



CYPRESS PARK  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Cypress Park Parent Advisory Council

**PAC Meeting January 30, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by PAC Chair N. Quilty at 9:17am.

N. Quilty gave the land acknowledgment.

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Principal S. Slater, Vice Principal C. Hulme, PAC Chair N. Quilty, Vice Chair C. Antoni-Wilkinson, Member K. Millius, Treasurer R. Vernon, Co-Secretary B. Perez-Cahill, Co-Secretary E. Baldwin, Member L. Ghassemzadeh, Member M. Bazrafshan, Member M. Mohajerani

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

N. Quilty reviewed the meeting minutes from December 2023. The approval of the minutes from the December 2023 PAC meeting was motioned by E. Baldwin and seconded by C. Antoni-Wilkinson. All members were in favour. The December 2023 PAC meeting minutes were approved.

### **BUDGET OVERVIEW**

The PAC has raised 51% (\$21,245) of their goal of \$43,000. Most funds raised this month were from the VIP Parking fundraiser (\$1,400).

### **PAC PURCHASES**

Year to date operating costs are \$45,862. Purchases already made for the 2023/2024 school year include:

- Beaty Boxes: -\$250.00 Thanks again to Christopher family
- Raffle Ticket Printing: -\$212.80
- Kindergarten Table Purchase: -\$2,105.67 Thanks again to the Antoni and Wan Family
- Dundarave Festival of Lights Tree: -\$300 Thanks to Calleja and Holtby Family
- Jess Dance: -\$1,750.00 Thanks to the Baldwin, Holmes and Quilty Families
- Fairmont Chateau Whistler Prize: -\$348
- Bank Fees and Outdoor Classroom: -\$58.75
- Teacher Gifts (\$2,645)
- Hot Lunches (\$8,806)
- Gift Cards (\$2,542)

- 16x Mini Basketballs & Whistles (\$85)
- 8x Every Child Matters Orange Shirts (\$201)
- 8x Spirit Wear – Teachers Uniforms (\$342)
- 4x Pop-up Soccer Nets (\$173)
- 80x Brain Break Bean Bags (\$115)
- Teaching Resources (\$3,850) Thanks to the Hincks, Gouneili, Diaz Barriga, Little, Campbell, Quilty, Vernon, Barrow, Little, Gouneili and Yang families
- Makedo Lab Cardboard tools (\$246.38)
- Primary math shakers (\$127.63)
- Reading whisper phones (\$73.95)
- Wooden number tiles (\$53.96)
- Plus plus baseplates (\$20.06)
- CVC words for Reading (\$35.84)
- Letters for Reading (\$19.03)
- Reading Resource (\$39.19)
- Dolls for playhouse (\$23.51)
- Chair bands for self-reg (\$13.37)
- Ikea baskets/shelving (\$322.46)
- Storytelling puppets (\$250.88)
- Noise cancelling Headphones (\$129)
- Literary Learning Resources (RAZ Kids, Reading Canada, Adrienne Gear - \$3,000) Thanks to Hincks, Baggio, Quilty Families
- 10x iPads, Apple Care & cases (\$8,212) Thanks to the Antoni, Baldwin, Jakovljevic and Quilty Families
- Experts in Residence - Jess Dance (\$1,750)
- EarthBites (\$550) Thanks to the Baldwin, Holmes and Quilty Families
- 2x Imagine Playstand (\$2,082) Thanks to the Antoni Family
- Health and Safety, First-Aid (\$450)
- Physical Literacy (\$627)
- Management: Gaming License (\$25)
- Stamps (\$19)

## **LITERACY HIGHLIGHT**

The PAC has spent \$4,696 on literacy this school year. Here are some of the book highlights:

- *Anything is Possible*: Tale about a pragmatic wolf and an imaginative sheep. Anything is possible through friendship and perseverance - even a flying machine.
- *Amy Wu and the Warm Welcome*: About welcoming a new student from China.
- *Shapes and Patterns in Nature*: Discover the many patterns found in nature and learn what each pattern can tell us.
- *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.
- *The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes*: Must read for any young (or old) perfectionist. It's ok to be perfectly imperfect.

## **TECH TALK**

These are some of the iPad resources used in the classroom:

## **EPIC BOOKS**

- Used in small group exploration.
- Students wear headphones and a book is played.
- Students follow the words as they are being read to.
- Answer quizzes, collect words and earn badges.

### RAZ-KIDS

- Allows students to read books at their own level.
- Students can record their reading, which is used to assess for fluency.
- Comprehension questions at the end of stories to check for understanding.
- Used at a literacy centre where 4-5 students are independently reading.
- Allows teachers to support smaller groups for targeted literacy instruction.
- PAC purchased licenses for all students.
- Students receive their account information once their teacher has set them up (age appropriate), so that they can access it at home.

### BOOK CREATOR

- Used for literacy and inquiry.
- It can be used to demonstrate learning in a creative way.
- The grade 3's have used it to showcase their Genius Hour projects where they were inspired to research a topic of interest and had a choice to present it over Book Creator or on a poster to the class.
- Create a biography research project on a famous leader of their choice.
- Share their work and allows students to learn skills such as importing photos, changing backgrounds and fonts, and utilizing the voice recording.
- Resources: West Van Digital & World Book Online.
- This is available to Grade 3's and they can use a QR code to login to their account at home.
- Allows them to research age-appropriate materials.
- Students can also record their own voice clips and add it to their book.

### SHOW ME

- Kindergarteners use this tool to draw and record stories (including scribble writing).
- Build communication skills by explaining their learning.
- Recordings allow the teacher to see the progress they've made in their oral speaking skills over time.

### **FUNDING FUTURES**

This fundraiser provides parents with an opportunity to vote on where funds are allocated as long as the PAC has funds for it. For example, no one sponsored young actors last year, so this year it was skipped.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS & FUNDRAISING**

- Lunar New Year
- Parent Social
- Nowruz
- Spring Break
- Teachers Appreciation
- Sports Day

- Fun Run & Year-end BBQ – the PAC has just started planning for this event. N. Quilty is hoping to build a team. The plan for this year is to bring back the barbeques, along with 8 blow up activities such as basketball, hockey, tennis etc, as well as a dunk tank fundraiser.

### **LUNAR NEW YEAR – 2024 Year of the Wooden Dragon**

The Cypress Park Lunar New Year celebration will be held on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:30pm. Students will have activities and stations from 1:00-2:35pm, and parents are invited to join 2:35pm onwards. Note that Steamoji will still run that day, but it will be in the learning commons as the Lunar New Year celebration will be held in the gym.

Student's activities include:

- story time
- music
- red envelopes
- calligraphy
- paper cutting crafts
- photo booth
- traditional costumes
- food such as homemade dumplings and Korean rice cakes
- toys
- arrow throwing games
- dance performance by 2 students

### **PARENTS SOCIAL**

Our Parent Social at The Orchard is a casual and fun way to meet other parents from our special Cypress Park community. The next parent social will be on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00-9:00pm. The Orchard is located at 6190 Marine Drive.

The Orchard has generously agreed to donate back 15% of all gift cards. Please e-transfer to [info.paccpp@gmail.com](mailto:info.paccpp@gmail.com) with the amount you would like to purchase and include the note "Orchard Gift Card."

Thank you to N. Hincks for organizing.

### **NOWRUZ**

Cypress Park will celebrate Nowruz on March 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:30pm. The celebration will be held in the school gym. There will be the following activities for students:

- Music
- Storytime
- Dress-up & Photo Booth
- Cultural Station
- Dance
- Food
- Decorations
- Writing station/alphabet
- Name station and learning basic expressions and greetings
- Persian calendar print out

- Halfsin, Charshanbeh Soori, tahchin, Kuku Sabzi

Thank you, parent volunteers, for organizing.

### **EXPERTS-IN-RESIDENCE**

The following experts in residence are planned for the remainder of the school year:

- Health: Lacrosse (Feb 7)
- Health: Class skating trip G3 (Feb 29)
- Fencing: Details coming soon
- Science: Marine Beaty Box (April 3 - May 1)
- Science: Whale Flipper Beaty Box (May 1 - 29)
- Nutrition: Earthbites (Apr 19, May 10 & June 11)

Thank you to Ms. Hulme, N. Quilty and R. Baggio for running these projects and to R. Vernon for running the finances.

### **EARTHBITES**

There are three Earthbites sessions planned for this school year:

Visit 1 - Friday, April 19

- Prep garden with compost
- Plant peas and radish directly in the garden
- Plant spring transplants for the classes to care for and plant

Visit 2 - Friday, May 10

- Plant transplants in the garden
- Learn how to water, weed, and maintain garden
- Plant summer transplants for classes to care for

Visit 3 – Tuesday, June 11

- Harvest spring veggies and clean up garden
- Plant summer transplants in the garden
- Make a snack from the harvest

We will need parent volunteers for each visit – usually we have 2 parent volunteers per session. If you are interested in volunteering, please email the PAC account.

### **WEST BAY TRANSITION**

The following events are planned to facilitate the grade three's transition to West Bay:

#### TERM 2:

Joint skating with all grade three's (Thursday, Feb 29)

#### TERM 3:

A visit to West Bay and family orientation with Mr. Slater.

Playground visit or picnic at West Bay with the grade three families after school.

Thank you to Ms. Hulme, Mr. Slater, R. Baggio and A. Barrow for coordinating.

## **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

The following after-school programs will be available:

### TERM 2:

- 1) Wednesdays – Martial Arts  
2:30-3:30PM

Registration Details: Email [joelgmma@gmail.com](mailto:joelgmma@gmail.com)

- 2) Thursdays: Steamoji's Robotics (9 Registrants)

Registration Form: Email to [westvancouver@steamoji.com](mailto:westvancouver@steamoji.com)

### TERM 3:

- 1) Tuesdays – Yoga

- 2) Thursdays - Sportball

Thank you to M. Mohajerani and J. Calleja for organizing.

## **HOT LUNCHES**

So far this year, the hot lunch program has raised \$3,787.

New snack options have just been added to go with Fresh Bay's pizzas and 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!", add these items to your order and resubmit your order. The PAC is in the process of adding snack options for Aburi sushi Fridays as well.

Thank you to K. Millius for running the hot lunch program. The PAC is looking for a new hot lunch volunteer to train and take over the role next year.

## **VIP PARKING**

The VIP parking fundraiser raised \$1,400 this term, and \$3,000 for the year!

Thank you to the Miller and Sichani families for their generous bids. Reminder – please do not park in these 2 VIP parking spots during drop off and pick-up. This is a great fundraiser for our school, and we want these generous families to get good use of their donation.

## **SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAYS**

The PAC discussed whether we should re-open the spirit wear store. N. Quilty has added a few new options to the store such as pullovers, long sleeve shorts, joggers, 2 toned sweatshirts, and accessories such as hats and toques. Decided that we should reopen the store as soon as possible so parents can purchase the gear designed for colder winter months. N. Quilty agreed to put a notice in the newsletter.

### **DPAC TECH TALK – S. Slater**

S. Slater presented the DPAC technology talk that was given by Superintendent Chris Kennedy. The presentation shared technology tools used in our district school. There are multiple tools being used to cater to different learning styles. Instead of one app that applies to all students, we have lots of options.

Chris Kennedy discussed helpful math app's that can help enhance math learning such as the Khan Academy app and the Prodigy math game app which both cater to kids from K-12.

The goal of the district is to prepare our children for the world they are entering, not the world we came from. We often wonder why the education system is different for our children than the experience we, parents, grew up with. Lots of parents feel out of their comfort level especially once students get to high school. It has been a long time since most parents learned the subjects that are being taught to their children.

E portfolios (like Seesaw) are available to parents. Seesaw is for the primary grades; however, google classroom is available for the later grades (grade 4 onwards). More assignments can be done online. Google classroom is a tool for students, and a communication tool for families. Parents can login and get a sense of what their child is working on. It is helpful for parents to be involved in their children's high school experience. Primary school parents are very involved, but in high school students are learning independence. These e-portfolios can be used for students to learn independence and to give parents awareness of their child's progress, deadlines, and subjects. See below for an overview of some of the technology tools used to benefit students and families:

#### Google Classroom

Most assignments get uploaded in Google classroom. This will be a soft start in grade 4 and gradually increases as students get older. Calendars are added at the district level for various activities. Students can subscribe to these calendars to keep up with events. There is a "Club Connection" Page to discuss the 70 clubs across the district. This is the tool used for communication between student and admin. Classroom lessons and videos are uploaded for students to access. Parents will need to understand how to navigate this tool if they want to get a better understanding of what their child is working on. In addition, there are helpful reminders for project deadlines.

#### Digital Citizenship

The goal of the district is to teach kids how to be responsible with technology, recognizing, it also starts at home. The West Van district website has a section called "digital citizen hub" with tools and resources to equip parents with facts and tips on teaching their kids digital citizenship: <https://sites.google.com/sd45.bc.ca/digcit/home?authuser=1> Tips for parenting Digital Natives hand out as well as Family Device Agreement.

Students are taught how to keep passwords private. Students between grades 4-7 are considered "the sweet spot" for teaching them about digital citizenship. Students still think

adults know more about technology. By Grade 8, they typically think they know best - so there is a learning window.

#### Provincial technology announcement

Recently the Province announced that schools would be implementing new rules around cell phone use, and around holding social media companies more responsible. As it currently stands, S. Slater noted that all schools are already required to have an admin policy regarding technology use in schools. West Bay and Cypress Park have a policy in place which has been implemented since 2018

(<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Administrative-Procedure-370.pdf>). It states that “without the permission of the administrator / teacher, mobile devices are not to be operated during regularly scheduled instructional time, or during any school sponsored activity such as an assembly or talk by a guest speaker.”

This is an existing issue and there are already tools in place and guidelines. S. Slater noted that at West Bay, students are asked to put their cell phone in a phone locker at the start of the day and are given their phones back at the end of the day. This may look different at secondary schools, but it is unlikely it will look like a ban, and more likely this is an opportunity to develop healthy habits around cell phone use.

#### **ADMIN UPDATE – C. Hulme**

The district physical literacy experts visited Cypress Park. They gave strategies for brain breaks for both students and teachers. One strategy has already been very effective and includes taping a square outside each classroom which can be used as a target for students to kick a ball into until they are ready to re-join the classroom.

There are lots of exciting field trips happening at Cypress Park. The grade three's recently went on a field trip to the North Vancouver Museum. It was a very positive experience. Three other classes are going on fieldtrips to Science World. The grade three class will be going on a skating fieldtrip with West Bay students. Another class will also be visiting the Lynn Valley Ecology Centre.

Teachers attended an IB conference last weekend.

A Saleema Noon educator will be visiting the school to give body science workshops to the students. On February 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be a virtual session for parents to learn about the topics being presented to each grade. Then on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 4 separate sessions will take place (one for each grade). Parents can access more information on the Selima Noon website. Saleema Noon educated the Cypress Park and West Bay students every second year.

There will be a lacrosse session for the students on February 7<sup>th</sup>. C. Hulme has also reached out to a fencing club to see if it would be possible to have someone teach the Cypress Park students.

The West Vancouver Police traffic department has been helping remind the community to drive slowly in the school zone.

#### **COMMITTEES**



The PAC is looking for more parent volunteers. If you are interested, please join the PAC WhatsApp group for more information, or email the PAC account. Looking for more volunteers for the following committees:

- Hot Lunch
- Garden
- Fundraising
- After School
- Events
- Cultural Enrichment

**NEXT MEETINGS**

- February 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30PM
- March no meeting
- April 30<sup>th</sup> 9:15am
- May 28<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm
- June TBD

End of meeting – 10:11am



CYPRESS PARK  
PRIMARY PAC

# CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY

Parent Advisory Council Meeting  
**Tuesday, January 30, 2024 @ 9:15AM**  
Cypress Park Primary Gym

# CALL TO ORDER

- We gratefully acknowledge that Cypress Park Primary is an IB World School, located on the unceded, ancestral Coast Salish traditional territory and today we give thanks to the Skwxwú7mesh Nations for allowing us to live, work and play on these beautiful lands.
- I now call this meeting to order
- In Attendance/Roll Call
- The [Minutes from the Dec 2023 PAC meeting](#), motioned, seconded, and approved.



# AGENDA

01

## Budget Overview

Summary, Bank Balances  
& Funds Needed

02

## PAC Purchases

Why we raise funds &  
how they're spent

03

## Fundraising & Events

Funding Futures, Lunar New Year,  
Nowruz, Parent Social, VIP Parking

04

## Experts, Culture, After School

Science, Nutrition, Dance, Skating,  
Gr 3 Transition, Martial Arts,  
Steamoji's

05

## DPAC Updates

Updates

06

## Admin Updates

VP Report



# FUNDS RAISED: 51% to our \$43,000 GOAL

\$40K

\$30K

\$20K

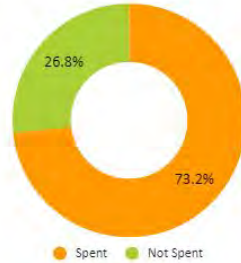
\$10K

\$21,245

## Cypress Park Financials

### SUMMARY

Percentage of Budget Spent Year to Date



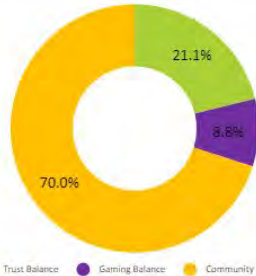
YEAR TO DATE GRANTS & NET FUNDRAISING INCOME  
\$21,245.24

YEAR TO DATE OPERATING COSTS  
\$45,862.64

TOTAL CASH BALANCE AS AT 19 Jan 2024  
\$36,828.24

TOTAL CASH BALANCE ONCE PENDING ITEMS CLEAR  
\$34,753.56

### BANK BALANCES



TRUST ACCOUNT BALANCE AS AT 19 Jan 2024  
\$7,348.78

GAMING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS AT 19 Jan 2024  
\$3,062.86

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT BALANCE AS AT 19 Jan 2024  
\$24,341.92

## Cypress Park Financials

Percentage of Budget Spent Year to Date		Year to Date Income Breakdown	
		YEAR TO DATE GRANTS & NET FUNDRAISING INCOME <b>\$21,245.24</b>	
YEAR TO DATE OPERATING COSTS \$45,862.64		YEAR TO DATE OPERATING COSTS \$45,862.64	
TOTAL CASH BALANCE AS AT 19 Jan 2024 \$36,828.24		TOTAL CASH BALANCE AS AT 19 Jan 2024 \$36,828.24	
TOTAL CASH BALANCE ONCE PENDING ITEMS CLEAR \$34,753.56		TOTAL CASH BALANCE ONCE PENDING ITEMS CLEAR \$34,753.56	
BANK BALANCES		Balance by month total	
		TRUST ACCOUNT BALANCE AS AT 19 Jan 2024 \$7,348.78	
GAMING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS AT 19 Jan 2024 \$3,062.86		GAMING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS AT 19 Jan 2024 \$3,062.86	
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT BALANCE AS AT 19 Jan 2024 \$24,341.92		COMMUNITY ACCOUNT BALANCE AS AT 19 Jan 2024 \$24,341.92	
CREDITS & NET FUNDRAISING INCOME			
Account Name	Amount	Category	Balance
Trust Fund	\$7,348.78	Trust	\$7,348.78
Operating Costs	-\$45,862.64	Operating	-\$45,862.64
Grants & Fundraising	\$21,245.24	Income	\$21,245.24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,828.24</b>		<b>\$36,828.24</b>
OPERATING COSTS			
Account Name	Amount	Category	Balance
Operating Costs	-\$45,862.64	Operating	-\$45,862.64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$45,862.64</b>		<b>-\$45,862.64</b>



# PAC PURCHASES

**\$45,862 – YEAR TO DATE OPERATING COSTS**

- Beaty Boxes: -\$250.00  
*Thanks again to Eva & Doug Christopher!*
- Raffle Ticket Printing: -\$212.80
- Kindergarten Table Purchase: -\$2,105.67  
*Thanks again to the Antoni & Wan Family!*
- Dundarave Festival of Lights Tree: -\$300  
*Thanks to Calleja & Holtby Family!*
- Jess Dance: -\$1,750.00  
*Thanks to the Baldwin, Holmes & Quilty Families*
- Fairmont Chateau Whistler Prize: -\$348
- Bank Fees & Outdoor Classroom: -\$58.75
- Teacher Gifts (\$2,645), Hot Lunches (\$8,806)
- Gift Cards (\$2,542)
- 16x Mini Basketballs & Whistles (\$85)
- 8x Every Child Matters Orange Shirts (\$201)
- 8x Spirit Wear – Teachers Uniforms (\$342)
- 4x Pop-up Soccer Nets (\$173)
- 80x Brain Break Bean Bags (\$115)
- Teaching Resources (\$3,850) *Thanks to the Hincks, Gouneili, Diaz Barriga, Little, Campbell, Quilty, Vernon, Barrow, Little, Gouneili, Yang, Families*
  - Makedo Lab Cardboard tools (\$246.38), Primary math shakers (\$127.63), Reading whisper phones (\$73.95), Wooden number tiles (\$53.96), Plus plus baseplates (\$20.06), CVC words for Reading (\$35.84), Letters for Reading (\$19.03), Reading Resource (\$39.19), Dolls for playhouse (\$23.51), Chair bands for self-reg (\$13.37), Ikea baskets/shelving (\$322.46), Storytelling puppets (\$250.88), Noise cancelling Headphones (\$129)
- Literary Learning Resources (RAZ Kids, Reading Canada, Adrienne Gear - \$3,000) *Thanks to Hincks, Baggio, Quilty Families!*
- 10x iPads, Apple Care & cases (\$8,212) *Thanks to the Antoni, Baldwin, Jakovljevic, Quilty Families*
- Experts in Residence - Jess Dance (\$1,750) & EarthBites (\$550) *Thanks to the Baldwin, Holmes & Quilty Families*
- 2x Imagine Playstand (\$2,082) *Thanks to the Antoni Family*
- Health & Safety, First-Aid (\$450)
- Physical Literacy (\$627)
- Management: Gaming License (\$25) & Stamps (\$19)







# TECH TALK

## Reading Resources

### EPIC BOOKS

- Used in small group exploration
- Students wear headphones & a book is played
- Students follow the words as they are being read to
- Answer quizzes, Collect words & earn badges

### RAZ-KIDS

- Allows students to read books at their own level
- Students can record their reading, which is used to assess for fluency
- Used at a literacy centre where 4-5 students are independently reading
- Comprehension questions at the end of stories to check for understanding
- Allows teachers to support smaller groups for targeted literacy instruction







# TECH TALK

## Communication, Creation & Inquiry

### BOOK CREATOR

- Used for literacy & inquiry
- It can be used to demonstrate learning in a creative way
- The Gr 3's have used it to showcase their **Genius Hour** projects where they were inspired to research a topic of interest and had a choice to present it over Book Creator or on a poster to the class
- Create a biography research project on a famous leader of their choice
- Share their work & allows students to learn skills such as importing photos, changing backgrounds and fonts, and utilizing the voice recording
- Resources: [West Van Digital](#) & [World Book Online](#)

### ShowMe

- K's use this tool to draw & record stories
- Build communication skills by explaining their learning
- Recordings allow the teacher to see the progress they've made in their oral speaking skills over time.





# FUNDING FUTURES

## \$2,300 — Sponsorship Program

**OUR MISSION:** To raise \$20,000 for school resources & equipment, experts-in-residence programs, student-in-need fund, health education, social & cultural enrichment initiatives & so much more!

**—SPONSOR TODAY—**

 **A BIG THANK YOU TO...**

The Wan Family & Ellie, Antoni Family & Nicholas both for the generous sponsorship of 4 new kindergarten tables, Manhas Family & Jeevan, Dosen Family & Avery, for the new book series, ALL in Grade 1!





# UPCOMING EVENTS & FUNDRAISING

- [LUNAR NEW YEARS](#) – Thurs, Feb 8 @ 1-3:30PM
- **PARENT SOCIAL** – Thurs, Feb 22 @ 7-9PM
- [NOWRUZ](#) – Fri, Mar 15 @ 1-2:30PM
- **SPRING BREAK** – March 18 – April 1
- **TEACHER'S APPRECIATION** – April?  
*Looking for volunteers*
- **SPORTS DAY** – Fri, June 7 @ early dismissal 12:05
- [FUN RUN & YEAR END BBQ](#) – Fri, June 14 @ 2:30PM  
*Looking for volunteers*





# LUNAR NEW YEARS

## 2024 is a year of the Wood Dragon



- **What:** Culture & Community Event
- **When:** Thursday, February 8 @ 1-2:30PM
- **Parents Welcome:** 2:30-3:30PM
- **Special guest:** Board of Education Trustee Felicia Zhu at 2:00pm
- **Welcome:** Storytelling & Traditional Music
- **4 Stations (10 students, 6 min each station):**
  1. Calligraphy & Paper Cutting Crafts
  2. Photo Booth & traditional costumes
  3. Food discovery, Homemade dumplings & Korean Rice Cakes
  4. Toys & Arrow Throwing Game
- **Close:** Followed by a dance performance for Evelyn & Eleanor from Grade 1

### A BIG THANK YOU TO...

Ran, Sunjung, Yajun, Roz, Ellen, Gigi, Jack, Bohan, Rebecca,  
Shery, Hatsumi, Joyce, Michelle, Kelly, Yulia & Christine





CYPRESS PARK  
presents

PARENTS  
NIGHT  
Social

THE ORCHARD

Thurs, Sept 21, 7-9PM | 6190 Marine

Our Parent Social at The Orchard is a casual & fun way to meet other parents from our special Cypress Park community.



# PARENTS SOCIAL

## SAVE THE DATE

Our Parent Social at The Orchard is a casual & fun way to meet other parents from our special Cypress Park community.

- **When:** Thurs, Feb 22, 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](mailto:info.paccpp@gmail.com) with the amount you'd like to purchase & "Orchard Gift Card."

 **A BIG THANK YOU TO...**

Nikki for organizing



# NOWRUZ

Friday March 15 @ 1-2:30PM

- **What:** Culture & Community Event
- **When:** Friday, March 15 @ 1-2:30PM
- **Where:** School in the Gym
- **Activities:** Music, Storytime, Dress-up & Photo Booth, Cultural Station, Dance, Food, Decorations & More
- Halfsin, Charshanbeh Soori, tahchin, Kuku Sabzi

♥ **A BIG THANK YOU TO...**

Mahsa, Neda, Lida, Mahgol, Niloo, Parisa, Mona, Nazanin & Sara



# EXPERTS-IN-RESIDENCE

- **Health:** Field hockey (Nov 1 & 3)
- **Self-Expression/Dance:** Jess Dance (Week of Dec 11)
- **FINAL PERFORMANCE:** Dec 15 at 2:00 PM
- **Martial arts:** Dec/Jan (thank you, Josette!)
- **Health: Lacrosse (Feb 7)**
- **Health: Class skating trip G3 (Feb 29)**
- **Fencing: Details coming soon**
- **Science:** Marine Beaty Box (April 3 - May 1)
- **Science:** Whale Flipper Beaty Box (May 1 - 29)
- **Nutrition:** Earthbites (Apr 19, May 10 & June 11)

♥ **BIG THANK YOU TO...**

Ms. Hulme, Natalie & Roz for running these projects & Rebecca for running the finances!





# Earthbites

## Visit 1 - Friday, April 19

- Prep garden with Compost
- Plant peas & Radish directly in the garden
- Plant spring transplants for the classes to care for

## Visit 2 - Friday, May 10

- Plant transplants in the garden
- Learn how to water, weed, and maintain garden
- Plant summer transplants for classes to care for

## Visit 3 – Tuesday, June 11

- Harvest spring veggies and clean up garden
- Plant Summer transplants in the garden
- Make a snack from the harvest







## GRADE 3

# WEST BAY TRANSITION

- **TERM 1:** Pen pals with the Grade 3s at West Bay. Connected to “Who We Are,” can explore: How do you get to know someone?
- Willy Wonka Dress Rehearsal (Wed, Dec 6)
- Connected with WB Class Reps (Francis & Corinna) for casual meet-ups
- **TERM 2:** Joint skating with all Gr 3's (Thurs, Feb 29)
- **TERM 3:** A visit to West Bay & family orientation with Ms. Slater
- **MORE:** Playground visit or picnic at WB Grade 3 families after school



## BIG THANK YOU TO...

Ms. Hulme, Scott, Roz & Alex for coordinating





Register **TODAY**

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

**STEAMOJI'S**  
**VEX ROBOTICS**

THURSDAYS 2:30-3:30PM



# CURRENT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

**TERM 2: JANUARY 10 – MARCH 13 | 2:30-3:30PM**

**Wednesdays: Martial Arts (12 Registrants)**

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

**Thursdays: Steamoji's Robotics (9 Registrants)**

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

**TERM 3:** Tues: Yoga, Thurs: Sportball - In progress

 **A BIG THANK YOU TO...**

Mahsa & Josette for organizing!





# HOT LUNCHES

**\$3,787 Funds Raised**

**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](https://munchalunch.com) & click "Order Lunch!"

**♥ BIG THANK YOU TO...**

Kristi for running the whole project! Looking for a new hot lunch coordinator to train!



CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY



**VIP  
PARKING**



# VIP PARKING

**\$1400 RAISED** this term (**\$3000 total**)

 **A BIG THANK YOU TO...**

The Miller & Sichani families for their generous donations & bids!

**REMINDER** please DO NOT park in these 2 VIP parking spots. This is a great fundraiser for our school and we want these generous families to get good use of their donation!



CYPRESS CLOSET

New  
SPIRIT  
WEAR

Show your Cypress  
Park Spirit!

bit.ly/CP-Spirit-Wear

# SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAYS

## DO WE WANT TO REOPEN OUR STORE?

Previously Cypress Park Spirit Wear T-shirts, pullover & zip-up hoodies were available in both Navy & Grey. Do we want anything new?

23



Pieces of Spirit Wear

Ordered

\$124



Funds

Raised so far

Josette Calleja

# DPAC Tech Talk



# No public meeting held in Jan, instead it was a technology talk, sharing the tools used in our district schools.



**The goal of the district is to prepare our children for the world they are entering, not the world we came from**



**There are multiple tools being used to cater to different learning styles**



**Discussed helpful math app's that can help enhance math learning:**

Khan Academy app  
Prodigy math game app  
Both cater to kids from K-12



**E portfolios (similar to Seesaw)**

Seesaw is primary grades, google classroom in later grades

This portfolios are for parental awareness

# Google Classroom

**By Grade 4, our kids will be using their own computers**

## **Most assignments get uploaded in Google classroom**

- This will be a soft start in grade 4 and gradually increases
- Calendars are added at the district level for various activities
- Students can subscribe to these calendars to keep up with events
- “Club Connection” Page to discuss the 70 clubs across the district
- This is the tool used for communication between student and admin
- Classroom lessons and videos are uploaded
- Parents will need to understand how to navigate this tool if you want to understand what your child is working on.





## Digital Citizenship

- The goal of the district is to teach kids how to be responsible with tech, recognizing, it also starts at home
- The WVD website has a section called “digital citizen hub” with tools and resources to equip parents with facts and tips on teaching their kids digital citizenship :  
<https://sites.google.com/sd45.bc.ca/digcit/home?authuser=1>

Tips for parenting Digital Natives hand out as well as Family Device Agreement.



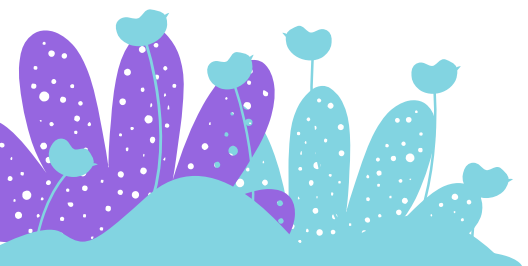
**Scott Slater**  
Principal, Cypress Park & West Bay



**Christine Hulme**  
VP, Cypress Park Primary

# ADMIN UPDATE

## Vice Principal Report





# COMMITTEES

Looking for more volunteers!

- Hot Lunch
- Garden
- Fundraising
- After School
- Events
- Cultural Enrichment

Use the QR Code to join the main  
Cypress Park PAC group



# Next meetings

Feb 27 @ 5:30PM

so that Scott & Christine can go home?

March - No Meeting

Apr 30 @ 9:15AM

May 28 @ 5:30PM

June – TBD



CYPRESS PARK  
PRIMARY PAC

# THANKS

ANY QUESTIONS? Happy to answer!

Natalie Quilty | 778.233.6287 | [nat.quilty@gmail.com](mailto:nat.quilty@gmail.com)