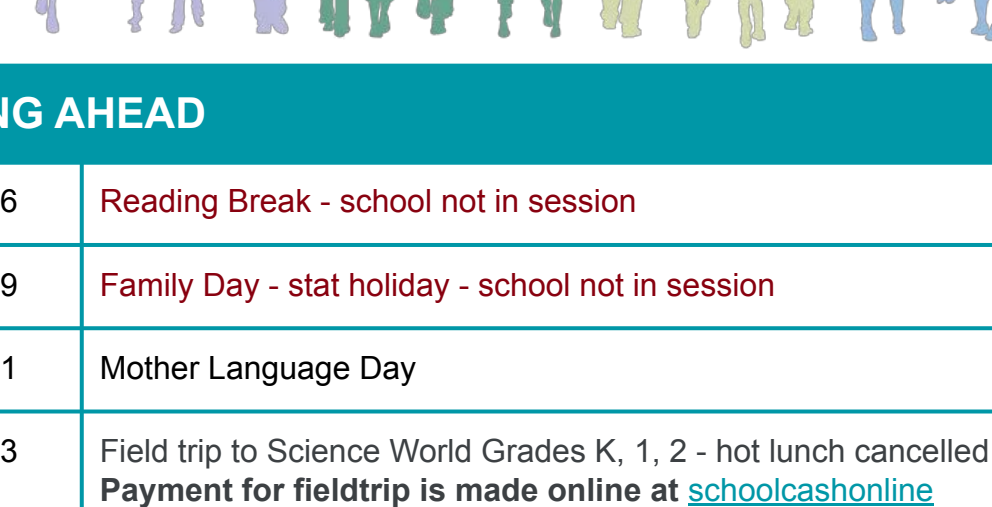


**February 15, 2024**

**REMINDER - LONG WEEKEND AHEAD**

Tomorrow, **Friday February 16th**, is Reading Break day and schools will not be in session. **Monday February 19th** is Family Day holiday, and schools will not be in session. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday, February 20th

**FAMILY DAY** celebrates the bonds that tie us together, honoring the importance of family in our lives. We hope you have a wonderful 4 day weekend and spend some quality time with loved ones through activities, gatherings, and shared moments of joy and connection.



**LOOKING AHEAD**

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	Field trip to Science World Grades K, 1, 2 - hot lunch cancelled for K-2 only Payment for fieldtrip is made online at <a href="https://schoolcashonline">schoolcashonline</a>
February 23	Spirit Wear Day
February 27	5:30 PM PAC Meeting - new time and location (PAC Chair's house)
February 28	Pink Shirt Day
February 29	Gr 3 skating trip with West Bay
March 1	Spirit Wear Day
March 8	Spirit Wear Day International Women's Day
March 10	Daylight Savings - clocks spring forward 1 hour
March 12	Ramadan begins
March 14	Nowruz Celebration at Cypress Park
March 15	Term 2 student reports posted to MyEd Parent Portal Last day of classes - Spring Break
March 19	Happy Nowruz
April 2	First day back to school

**Gōng xǐ fā cái - Lóng nián dàjì!**

Last Friday, our Cypress Park Community celebrated Lunar New Year. Thank you to the PAC for sponsoring the event and to all the parents who volunteered their time to help make the celebration a huge success. The festivities opened with a New Year story, followed by a beautiful song played on the Guzheng. Students then rotated through 4 stations that included calligraphy and paper cutting, a toy arrow game, a photobooth, and delicious food. We came together at the end and were treated to a beautiful dance by our very own Eleanor and Evelyn. The PAC also prepared a lucky red envelope with a greeting and a coin for everyone to take home.



**WORLD MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY**

International Mother Language Day is observed every year on **February 21**. At Cypress Park, we recognize that Languages and multilingualism can advance inclusion. Mrs. Babul, our English Language Learner teacher has shared a wonderful resource with our teachers and it is something families can utilise at home. <https://www.uniteforliteracy.com> is a website that has a library of digital books that can be read in multiple languages. We encourage you to explore this resource and participate in Mother Language Day by reading a book with your child in a different language. You can choose a different language and listen to the book in English and your chosen language.



**ARRIVING LATE - SET THOSE ALARMS**

The most crucial learning hours of a school day are often in the morning. Arriving late means students can miss out on this learning as well as efforts to set the stage for the day and sometimes disrupt the learning of others. If families are finding it difficult to arrive on time, please connect with your child's teacher so that we can support you and your child.

**LEAVING EARLIER THAN 2:35 PM**

Please email your child's teacher AND the office **on the morning** of the early departure so that teaching staff are aware. Unscheduled student pick up should only occur in the case of emergency. Students are responsible for getting themselves to the office for early departures. \*Please help to reinforce this change of process with your child/ren.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL**

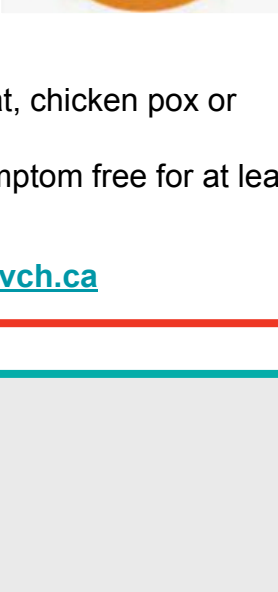
PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE - [ethoma@wvschools.ca](mailto:ethoma@wvschools.ca) or call 604-981-1330

**K-3 STUDENT SNACK SCHEDULE**

February 21	Hummus / Mini Cucumbers
February 28	Crackers / Individual Cheese
March 6	Bagel / Cream Cheese
March 13	Banana / Cheese String

**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](https://vch.ca)

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

**PAC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FUNDING FUTURES – HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK – SPONSOR TODAY –**

Did you & your child enjoy the **LUNAR NEW YEAR** celebration? A big thanks to all our sponsors from last year & the volunteers from this year for making the storytelling, music, dance, games, calligraphy, crafts, photo booth, homemade dumplings, sweet treats, festivities & red envelopes all happen! Please consider [donating to Funding Futures](#) - without these sponsorships, events Lunar New Year are not possible. Thanks again for all of your support!



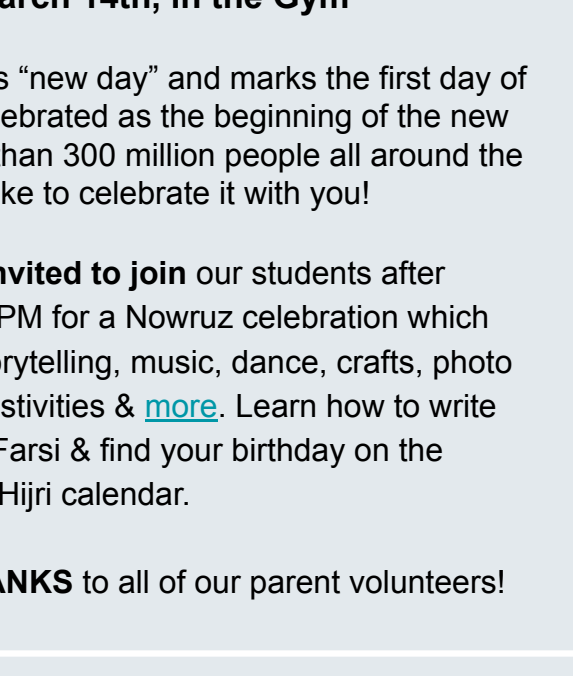
**LACROSSE: EXPERTS-IN-RESIDENCE**  
Sponsored by the PAC & Funding Futures

Our students were open-minded & risk-takers when learning a new skill in the gym - lacrosse! As a special treat, the Vancouver Warriors Lacrosse team are offering Cypress Park a special rate for Warriors games for the rest of the season – \$10/ticket.

Get your discount Warriors tickets [here](#).

**PARENTS SOCIAL @ ORCHARD**  
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](mailto:info.paccpp@gmail.com) with the amount you'd like to purchase & "Orchard Gift Card." **Looking forward to seeing you there!**



**New SPIRIT WEAR**  
Show your Cypress Park Spirit!



**NEW SPIRIT WEAR AVAILABLE!**  
THURS FEB 29 – ORDER DEADLINE

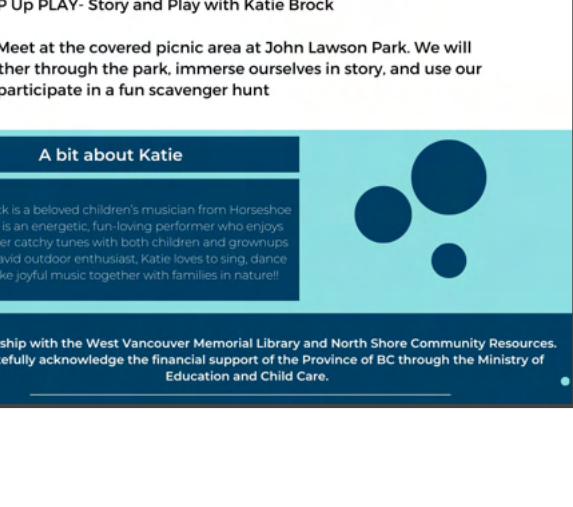
All NEW ITEMS as well as our classics are now available for purchase from our Cypress Park Spirit Wear store for both youth & adults. Everything is available in both navy & grey. New items include:

- Long Sleeve Tee & Crewneck Sweatshirt
- Fleece Two-Tone Hooded Sweatshirt
- Ball Cap, Knit Toque, Pom-Pom Beanie
- Joggers & Varsity Activity Packs

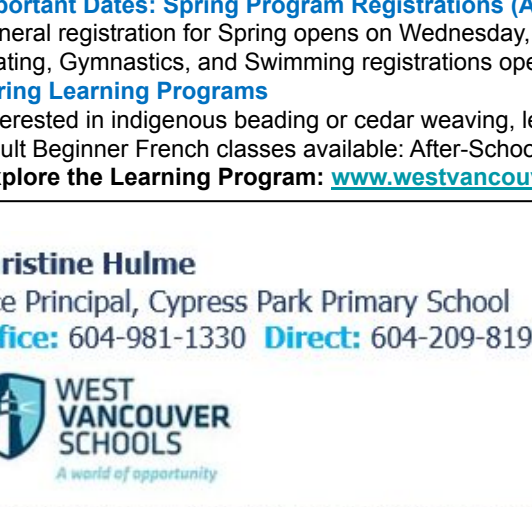
**ORDER SPIRIT WEAR**

**NEXT PAC MEETING**  
Join us & bring a friend!

- Tues, Feb 27 @ 5:30-6:30PM
- 4115 Marine Drive, at Nat's House
- FINAL January PAC Presentation 2024



**HAPPY Nowruz**



**NOWRUZ CELEBRATION**  
Thursday, March 14th, in the Gym

Nowruz means "new day" and marks the first day of spring. It is celebrated as the beginning of the new year by more than 300 million people all around the world & we'd like to celebrate it with you!

Parents are invited to join our students after school at 2:35PM for a Nowruz celebration which will include storytelling, music, dance, crafts, photo booth, food, festivities & more. Learn how to write your name in Farsi & find your birthday on the Persian Solar Hijri calendar.

♥ A BIG THANKS to all of our parent volunteers!

**SPORTSBALL – REGISTRATION**  
This, April 4-June 20 @ 2:40-3:40 PM – Gym

This Sportsball After School Program is for all grades & focuses on FUN, physical literacy & sport skill improvement through fun games & activities. Participants will move through a variety of sports such as **basketball, soccer, tennis, football, hockey, volleyball, handball** & more. This is a non-competitive program & is suitable for athletes of any experience or level. Students will leave the day with a smile on their face, eager for the next day! **Cost: \$240 + GST (12 Sessions)**

**REGISTER HERE TODAY**



**DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Learn the most effective parenting strategies**  
experienced clinical counsellor Sharon Shelby

**PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOP WITH SHARON SHELBY**

Would you like to learn from an expert who has a wealth of knowledge about the most effective parenting strategies in helping your children build positive peer relations and develop skills to understand and manage conflicts?

**Date:** February 22nd  
**Time:** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
**Location:** West Bay Learning Commons  
**Cost:** \$8.00

[Click here](#) to sign up for the session.  
[Click here](#) to pay \$8.00 on Munchlunch.  
 Click on "Workshop with Sharon Shelby" under the main menu.  
 We Can't wait to see you there and embark on this journey together towards nurturing our children's emotional growth.

Sharon Shelby is an experienced clinical counsellor who assists families to develop social and emotional competencies.

**Pop Up PLAY**  
Take a (Story) Walk with Us!

Free, no registration required

What's a Story Walk? A multi-sensory experience where children enjoy interactive books, music, art and the outdoors.

Come dressed for the weather! These walks are outdoor and child friendly.

When: **Saturday, March 2, 2024 (10:00-11:00 am)**  
 Event: POP UP PLAY - Story and Play with Katie Brock

Location: Meet at the covered picnic area at John Lawson Park. We will walk together through the park, immerse ourselves in story, and use our senses to participate in a fun scavenger hunt!

A bit about Katie

In partnership with the West Vancouver Memorial Library and North Shore Community Resources. We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of BC through the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

**ACTIVITIES AT YOUR WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CENTRE / GLENEAGLES COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Spring Break Intensive Group Classes Also Available for All Ages: **Beginner French Intensive & Music Theory Intensive**  
<https://wvs.ca/programs/activities/recreation/recreation-services/recreation-activities/camps>

**Important Dates: Spring Program Registrations (April – June)**  
 General registration for Spring opens on Wednesday, March 6  
 Skating, Gymnastics, and Swimming registrations open on Wednesday, March 13

**Spring Learning Programs**  
 Interested in indigenous beading or cedar weaving, learning Languages, STEAM, Chess, Lego?  
 Adult Beginner French classes available: After-School Kids' Farsi, Korean, Mandarin classes are also available.  
 Explore the Learning Program: [www.westvancouver.ca/learning](https://www.westvancouver.ca/learning)

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