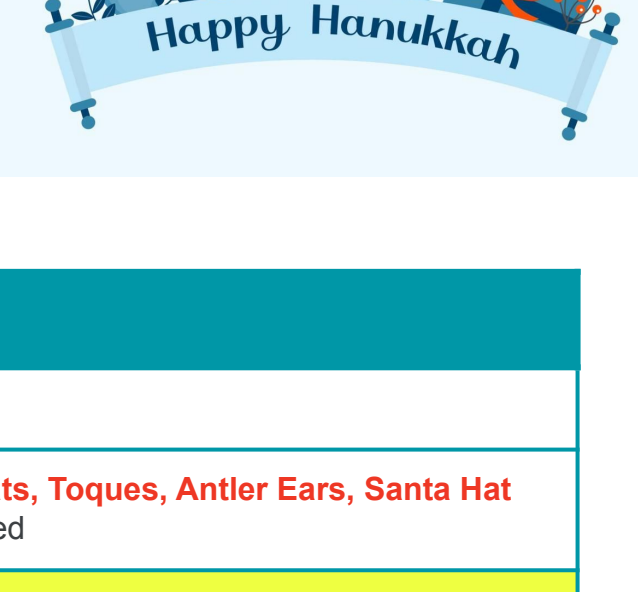


December 7, 2023

HAPPY HANUKKAH

Hanukkah (also spelled Chanukah or Chanukkah) is a Jewish holiday that lasts for eight nights and usually occurs in December. It is also known as the Festival of Lights. It begins at sundown on Thursday, December 7, 2023, and ends the evening of Friday, December 15, 2023.

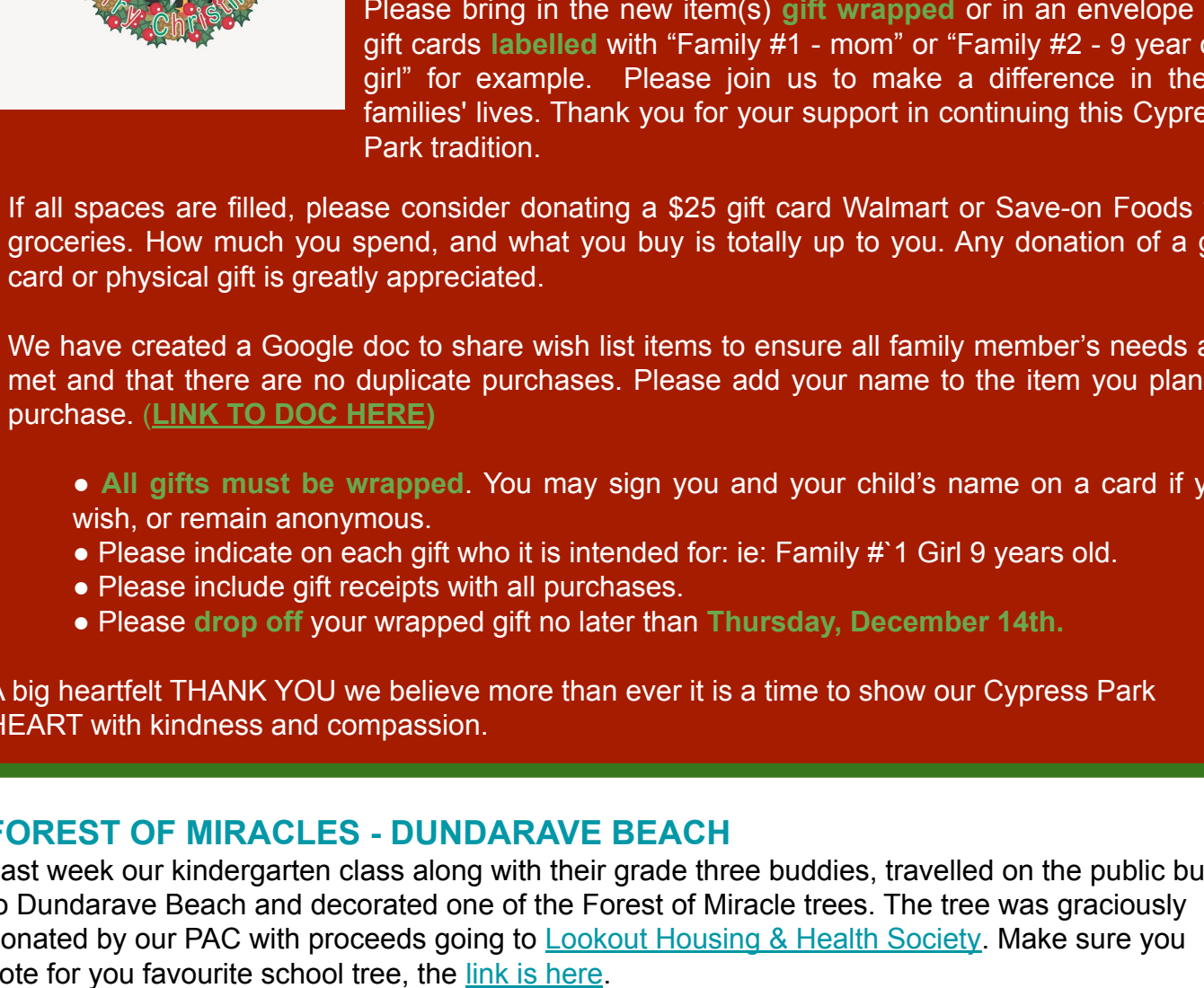


LOOKING AHEAD

December 7-15	Happy Hanukkah
December 8	Festive Friday - Spirit Wear / Hats, Toques, Antler Ears, Santa Hat Term 1 Learning Update Published
December 14	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	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
December 25 - January 5	Winter Break
January 8	First day back to school

FESTIVE FRIDAYS

Students are invited to get festive every Friday and come to school wearing their festive colours, headgear, sweaters, and PJ's on the designated day.



HOLIDAY HAMPERS - TIS THE SEASON TO GIVE BACK!



ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT to support our 2 families in need this year from Queen Mary School in North Vancouver. Please check the google doc attached below to see the wishes still left unfulfilled. Let's make these children and their families' holiday season a little brighter. We are asking all Cypress Park parents to look at our holiday hamper wish list and donate an item on the list, if they are able.

Please bring in the new item(s) **gift wrapped** or in an envelope for gift cards **labelled** with "Family #1 - mom" or "Family #2 - 9 year old girl" for example. Please join us to make a difference in these families' lives. Thank you for your support in continuing this Cypress Park tradition.

If all spaces are filled, please consider donating a \$25 gift card Walmart or Save-on Foods for groceries. How much you spend, and what you buy is totally up to you. Any donation of a gift card or physical gift is greatly appreciated.

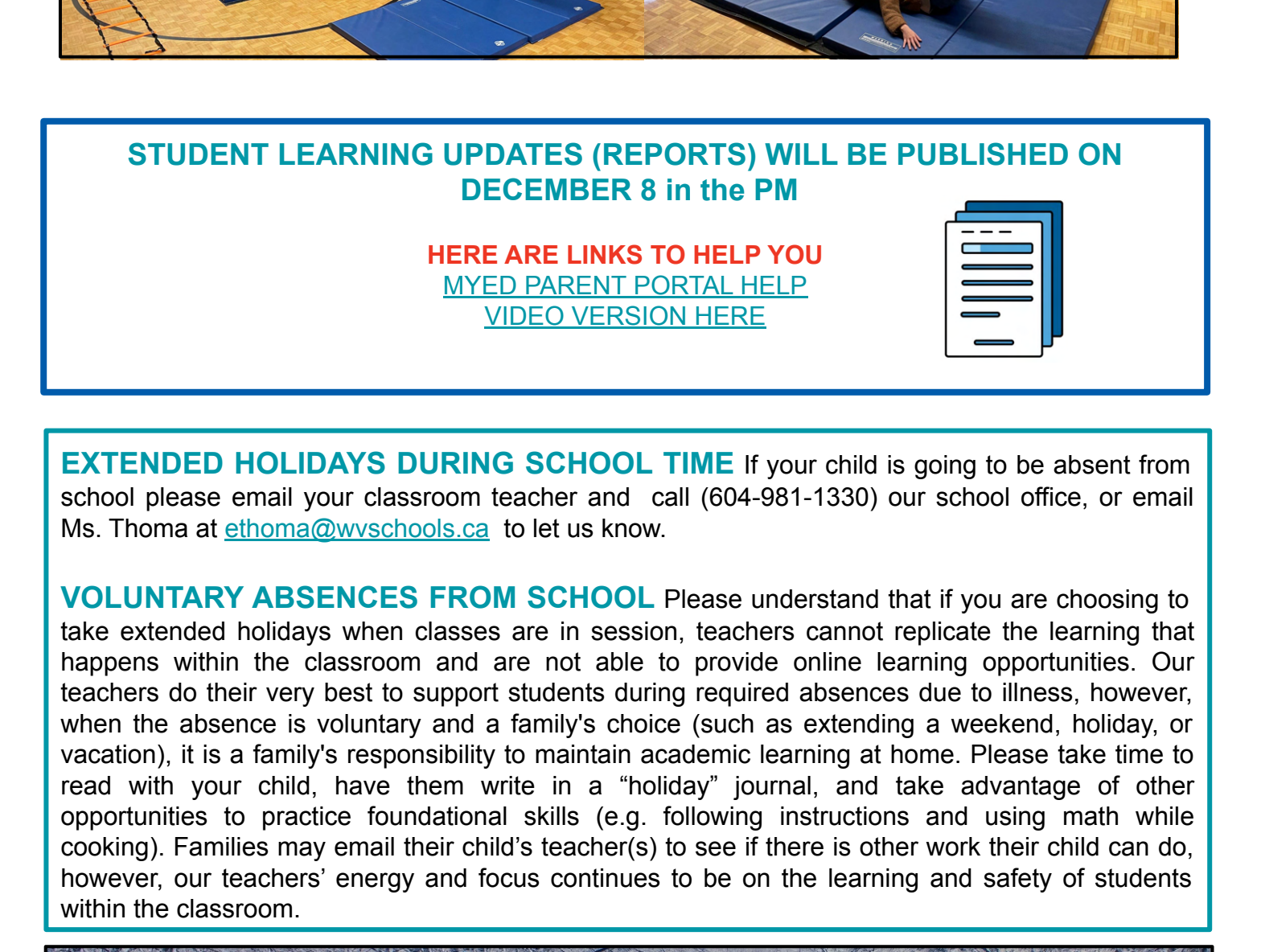
We have created a Google doc to share wish list items to ensure all family member's needs are met and that there are no duplicate purchases. Please add your name to the item you plan to purchase. [\(LINK TO DOC HERE\)](#)

- All gifts must be wrapped. You may sign you and your child's name on a card if you wish, or remain anonymous.
- Please indicate on each gift who it is intended for: ie: Family #1 Girl 9 years old.
- Please include gift receipts with all purchases.
- Please drop off your wrapped gift no later than **Thursday, December 14th**.

A big heartfelt THANK YOU we believe more than ever it is a time to show our Cypress Park HEART with kindness and compassion.

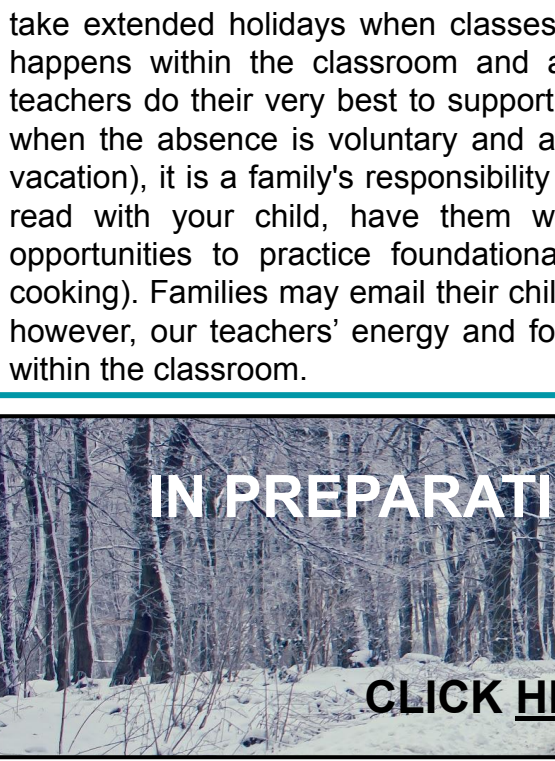
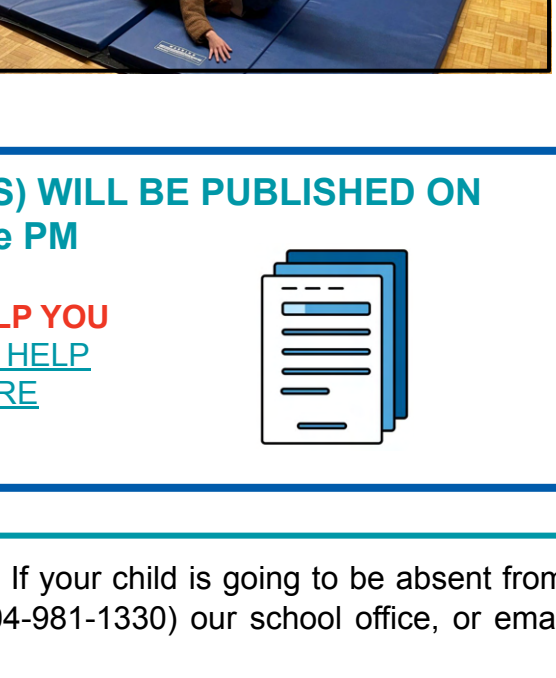
FOREST OF MIRACLES - DUNDARAVE BEACH

Last week our kindergarten class along with their grade three buddies, travelled on the public bus to Dundarave Beach and decorated one of the Forest of Miracle trees. The tree was graciously donated by our PAC with proceeds going to [Lookout Housing & Health Society](#). Make sure you vote for you favourite school tree, the [link is here](#).



COME SING-A-LONG WITH US!

Attention 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.

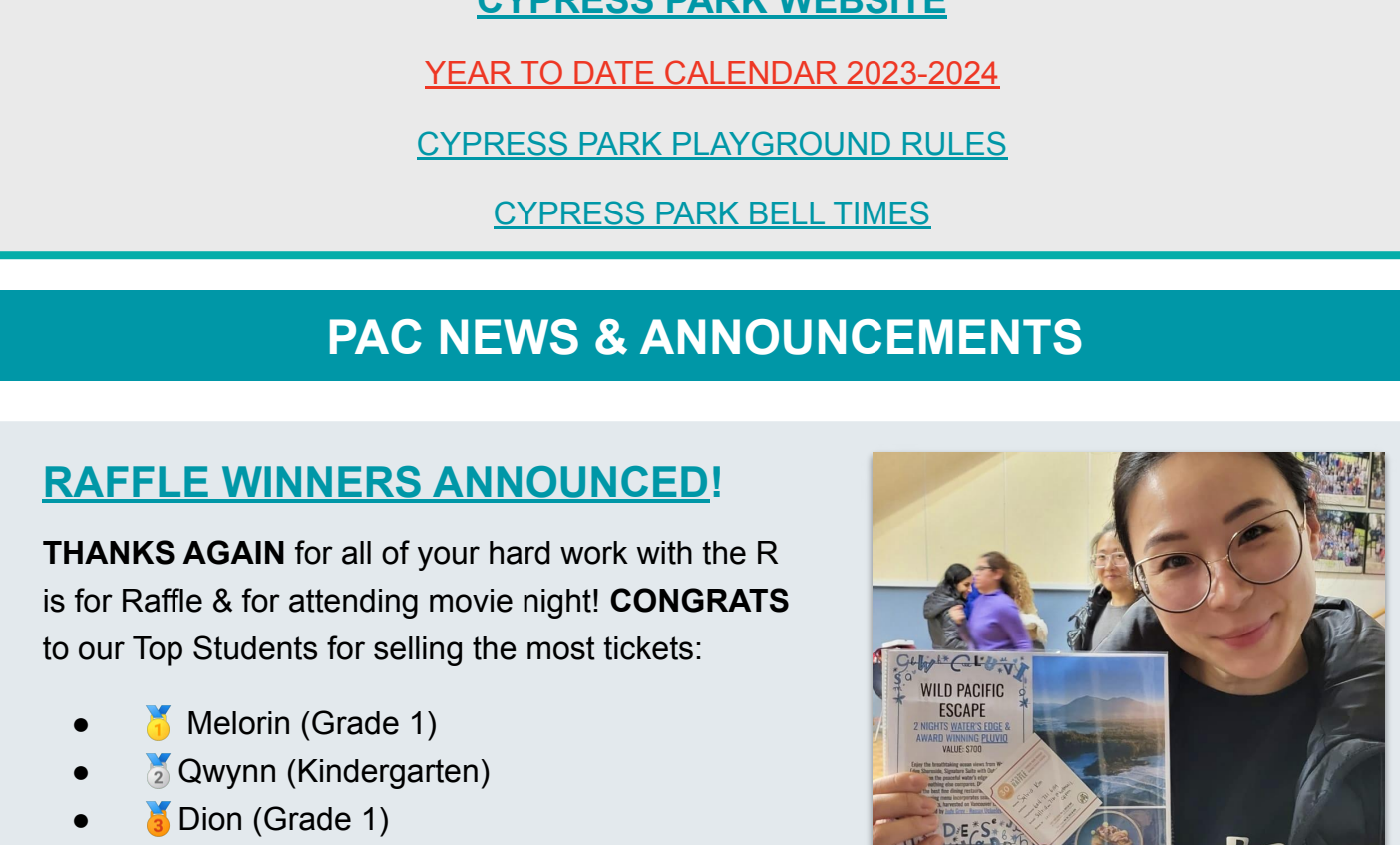


SUMMER READING CLUB WINNERS!

Congratulations to all of our Cypress Park students who joined this year's Summer Reading Club at the West Vancouver Memorial Library (WVML). Students were tasked with reading 15 mins each for 50 days or more. As always, Cypress Park had an incredible percentage of students participate and once again, for the fourth year running, we were able to win the (small school) trophy! Way to go to all our Cypress Park readers.

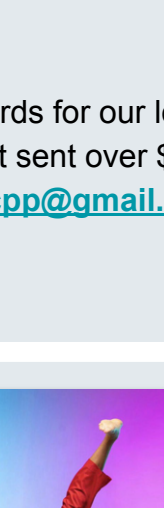
MARTIAL ARTS AT CP

We had Sensei Joel from the West Vancouver Martial Arts visit all classes in PE this week. If you are interested in signing up for his after school program for Term 2, see the details below in the PAC section. For more information about WVMA, [click here](#). Thank you to Josette for helping to organize this opportunity.



STUDENT LEARNING UPDATES (REPORTS) WILL BE PUBLISHED ON DECEMBER 8 in the PM

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



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 :

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](#)

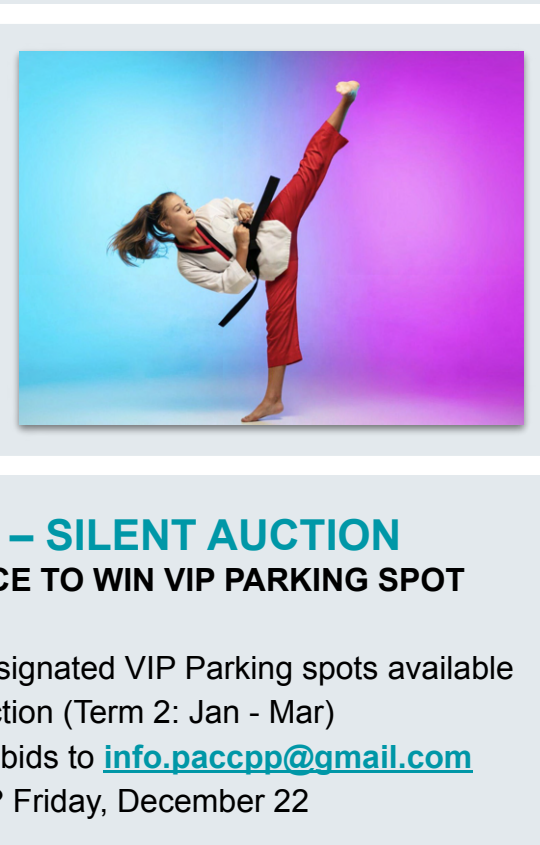
PAC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RAFFLE WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

THANKS AGAIN for all of your hard work with the R is for Raffle & for attending movie night! **CONGRATS** to our Top Students for selling the most tickets:

- Melorin (Grade 1)
- Qwynn (Kindergarten)
- Dion (Grade 1)

Together we raised \$11,330 for school resources, experts-in-residence programs, health education & social enrichment. Thank you so much for your support & congrats again to [all our raffle winners!](#)



CHECK OUT OUR WINNERS!

TEACHER'S GIFTS LAST CHANCE!

This week we're purchasing gifts & cards for our lovely teachers on your behalf. If you haven't sent over \$40, please send an e-transfer to info.paccpp@gmail.com with the name of your child & grade.

DEADLINE: Thurs, Dec 7

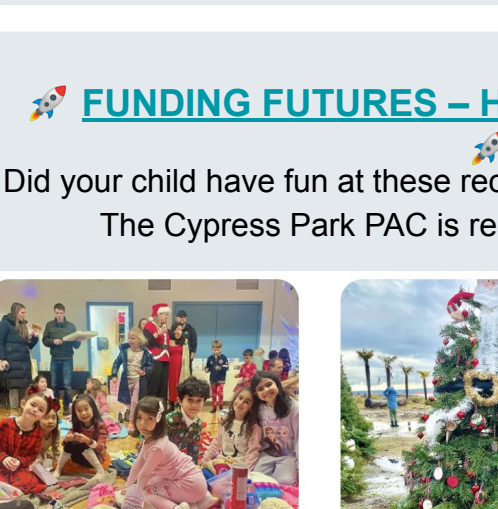
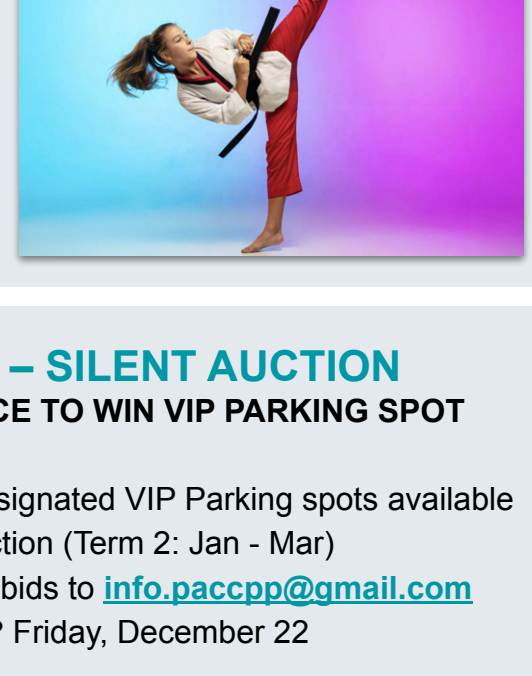
TERM 2: AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: JAN 10 – MAR 13

Wednesdays: Martial Arts

- [Registration Details](#)
- Email joelgmma@gmail.com

Thursdays: Steamoji's Robotics

- [Registration Form](#)
- Email to westvancouver@steamoji.com



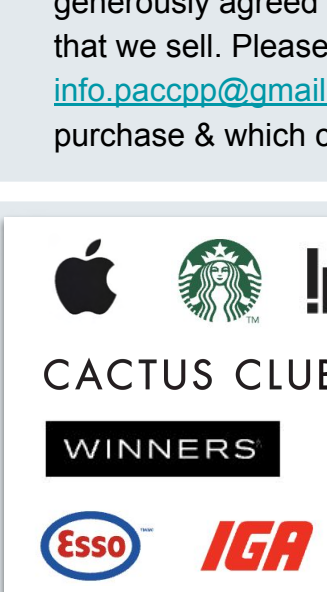
VIP PARKING – SILENT AUCTION BID FOR A CHANCE TO WIN VIP PARKING SPOT

- **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

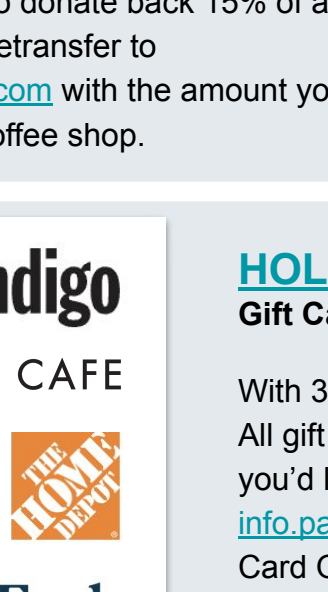
FUNDING FUTURES – HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK

SPONSOR TODAY

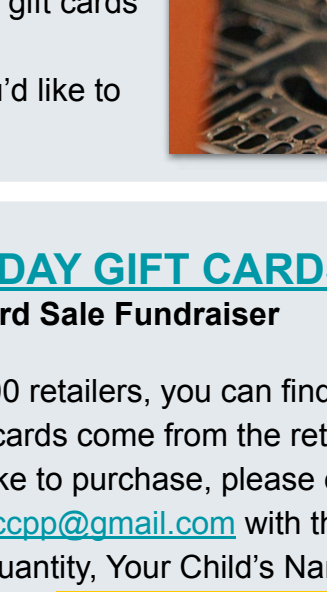
Did your child have fun at these recent events? If so, please consider sponsoring for next year! The Cypress Park PAC is responsible for helping host all these exciting activities.



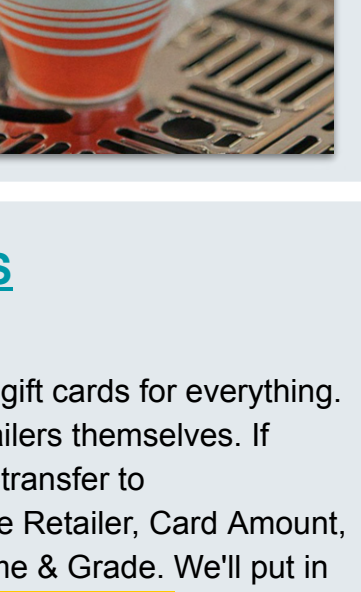
MOVIE & PJ NIGHT CAD\$75.00



DUNDARAVE TREE CAD\$75.00



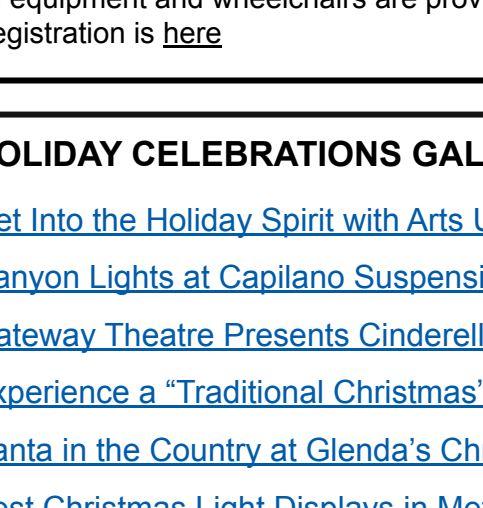
FIELD HOCKEY CAD\$125.00



POWER OF DANCE WORKSHOPS

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.



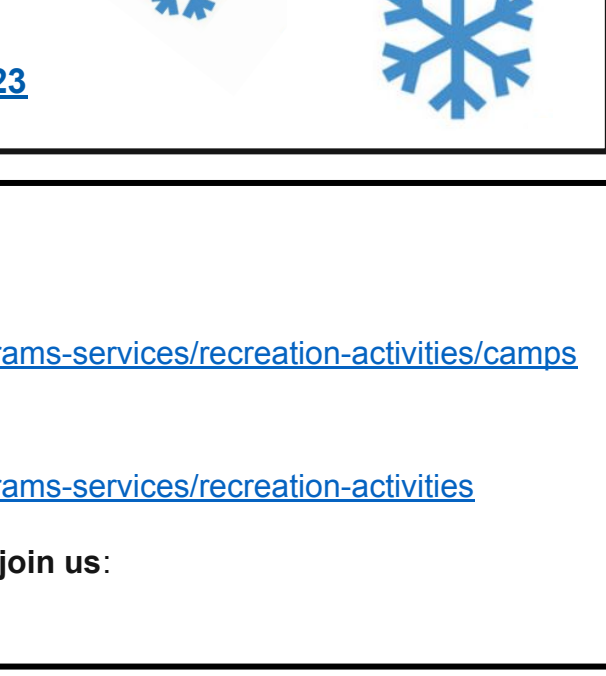
HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS Gift Card Sale Fundraiser

With 300 retailers, you can find gift cards for everything. 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 RETAILERS —](#)

PAC MEETING RESOURCES

- [FINAL November PAC Presentation 2023](#)
- [November Meeting Minutes 2023](#)

NEXT PAC MEETING: Tues, Dec 19 @ 7-8 PM, 4115 Marine Drive, *Holiday Cheer at Nat's House*



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/>

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