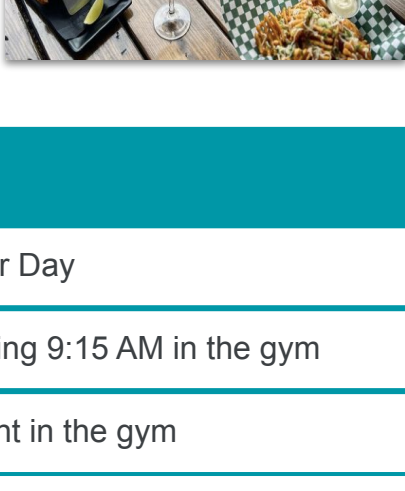


November 16, 2023

PARENT SOCIAL at the ORCHARD - TONIGHT!
7:00-9:00 PM
The Orchard, 6190 Marine Drive



LOOKING AHEAD

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| November 17 & 24 | Spirit Wear Day |
| November 28 | PAC Meeting 9:15 AM in the gym |
| November 30 | Movie Night in the gym |
| December 1 | First Festive Friday - Spirit Wear / Red and Green clothing |
| December 4 | Professional Development Day (school not in session) |
| December 7 | Happy Hanukkah |
| December 8 | Festive Friday - Spirit Wear / Hats, Toques, Antler Ears, Santa Hat |
| December 11-15 | Dance Week - Final performance in the gym on Dec 15 at 2:00 PM |
| December 15 | Festive Friday - Spirit Wear / Holiday Sweater |
| December 18 | Holiday Sing-a-long 2:15 PM |
| December 19 | PAC meeting 7:00 PM |
| December 22 | Festive Friday - Holiday Pajama Day |
| | Early dismissal 12:05 - Last day of school |
| December 25 - January 5 | Winter Break |
| January 8 | First day back to school |

REMEMBRANCE DAY AT CYPRESS PARK



Last Friday we recognized Remembrance Day with a whole school assembly. Many thanks to all of the students and staff for contributing poetry, presentations, and artwork for this special event. Our grade 3 leaders did an excellent job in their role as MCs. Thank you to all of the families that were able to attend and honour this important event with us.

DIWALI



We had a very special celebration for Diwali yesterday. Thank you to our families for sharing their traditions during the "The Festival of Lights". Students got to try traditional desserts and took home candles called "divas" courtesy of two families.

HAVE A HAPPY DIWALI!
 May your home always be filled with light, love, prosperity, and good fortune!

What
 Diwali is known as "The Festival of Lights." It represents light over dark, hope over sadness. It is a time to recognize that we are filled with love and light in our hearts, and to see this good in everyone.

Where
 Diwali is celebrated in India, and now, all over the world.

When
 Diwali begins on the date of the New Moon around the end of October or the beginning of November.

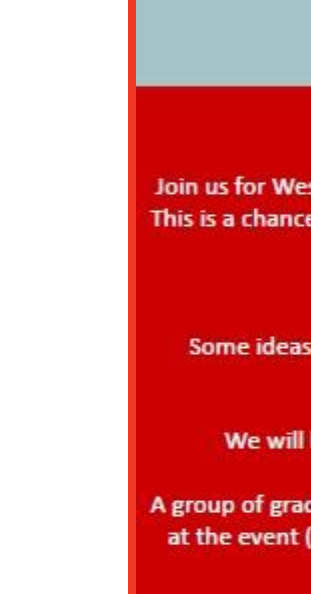
How
 For the Diwali celebration people:
 • Decorate their homes such as making an art decoration from rice called "Rangoli."
 • Dress up
 • Light little candles called "divas."
 • Make nice food and desserts.

IB PARENT INFO EVENING



Thank you to our IB Coordinator, Mrs. Anderson for sharing her expertise and Passion about IB with families last Thursday evening. It was also great to highlight a parent perspective about the transdisciplinary approach to learning and ways to foster the learner profile at home. If you were unable to attend this event, please stop by the office to collect the handouts that were provided.

FEEDING FUTURE INITIATIVE



As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare [Feeding Futures initiative](#), the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to Christine Hulme (chulme@wvschools.ca) if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect and confidentiality.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR
1st December, 2023, 3:30-5:30 PM, West Bay Gym

GRADE 7 FUNDRAISER

Join us for West Bay's Holiday Craft Fair on December 1st from 3:30 - 5:30 in the gym at West Bay. This is a chance for West Bay and Cypress Park students and families to sell their handmade goods. Hurry and register, as tables have sold out in the past.

Figure out what you'll be selling. Some ideas include holiday ornaments, decorations, cards, crafts, jewelry, art/photography, pottery, and specialty food items.

We will limit the number of tables selling similar items. First to register takes priority.

A group of grade 7s will run a bake sale to raise funds for graduation. Treats meant to be consumed at the event (i.e. cookies, cupcakes, etc.) will be sold there. If you plan to sell food items, please ensure they are packaged to be consumed at home.

The table rental is \$20, which will be donated towards grade 7 fundraising efforts. You may pay by e-transfer to westbaytreasurer@gmail.com. Please list your child's name and division on the e-transfer.

Each vendor will be provided one table with a tablecloth and two chairs in the West Bay Gym.

Set up will occur on Friday, December 1st, after 2 pm in the Gym.

Questions? Ask Dani Renouf, danirenouf@gmail.com

Click here if you would like to book a table.

LATE AND ABSENT POLICY

We realized that sometimes things come up in the morning beyond your control, when students come to class late, it disrupts the flow of morning routine, distract other students and impede learning. One of the most important things your child can do to reach the goal of success is also one of the most basic: attend school every day on time!



****If your child is arriving late to school, please drop them off outside the undercool entrance door.** Our outside door is unlocked, do not ring the bell, your child can enter the school on their own and report their lateness to the office.

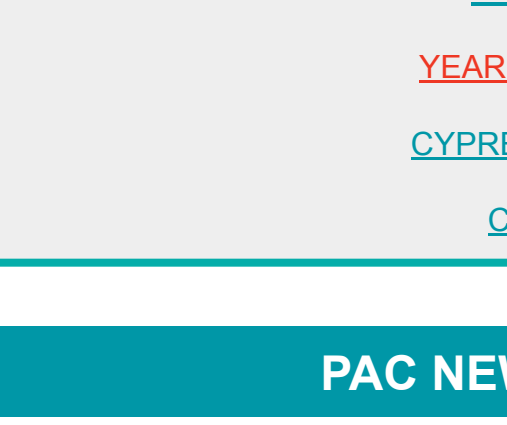
If for any reason your child is scheduled to be absent, arriving late after the morning bell at 8:30am, or you have an early departure scheduled for your child, please be sure to advise your classroom teacher via email and email the school office or call our voicemail system. Cypress Park has to account for each student's whereabouts. This system is for your child's protection. How It Works: If you know that your child will be absent or late for school, please do the following:

Telephone 604-981-1330 and follow the prompts. Leave a message with: **Child's name, teacher, grade # and anticipated length of absence**

IN PREPARATION OF WINTER WEATHER

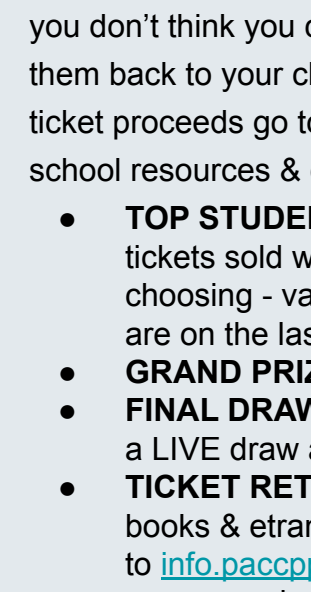
[CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION](#)

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

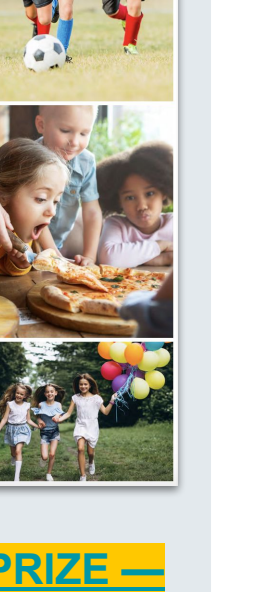


Is your child celebrating a birthday? Consider taking part in the Cypress Park Birthday tradition of gifting a new book to the school on their birthday. Please ask your class room teacher first for book suggestions.

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/clothing come to school in appropriate waterproofed/ren 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 :

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

Please keep your child home if they :

- ❖ 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](#)

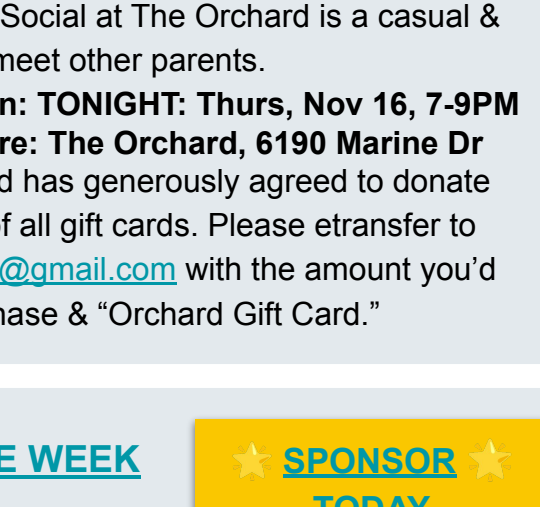
[CYPRESS PARK BELL TIMES](#)

PAC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

R IS FOR RAFFLE

Congratulations to Ms Flower for winning the Early Bird Draw & Gift Card Bundle! So far we've sold 47% of our tickets. If you need more tickets please ask & if you don't think you can sell all your tickets, please give them back to your class rep - we can help! 100% of ticket proceeds go towards our kids for programs, school resources & community events.

- TOP STUDENT:** The student with the most tickets sold will win a non-top prize of their choosing - valued at up to \$625! These prizes are on the last page of the [brochure](#).
- GRAND PRIZE:** Chateau Whistler Fairmont
- FINAL DRAW:** Thurs, Nov 30 - Join us for a LIVE draw at Family Movie Night
- TICKET RETURN:** Please return your sold ticket books & e-transfer your full ticket amount (\$200) to info.paccpp@gmail.com with your child's name, grade & ticket range (eg. 0651-0660).



WIN GRAND PRIZE

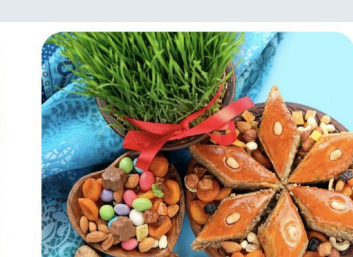
TONIGHT: PARENTS SOCIAL

Our Parent Social at The Orchard is a casual & fun way to meet other parents.

- When:** TONIGHT: Thurs, Nov 16, 7-9PM
- Where:** The Orchard, 6190 Marine Dr

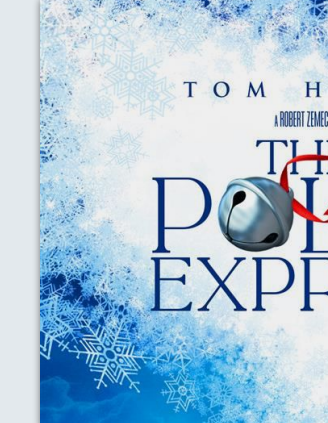
The Orchard has generously agreed to donate back 15% of all gift cards. Please e-transfer to info.paccpp@gmail.com with the amount you'd like to purchase & "Orchard Gift Card."

FUNDING FUTURES – HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK



SOCIAL & CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

Our students celebrated Diwali this week, the Christmas tree has been purchased for the Dundarave Festival of Lights & we have already begun planning Lunar New Years & Nowruz. Each year the Cypress Park PAC is responsible for helping host these festivities. Sponsor one of these events & help us make these special social & cultural occasions a success!



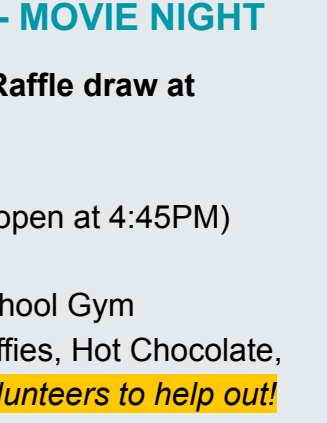
DIWALI CAD\$75.00



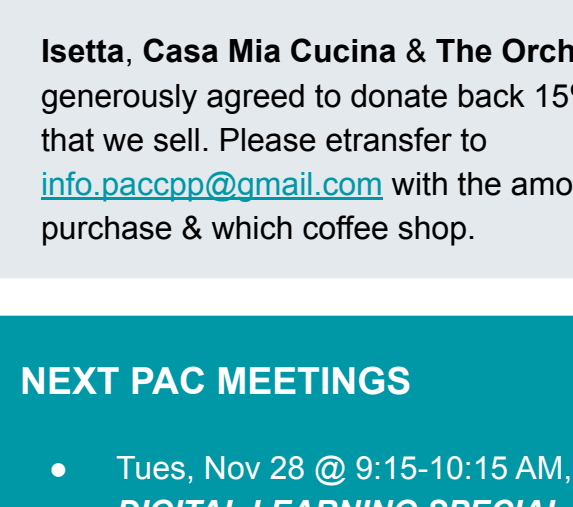
DUNDARAVE TREE CAD\$75.00



LUNAR NEW YEARS CAD\$75.00



NOWRUZ CAD\$75.00



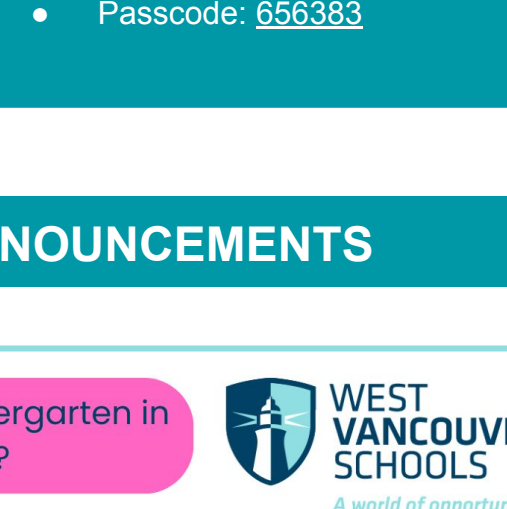
THE POLAR EXPRESS – MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for the live R is for Raffle draw at Family Movie Night!

DATE: Thurs, Nov 30 (Doors open at 4:45PM)
MOVIE: The Polar Express (1300 Chartwell Drive)
LOCATION: Cypress Park School Gym
DETAILS: PJ's, Blankets, Stuffedies, Hot Chocolate, Treats & More. **Looking for volunteers to help out!**

BREWING SUCCESS
Gift Card Sale Fundraiser

Isetta, Casa Mia Cucina & The Orchard have generously agreed to donate back 15% of all gift cards that we sell. Please e-transfer to info.paccpp@gmail.com with the amount you'd like to purchase & which coffee shop.



NEXT PAC MEETINGS

- Tues, Nov 28 @ 9:15-10:15 AM, in the Gym
DIGITAL LEARNING SPECIAL GUEST:
Cari Wilson – District Vice Principal of Innovation & Technology
- Meeting Minutes: October 2023
- Tues, Dec 19 @ 7-8 PM, 4115 Marine Drive
Holiday Cheer at Nat's House

TO ATTEND ONLINE

The meeting will be held in-person but feel free to join online:

- Link: [Join Now](#)
- Meeting ID: [924 5805 9633](#)
- Passcode: [656383](#)

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Is your child entering Kindergarten in September 2024?



JUST B4
Early Learning Program

Just B4 is a preschool program for 4 year old children who will be entering Kindergarten starting in September 2024.

- Strengthens the early years to Kindergarten transition
- Joyful, play-based opportunities to develop skills essential for living and learning together
- Opportunity to connect with other children and families in the community
- Guided by the BC Early Learning Framework & First Peoples Principles of Learning

Just B4 is geared to children who are not currently enrolled in preschool, full-time childcare or other formal early learning programs.

For more information and to register please email District VP of Early Learning & Childcare [Laine Anderson@wvschools.ca](mailto:Laine.Anderson@wvschools.ca)

Location: Properties Family Hub portable at Chartwell Elementary School (1300 Chartwell Drive)

Program: 2 afternoons per week (1:00 pm - 3:00 pm) starting in November and running through June