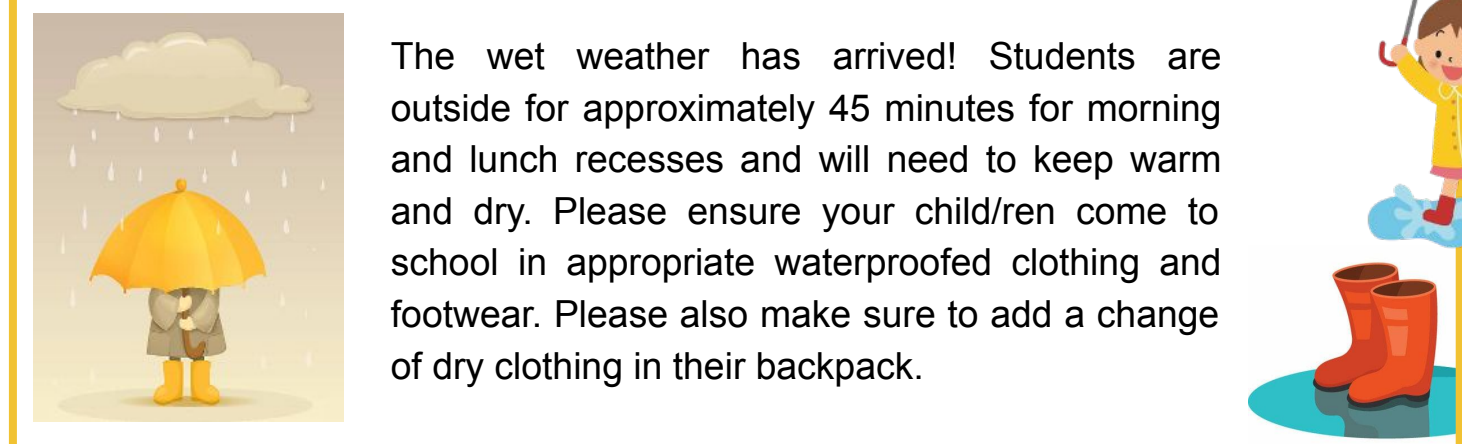
Have you been wondering what all this "IB" talk is about? Do you want to better understand their way our child is learning? Do you want to find ways to foster the learner profile at home? We hope so! Please join us for this parent only event.



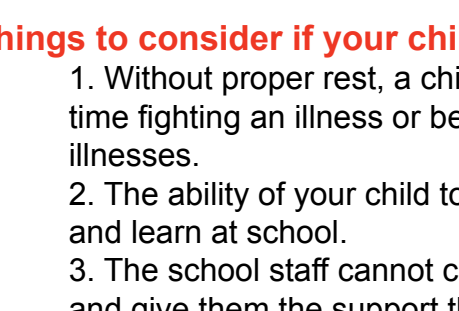
- **Thursday, November 9th @ 6:00 - 7:00 PM**
- Cypress Park Library

IN PREPARATION OF WINTER WEATHER

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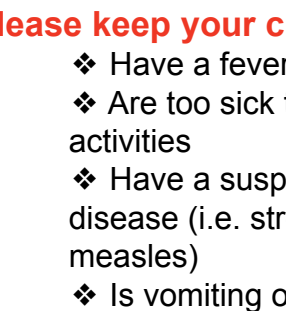


STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

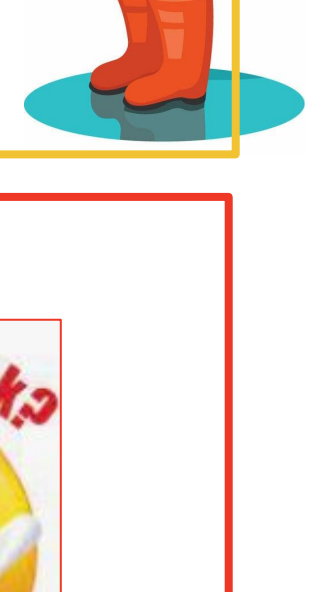


Is your child celebrating a birthday? Consider taking part in the Cypress Park Birthday tradition of gifting a new book to the school on their birthday. Please ask your class room teacher first for book suggestions.

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 waterproof clothing and footwear. Please also make sure to add a change of dry clothing in their backpack.



WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Things to consider if your child feels unwell :

1. Without proper rest, a child may have a hard time fighting an illness or be at risk for other illnesses.
2. The ability of your child to actively take part and learn at school.
3. The school staff cannot care for a sick child and give them the support that they may need.
4. The protection of other children



Please keep your child home if they :

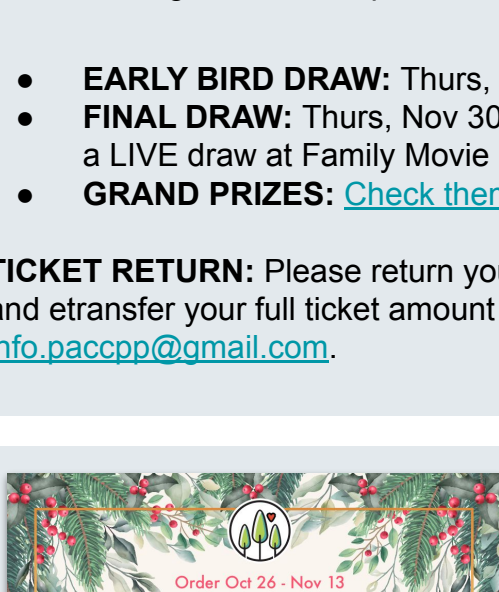
- ❖ Have a fever
- ❖ Are too sick to take part in all normal school activities
- ❖ Have a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox or measles)
- ❖ Is vomiting or has diarrhea. It is recommended that students be symptom free for at least 24 hours before returning to School.

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



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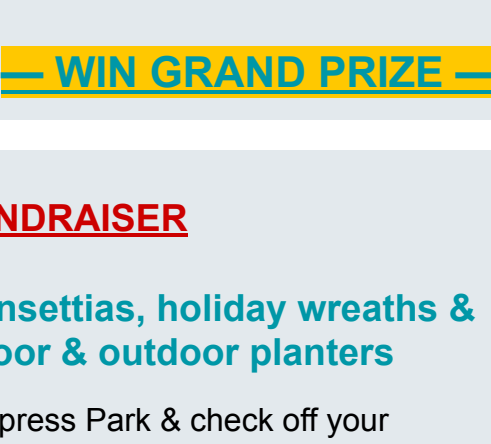
Looking for cakes & bouncy castle volunteers! Get ready for a day of autumn excitement, laughter & family fun at our Fall Fair!

— BUY CAKEWALK TICKETS —

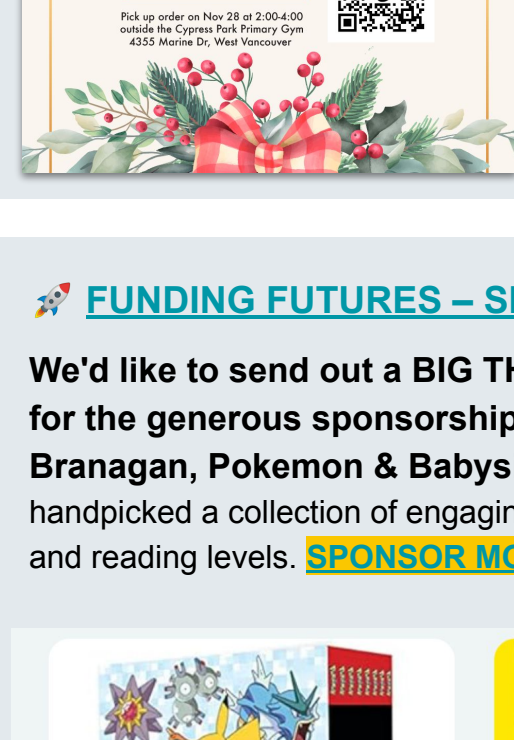
R IS FOR RAFFLE
Good luck with ticket selling!

We're thrilled to announce the start of our **R is for RAFFLE** winter fundraiser! Each student will be given 2 booklets of raffle tickets to sell (\$200 total). The student with the most tickets sold will win any non-top prize of their choosing - valued at up to \$625!

- **EARLY BIRD DRAW:** Thurs, Nov 9
- **FINAL DRAW:** Thurs, Nov 30 - Join us for a LIVE draw at Family Movie Night!
- **GRAND PRIZES:** [Check them out!](#)



— WIN GRAND PRIZE —



HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

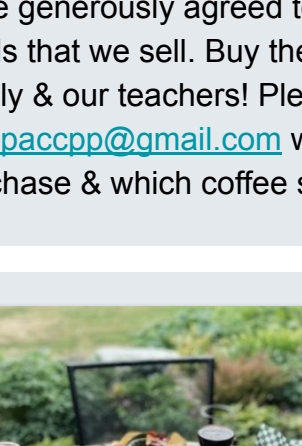
Premium poinsettias, holiday wreaths & beautiful indoor & outdoor plants

Help support Cypress Park & check off your holiday shopping at the same time. If you're looking for a healthy alternative to cookies, a complimentary gift with chocolates, or just something to add a pop of colour & cheer for the holidays - this fundraiser is for you!

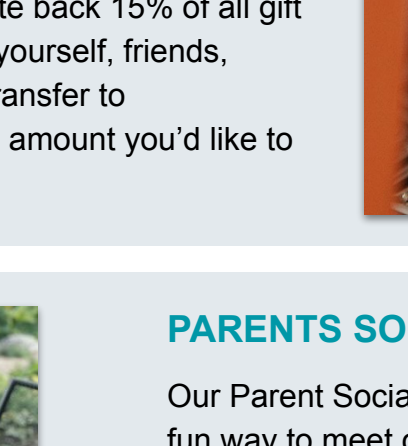
— ORDER WREATHS & POINSETTIAS —

FUNDING FUTURES – SPONSOR TODAY

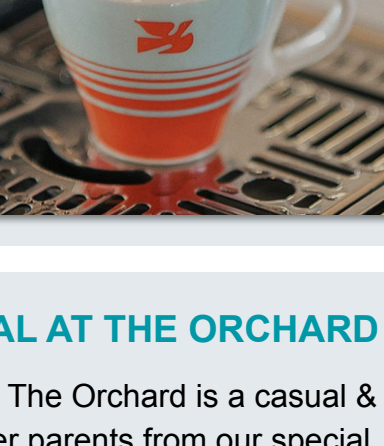
We'd like to send out a **BIG THANKS** to the **Manhas Family & Jeevan in Grade 1**, for the generous sponsorship of books for our new library series: **Rory Branagan, Pokemon & Babysitters Club Little Sisters!** Our educators have handpicked a collection of engaging book series that cater to a wide range of ages, interests, and reading levels. **SPONSOR MORE OF THESE BOOKS TODAY...**



POKEMON BOOKS
CAD\$20.00



BOOK SERIES - RORY BRANAGAN
CAD\$15.00



BABYSITTERS CLUB LITTLE SISTERS
CAD\$15.00

BREWING SUCCESS
Gift Card Sale Fundraiser

Isetta, Casa Mia Cucina & *NEW* The Orchard (Gleneagles Golf Course & Parent Social location) have generously agreed to donate back 15% of all gift cards that we sell. Buy them for yourself, friends, family & our teachers! Please etransfer to info.paccpp@gmail.com with the amount you'd like to purchase & which coffee shop.



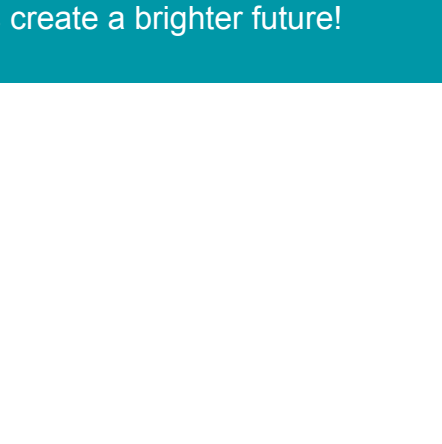
PARENTS SOCIAL AT THE ORCHARD

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

- **When:** Thurs, Nov 16, 7-9PM
 - **Where:** The Orchard, 6190 Marine Dr
- The Orchard will be generously agreed to donate back 15% of all gift cards. Please etransfer to info.paccpp@gmail.com with the amount you'd like to purchase & "Orchard Gift Card."

TEACHER'S GIFTS
Thank you for your generosity!

We're already **84% 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 etransfer to info.paccpp@gmail.com** with the name of your child & grade to keep track.



NEXT PAC MEETINGS

- 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!