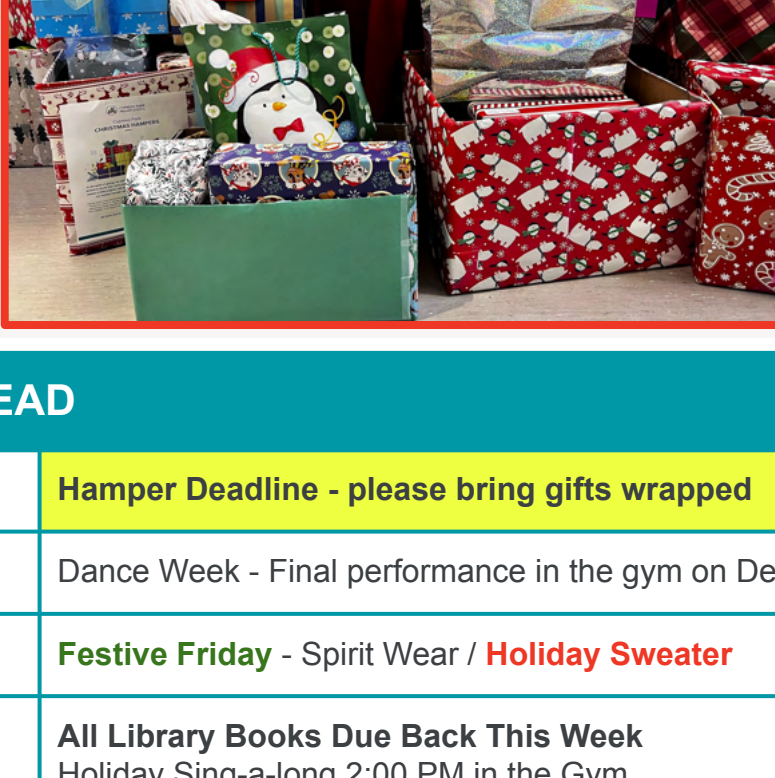
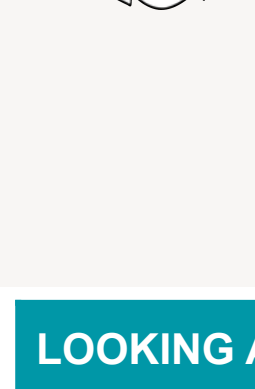


December 14, 2023

FAMILY CHRISTMAS HAMPER

An enormous **THANK YOU** to our Cypress Park Families who participated in the Holiday Hampers! Your generosity and support for our two families from Queen Mary School was a huge success with 54 gifts and 21 gift cards purchased. If you haven't dropped off your donation yet, you still have until end of day Friday. The Hampers will be picked up on Monday.



LOOKING AHEAD

December 15	Hamper Deadline - please bring gifts wrapped
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	All Library Books Due Back This Week Holiday Sing-a-long 2:00 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
Dec 25 - January 5	Winter Break
January 8	First day back to school
January 10	After school program: Martial Arts begins Wednesdays until March 13
January 11	After school program: Steamoji begins Thursdays until March 14
January 15	Black Excellence Day - Students are encouraged to wear black
January 15	Registration grade 1 - 12 (in district and out of district)
January 29	Professional Development Day - school not in session

STUDENT LEARNING UPDATES (REPORTS) WERE PUBLISHED ON DECEMBER 8

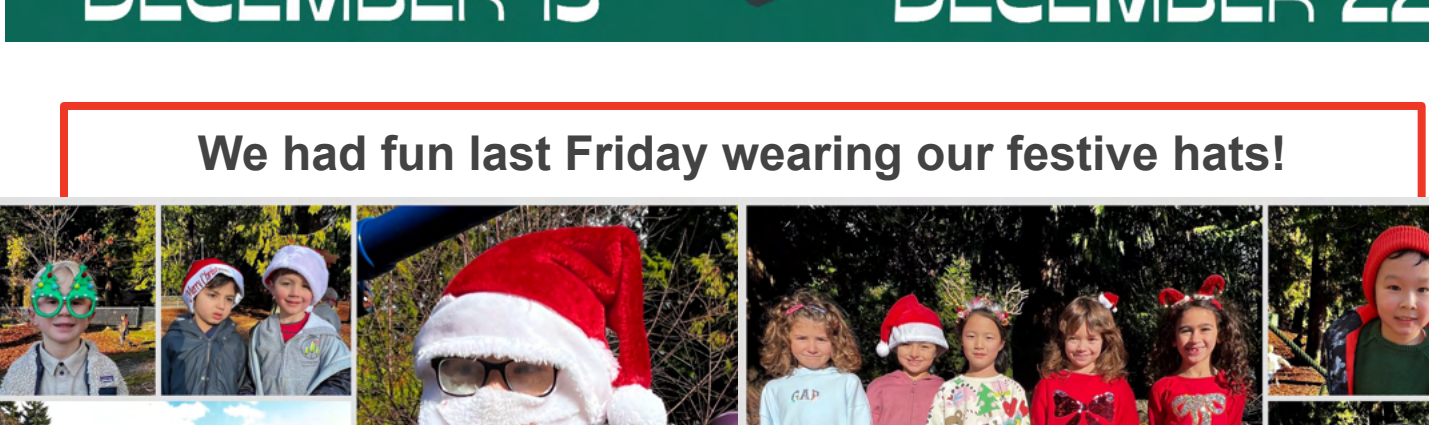
HERE ARE LINKS TO HELP YOU
[MYED PARENT PORTAL HELP](#)
[VIDEO VERSION HERE](#)



If you are interested in learning more about the changes to the way our School communicates student progress, [click here](#) to view a presentation Scott Slater, our Principal gave on Monday that explains some of the changes you will find in your child's Term One Learning Update, formerly known as Report Card. Please contact your child's teacher if you have specific questions about their report.

FESTIVE FRIDAYS

REMINDER: Tomorrow is wear your festive sweater to school day.

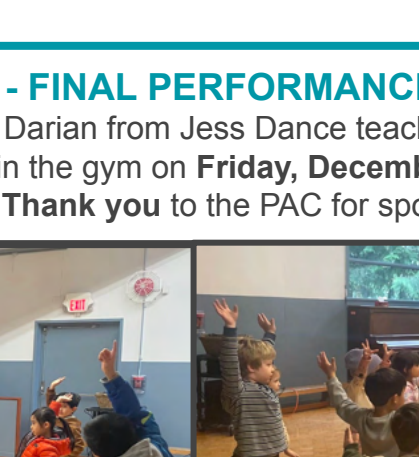


We had fun last Friday wearing our festive hats!



LIBRARY BOOKS RETURNED TO SCHOOL

Students with library books still signed out please remember to return them to school by next Thursday, December 21st



JESS DANCE - FINAL PERFORMANCE TOMORROW

This week we have had Darian from Jess Dance teach us some choreography. Please join us in the gym on **Friday, December 15th at 2pm** for a fun performance. Thank you to the PAC for sponsoring this opportunity.



COME SING-A-LONG WITH US!

Attend all Families! Cypress Park Primary will celebrate the end of a great term with a whole school sing-a-long. On **Monday, December 18th at 2:00 pm** in our gym, Cypress park students will perform a few short songs in French and English. Our hope is to have a simple festive community conclusion to the 2023 year.



RESPECTING OUR SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Wipe out Waste

Pack waste free food!

Did you know that up to 50% of items in school/preschool bins come from food and drink packaging is brought from home?

Pack

- Snacks in reusable containers
- Drinks in a reusable bottle
- Reusable utensils when needed
- A reusable lunchbox or backpack

Avoid

- Lunches packed in plastic bags, cellophane or foil
- Disposable drink boxes, cans, cartons and bottles
- Disposable forks and spoons
- Pre-packaged lunches or single serve items

"Pack it in Pack it out Lunches" We ask that whatever comes in your child's lunch bag goes home in their lunch bag, including empty juice boxes and wrappers. This way we will create far less garbage at school and you will have a better idea of what your child is finishing for lunch.

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.

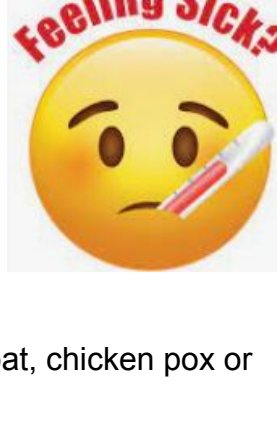
VOLUNTARY ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL Please understand that if you are choosing to take extended holidays when classes are in session, teachers cannot replicate the learning that happens within the classroom and are not able to provide online learning opportunities. Our teachers do their very best to support 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.

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 :**
- 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 :

- Have a fever
- Are too sick to take part in all normal 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

PAC MEETING NEXT TUESDAY

Please join us next week for our final PAC meeting of the year & some holiday cheer at Natalie Quilty's house. We will be voting on some budget updates.

WHEN: Tues, Dec 19 @ 7-8 PM
WHERE: 4115 Marine Drive, West Vancouver



WELCOME TO SANTA'S WORKSHOP!

The kindergarteners have been enjoying their Imagine Playstands this week! They've been using their imagination & creativity to style it as Santa's Workshop. Thanks again to the Antoni family for donating these through [Funding Futures!](#)



FUNDING FUTURES – HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

– SPONSOR TODAY –

It's **Dance Week!** Did your child enjoy these recent activities? If so, please consider sponsoring for next year. The PAC is responsible for helping host these exciting programs.

 JESS DANCE WORKSHOPS CAD\$200.00	 MOVIE & PJ NIGHT CAD\$75.00	 DUNDARAVE TREE CAD\$75.00	 MARTIAL ARTS CAD\$50.00
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MARTIAL ARTS – AFTER SCHOOL

TERM 2: WEDNESDAYS (2:30-3:30PM)
 Grade 1-3
 Alchemy Mixed Martial Arts is excited to launch a unique program that focuses on body coordination, emotional awareness & physical literacy. A variety of self defense techniques, as well as punches, kicks & grappling will also be taught. To register, please email joelgmma@gmail.com or [learn more](#).



STEAAMOJI – AFTER SCHOOL

TERM 2: THURSDAYS (2:30-3:30PM)
 K-3

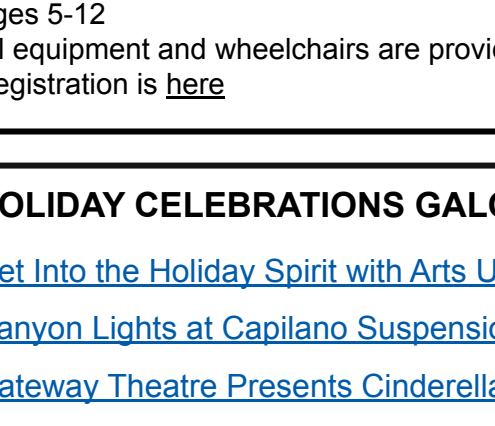
This VEX Robotics program will start apprentices on their Robotics journey by creating code that controls a vehicle they've built & tested themselves. To register, please email the completed [REGISTRATION FORM](#) to westvancouver@steamoji.com.



VIP PARKING – SILENT AUCTION

BID FOR A CHANCE TO WIN VIP PARKING SPOT

- 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



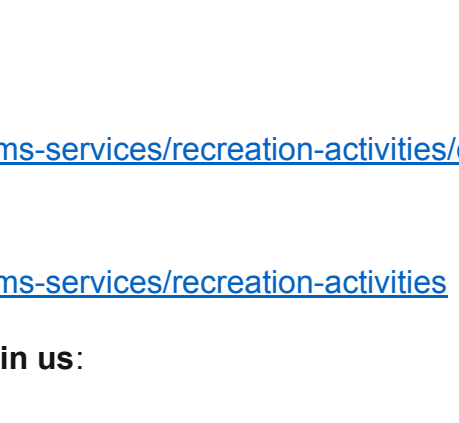
BREWING SUCCESS

GIFT CARD SALE FUNDRAISER

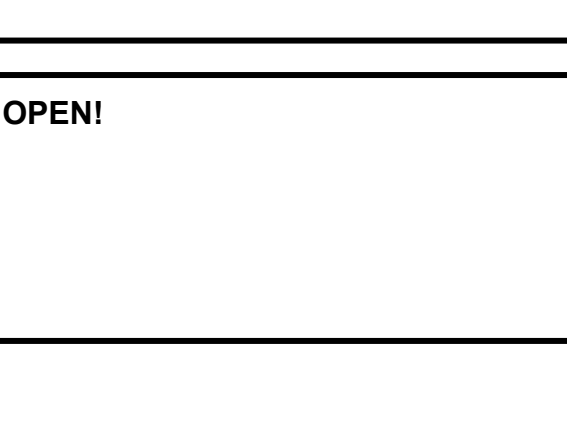
Great for holiday gifts & stocking stuffers! Isetta, Casa Mia Cucina & The Orchard have generously agreed to donate back 15% of all gift cards that we sell. Please e-transfer to info.paccpp@gmail.com with the amount you'd like to purchase & which coffee shop.

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LET'S PLAY WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL
 At West Vancouver Rec Centre
 Drop ins welcome!
 Ages 5-12
 All equipment and wheelchairs are provided
 Registration is [here](#)



HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS GALORE!
[Get Into the Holiday Spirit with Arts Umbrella Mixed Nuts](#)
[Canyon Lights at Capilano Suspension Bridge](#)
[Gateway Theatre Presents Cinderella](#)
[Experience a "Traditional Christmas" with the VSO](#)
[Santa in the Country at Glenda's Christmas Cottage](#)
[Best Christmas Light Displays in Metro Vancouver](#)



CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN METRO VANCOUVER 2023

WEST VANCOUVER REC CENTRE HAPPENINGS

Winter Break camp registrations are now open:
<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities/camps>

Browse your recreation activities and programs here:
<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities>

Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us:
<https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers>

WEST VANCOUVER LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



Spring baseball for ages 5-16
 We have girls only programs this year!
<https://wvll.ca/registration/>

