

January 25, 2024

REMINDER

Professional Development day on Monday, January 29th. School will not be in session.

LOOKING AHEAD

January 26	Spirit Wear Day
January 29	Professional Development Day - school not in session
January 30	9:15 AM PAC meeting in the Cypress Park Gym
February 2	Spirit Wear Day
February 5	Saleema Noon - Parent Zoom Session 6:30pm; no cost / no need to RSVP https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89099065383?pwd=MHA1SiY1aGpQUjNmWFU1SnR1dR00T09 Meeting ID: 890 9906 5383 Passcode: 580911
February 8	Lunar New Year Celebrations at Cypress Park; Parents welcome at 2:35
February 9	Saleema Noon - Student Sessions 9:00-12:00
February 9	Spirit Wear Day
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 16	Reading Break - school not in session
February 19	Family Day - stat holiday - school not in session
February 21	Mother Language Day
February 23	Spirit Wear Day
February 27	7:00 PM PAC Meeting
February 28	Pink Shirt Day

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SNOW AT CYPRESS PARK



FAMILY LITERACY DAY JANUARY 27th

Family Literacy Day a day where we raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family.

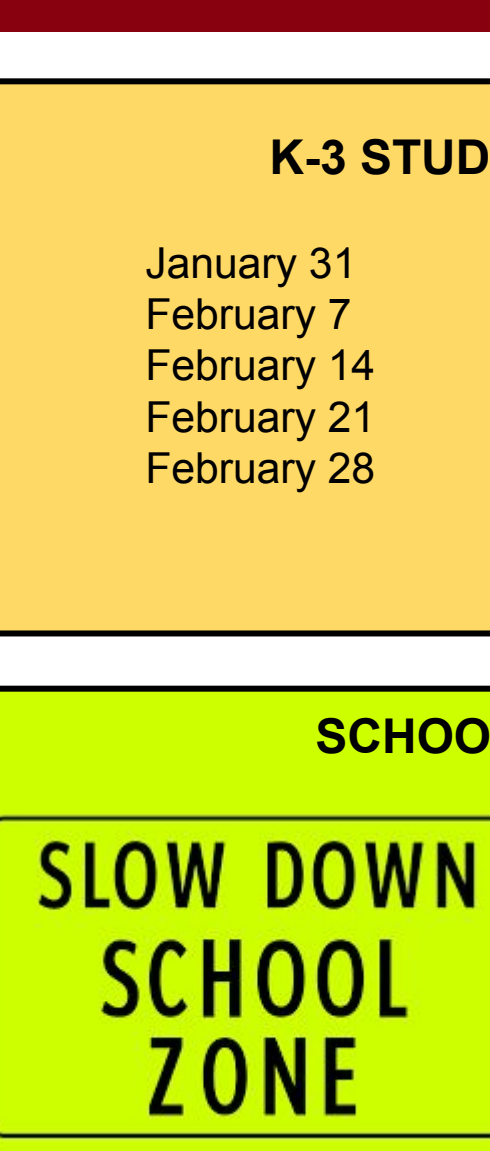
COMMUNICATION CORNER

As a part of our FESL (Framework for Enhancing Student Learning), we have been working on a whole school goal that focuses on developing inclusive writing practices to improve the communication skills of all learners. Teachers have been enhancing their teaching practices by exploring a variety of ways to support all learners with their communication and writing skills. Teachers have included more open-ended writing notebooks, have engaged with loose parts, have used digital literacies and a variety of tools and graphic organizers.

Here is a sampling of some of our learning engagements that have enhanced the communication skills of our learners.



LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION - YEAR OF THE DRAGON



It is the year of the Dragon and Cypress Park will be celebrating the Lunar New Year on February 8th. 2024 Year of the Dragon symbolizes power, nobility, honor, luck, and success.

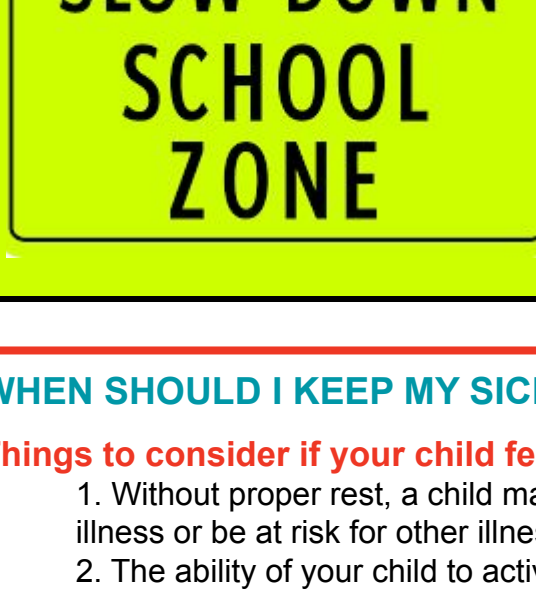
Thanks to our amazing PAC's - Lunar New Year Committee, students will have an opportunity to engage in a variety of New Year themed activities in the afternoon. From traditional crafts, storytelling, dance, food and more.

Parents are invited to join us, and partake in the Lunar New Year festivities after the dismissal bell at 2:35pm in the gym.

K-3 STUDENT SNACK SCHEDULE

January 31	Hummus / Baby Carrots
February 7	Rice Cakes / Seed Butter
February 14	Mandarin Oranges / Yogurt
February 21	Hummus / Mini Cucumbers
February 28	Crackers / Individual Cheese

SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMITS



There have been some concerns about the speed of car traffic in our neighborhood from our Cypress Park community and the WVPD. The WVPD will be coming by to help reinforce the school zone speed limit of 30 kph and the importance of stopping at crosswalks when pedestrians are crossing.

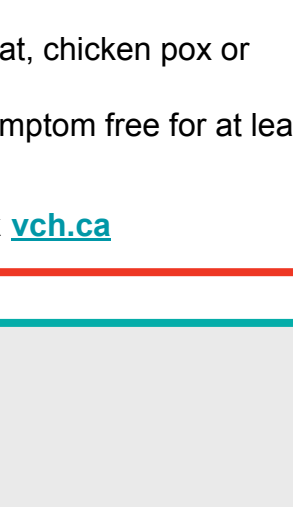
WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

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](#)

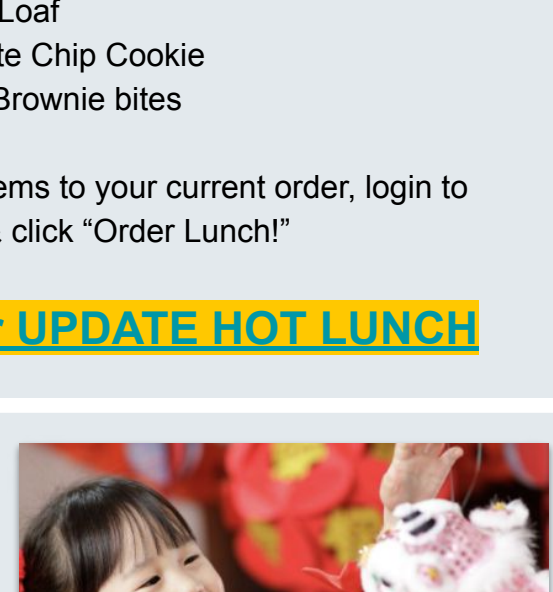
[CYPRESS PARK BELL TIMES](#)

PAC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEK'S PAC MEETING

Tues, Jan 30, 9:15-10:15 AM @ the Gym

- **NEW – Bring a Buddy:** Do you know someone that's interested in the PAC but doesn't know how to get involved? Please bring them along!
- **PAC Presentation: January 2024**
- **Meeting Minutes: December 2023**
- **Online Link: [Join Now](#)**
ID: [965 7873 8290](#), Passcode: [342671](#)



HOT LUNCH – NEW SNACK OPTIONS JUST ADDED!

New **snack** options have just been added to go with Fresh Bay's pizzas & pastas on Wednesdays:

- Fruit Cup
- Carrot sticks with Ranch Dip
- Mixed Veggies with Ranch Dip
- Banana Loaf
- Chocolate Chip Cookie
- 2 piece Brownie bites

To add these items to your current order, login to [munchalunch](#) and click "Order Lunch!"

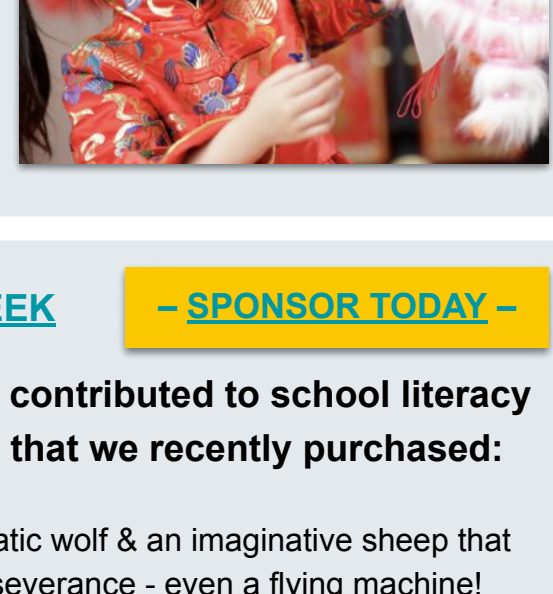
[ORDER or UPDATE HOT LUNCH](#)

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Thursday, February 8th

Parents are invited to join our students after school 2:35-3:30 PM in the gym for a Lunar New Year celebration including, storytelling, music, dance, games, calligraphy, crafts, photo booth, food, festivities and more.

♥ A BIG THANKS to all of our parent volunteers!



FUNDING FUTURES – HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK

– SPONSOR TODAY –

\$4,696 – that's the amount that the PAC has contributed to school literacy this year alone! Here are some library books that we recently purchased:

1. **Anything is Possible:** A joyful tale about a pragmatic wolf & an imaginative sheep that learns anything is possible through friendship & perseverance - even a flying machine!
2. **Shapes & Patterns in Nature:** Perfect for children looking to discover the many patterns found in nature & learn what each pattern can tell us.
3. **What Are Words Really?** Gentle reminder that words have power—the power to hurt or to heal, to make someone feel small or feel tall.
4. **The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes:** A must read for any young (or old!) perfectionist. It's ok to be perfectly imperfect.
5. **Any Wu & the Warm Welcome:** Amy's class has a new student from China! Amy tries hard to make Lin feel included by planning her a dumpling party.



SAVE THE DATE: PARENTS SOCIAL

Thurs, Feb 22, 7-9PM – 6190 Marine Dr

Our Parent Social at the Orchard is a casual & fun way to meet other parents. The Orchard has generously agreed to donate back 15% of all gift cards. Please transfer to info.paccpp@gmail.com with the amount you'd like to purchase & "Orchard Gift Card." Looking forward to seeing you there!

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CENTRE

EARLY YEARS FAIR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 | 10 A.M. – 12 P.M.
West Vancouver Community Centre | Atrium

FREE

It's all about the early years!

- Connect with local community resources and services for young children and families
- Discover programs and childcare opportunities
- Engage in fun, free activities!

Special attraction
This year's fair will feature a free *Sing Along with Katie*. Sing to familiar tunes and Katie's original songs!

Participating organizations
Vancouver Coastal Health • Saplings Outdoor Program • Cypress Corner Childminding • West Vancouver Schools, and many more!

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