

November 23, 2023

GROWING PLANT ORDER PICK UP
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH
CYPRESS PARK GYM
PICK UP THROUGH OUTSIDE GYM DOORS

LOOKING AHEAD	
November 24	Spirit Wear Day
November 28	PAC Meeting 9:15 AM in the gym
November 30	Movie Night in the gym - scroll below for details about ordering pizza!
December 1	First Festive Friday - Spirit Wear / Red and Green clothing Grade 3's to Dundarave to decorate the CP tree in the PM
December 4	Professional Development Day (school not in session)
December 6	Grade 3's to visit West Bay in the PM
December 7-15	Happy Hanukkah
December 8	Festive Friday - Spirit Wear / Hats, Toques, Antler Ears, Santa Hat Term 1 Learning Update Published
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 in the Gym
December 19	PAC meeting 7:00 PM at the PAC Chair's Residence
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

EXTENDED HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TIME If your child is going to be absent from school please email your classroom teacher and call (604-981-1330) our school office, or email Ms. Thoma at ethoma@wvschools.ca to let us know.



VOLUNTARY ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL Please understand that if you are choosing to take extended holidays when classes are in session, teachers cannot replicate the learning that happens within the classroom and are not able to provide online learning opportunities. Our teachers do their very best to support students during required absences due to illness, however, when the absence is voluntary and a family's choice (such as extending a weekend, holiday, or vacation), it is a family's responsibility to maintain academic learning at home. Please take time to read with your child, have them write in a "holiday" journal, and take advantage of other opportunities to practice foundational skills (e.g. following instructions and using math while cooking). Families may email their child's teacher(s) to see if there is other work their child can do, however, our teachers' energy and focus continues to be on the learning and safety of students within the classroom.

COMMUNICATION CORNER NOVEMBER

As learners and teachers at Cypress Park, we have been thinking in-depth about our FESL goal on communication and building inclusive practices to express ideas, thoughts and feelings. Our grade 3 leaders have been immersed in their inquiry on How we Express Ourselves and have been communicators by sharing ideas on how Indigenous animals could be connected to our IB learner profile. This investigation was sparked by our visit from the Squamish language teacher Alroy Baker, who visited our school a few weeks ago to teach us about Indigenous animals using puppets. It served as a provocation to spark curiosity and connection. Grade 3's have been communicators and critical thinkers by sharing ideas about which animals connect to which Learner Profile. Another highlight of the Inquiry Unit has been having guest visitor Isaac Vanderhorst from the West Vancouver Art Museum for the past three Thursdays to help create animal masks.



K-3 STUDENT SNACK SCHEDULE

Nov 29	Hummus/Mini Cucumber
Dec 6	Seed Crackers / Cheese
Dec 13	Half Bagel / Cream Cheese
Dec 20	Banana and Cheese String
Jan 10	Nut Free Granola, Raisins and Yogurt
Jan 17	Edamame and Seed Crackers

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.

West Bay Elementary's

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

- Gr 7 Bake Sale & Hot Chocolate Station
- Photos with Santa
- Arts and Craft Sale
- Toys and Games

DEC 1 2023 3PM-5.30PM Gym

PLEASE BRING SMALL BILLS AND CHANGE

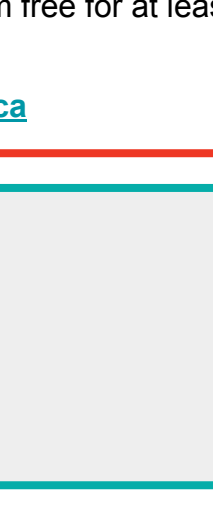
PROCEEDS BENEFIT GRADE 7 GRAD

For more info, contact danielenouf@gmail.com

- 1) All tables are sold out - thank you for your support!
 - 2) Please note, crafters: all food crafts and baking should be individually wrapped and NUT FREE.
 - 3) Please bring small bills and toonies.
- Bulk ticket sale options by credit card for some vendors will be available.

LATE AND ABSENT POLICY

We realized that sometimes things come up in the morning beyond your control, however 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 undercover 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](#)

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.

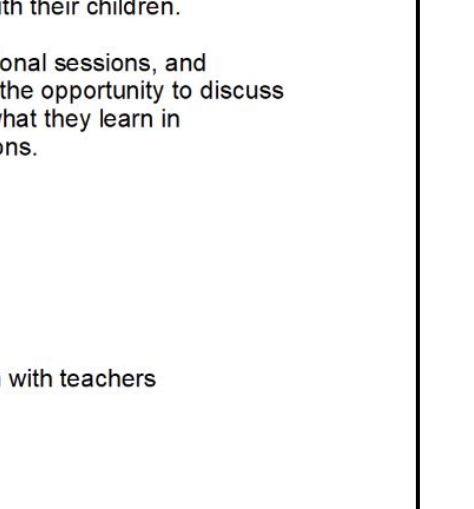
More information can be found online at Vancouver Coastal Health link vch.ca

[CYPRESS PARK WEBSITE](#)
[YEAR TO DATE CALENDAR 2023-2024](#)
[CYPRESS PARK PLAYGROUND RULES](#)
[CYPRESS PARK BELL TIMES](#)

PAC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

R IS FOR RAFFLE

- **LAST WEEK BEFORE THE LIVE DRAW!** 50% of our tickets are sold. If you can't sell all your tickets or need more, please contact your class rep - we can help! 100% of proceeds go towards our school programs, resources & community events.
- **TOP STUDENT:** The student with the most tickets sold will win any 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
- **TICKET RETURN:** Please return your sold ticket books ASAP & e-transfer your full ticket amount (\$200) to info.paccpp@gmail.com with your child's name, grade & ticket range.



THE POLAR EXPRESS – MOVIE NIGHT

Next week, please join us for the live R is for Raffle draw at Family Movie Night!

NEW! Because movie night is around dinner time, we've added a new option to [Munchalunch](#) called "MOVIE NIGHT" to help make your evening simpler & more special! You can order pizza & pasta from Fresh Bay pizza for the whole family! Ordering will close **Tues, Nov 28** at 10am.

ORDER TODAY: <https://munchalunch.com/>

DATE: Thurs, Nov 30 (Doors open at 4:45PM)
MOVIE: The Polar Express
LOCATION: Cypress Park School Gym
DETAILS: P.J's, Blankets, Stuffedies, Hot Chocolate, Treats, Live Raffle Draw, Top Student Award & More!

HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS
Gift Card Sale Fundraiser

With 300 retailers, you can find gift cards for everything including: groceries, gas, pharmacy, home improvement, department store, restaurants, clothing, movies & books, travel & more. All gift cards come from the retailers themselves. If you'd like to purchase, please e-transfer to info.paccpp@gmail.com with the Retailer, Card Amount, Card Quantity, Your Child's Name & Grade. We'll put in your order.

CHECK OUT THE RETAILERS



TERM 2: AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS
JANUARY 10 – MARCH 13 | 2:30-3:30PM

- **Wednesdays: Martial Arts**
 - [Registration Details](#)
 - Email joelqmma@gmail.com
- **Thursdays: Steamoji's Robotics**
 - [Registration Form](#)
 - Email to westvancouver@steamoji.com

FUNDING FUTURES – HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK
SOCIAL & CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



A BIG THANKS TO Sonia (Jeevan's mom) & Jen (Milo & Leo's mom) who generously donated time, thought, love & funds hosting our Diwali celebrations! Our Dundarave Christmas tree has been purchased, Lunar New Years planning is underway & Nowruz is coming soon. Sponsor one of these events & help the PAC make these cultural occasions a success! **Do you celebrate Hanukkah or another holiday? Please let us know!**

DIWALI CAD\$75.00 | DUNDARAVE TREE CAD\$75.00 | LUNAR NEW YEARS CAD\$75.00 | NOWRUZ CAD\$75.00

VIP Parking – Silent Auction

Did missed out last term on the VIP parking spot & are you tired of the morning rush? This is your chance!

- **What?** 2 Designated VIP Parking spots available for silent auction (Term 2: Jan - Mar)
- **How?** Send bids to info.paccpp@gmail.com
- **DEADLINE?** Friday, December 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 enrichment programs, extracurricular activities & educational resources. This is one of our best fundraising initiatives & this is our last year that we're allowed to auction these coveted spots!

NEXT WEEK'S PAC MEETING
 Tues, Nov 28, 9:15-10:15 AM @ the Gym

- **SPECIAL DIGITAL LEARNING GUEST – CARI WILSON, District VP of Innovation & Technology**
- **PAC Presentation: November 20**
- **Meeting Minutes: October 2023**
- **Online Link: [Join Now](#), Meeting ID: 924 5805 9633, Passcode: 656383**

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Tues, Dec 19 @ 7-8 PM, 4115 Marine Drive, Holiday Cheer at Nat's House**
- **Jan 30 @ 9:15AM**
- **Feb 27 @ 7PM**
- **March - No Meeting**
- **Apr 30 @ 9:15AM**
- **May 28 @ 7PM**
- **June – TBD**

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLLYBURN Family Services

The Incredible Years®

Incredible Years™ Parenting Program (IY) for Children Aged 2-7 Years

IY is an evidence-based early intervention program focused on strengthening parenting competencies and fostering parent involvement with their children.

This 15-week program includes weekly online caregiver educational sessions, and individual phone support sessions in which caregivers have the opportunity to discuss specific challenges they experience at home, and practice what they learn in sessions. We ask that caregivers plan to attend all 15 sessions.

- Goals of the Program:
- Strengthen parenting skills
 - Improve children's social skills
 - Improve children's school readiness and cooperation with teachers
 - Prevent and treat behaviour problems

Upcoming Session: Winter 2024

When: Wednesday evenings, January 10 to April 17, 2024 (Note: the program will run during Spring Break, March 18, 2024 to April 1, 2024)

Time: 6:15-8:15pm

Where: Online through Zoom

Cost: Free

Eligibility: Residents of the North Shore with children aged 2-7 years old.

Registration: for more info or to be added to the waitlist, please contact Marlae Vermeer (Family Counsellor, Hollyburn Family Services); mvermeer@hollyburn.ca

Is your child entering Kindergarten in September 2024?

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JUST 84
Early Learning Program

Just 84 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 84 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
 Laina Anderson laina.anderson@wvschools.ca

Location: Properties Family Hub portable at Chartwell Elementary School (1330 Chartwell Drive)
Program: 2 offerings per week (12:00 pm - 3:00 pm) starting in November and running through June

Christine Hulme
 Vice Principal, Cypress Park Primary School
Office: 604-981-1330 **Direct:** 604-209-8196

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I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skw̓w̓w̓7mesh (Squamish) Nation, on whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides.