



CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY THURSDAY eBULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

STARTING NEXT WEEK SEPTEMBER 16th

We will be commencing our regular school schedule next week, all students Kindergarten to Grade 3 in attendance. REMINDER our morning bell rings at 8:30am, please make sure your child arrives on time. Being on time allows your child a successful start to their day. Our dismissal bell is at 2:30pm

LOOKING AHEAD	
September 13	Kindergarten dismissal 12:00 NOON
September 13	Every Friday is Spirit Wear Day at Cypress Park To order your Spirit Wear click here
September 16	FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN BEGINS
September 19	All student emergency forms to classroom teachers
September 17	3:45-4:45 PM #1 grade 3 cross country - Ambleside Park 8:10 am running practice at school Wednesdays
September 19	Individual student photo day
September 20	Professional Development Day - school not in session
September 24	5:30 PM PAC meeting at the PAC Chair's home -
September 24	3:45-4:45 PM #2 grade 3 cross county - Ambleside Park 8:00 am running practice at school Wednesdays
September 25	2:00 PM Terry Fox Run - wear your RED and WHITE Must have Policy & Procedure form filled out to participate
September 25	2:30 PM PAC Sponsored Welcome Back Picnic - following Terry Fox Run
September 26	5:00-6:00 PM Parent Information Evening - (parents only)
September 27	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Recognition

STUDENT PHOTO DAY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH



Individual student photos will be taken. If rain is in the forecast please remember to send appropriate rain gear to ensure your child is photo ready. Remember to bring your best smiles!



SPRIT FRIDAYS

Show your Spirit on Fridays by wearing your Cypress Park spirit wear - spirit wear sales are now open until 27 September.

13 and 27 September Spirit Days

CELEBRATING STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

If you wish to bring a treat to celebrate student birthdays, please plan for distributing it at the end of the day, after the students have been dismissed. Please be mindful of invitations to birthday parties. If the whole class is not invited, please distribute invitations on play dates.



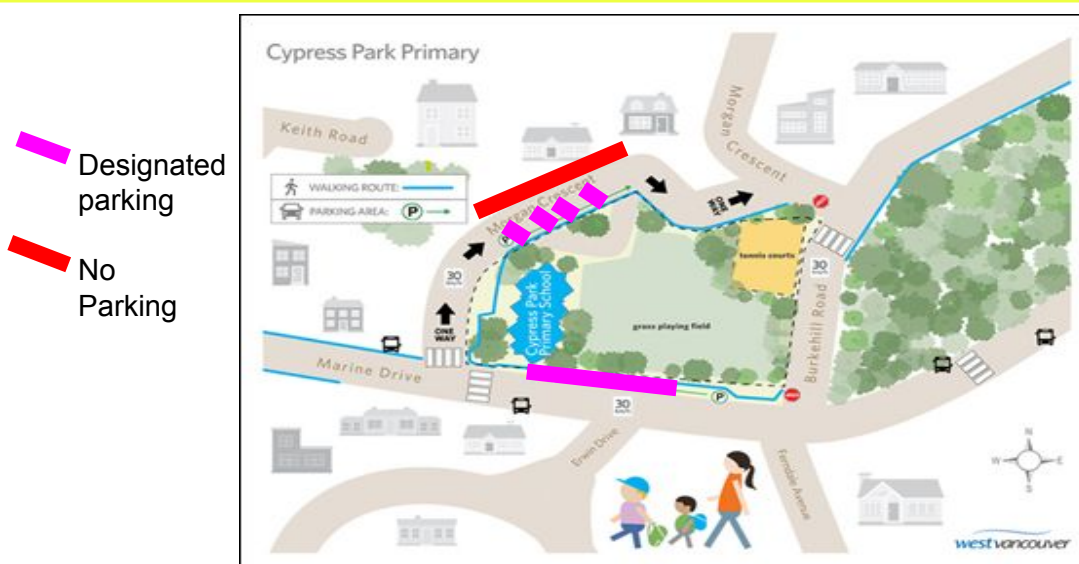
SAFE ARRIVAL AND PICK UP INFORMATION

It is important to ensure that getting to and from school is safe for all students. Please do your part to follow Cypress Park's drop-off and pick-up procedures and expectations.



- Slow down. Obey 30 km/hr. speed limits in school and playground zones
- Yield for pedestrians at ALL times
- When crossing the street use designated crosswalks only
- Please do not enter the staff parking area, this is for the safety of your children and to avoid any vehicle backups.
- Obey all posted parking signs – especially in the drop off areas immediately in front of the school; please be respectful of accessible spaces and reserved parking spots
- **Parking along Morgan Crescent is for diagonal parking only. There is no parking on the left side of the street on Morgan.** Additional designated parking is on right hand side of **Marine Dr** beside the school field.
- Students are to line-up outside their classroom doors. Parents should not enter the classrooms at arrival times.

Please communicate this information to any other individuals who may be dropping off or picking up children.



REMINDER - TIME SENSITIVE

24-25 STUDENT RELEASE DRILL FORMS

Our forms went home with students last Friday. Please return by Thursday, September 19th so that we have all your contact information on record in the case of an emergency release.

TEACHER CONTACT EMAILS

Our full staff list for the upcoming school year (as well as contact information) can be found [HERE](#)

ONLINE POLICY AND PROCEDURE FORM

We are still waiting for some families to complete the annual online Policies and Procedures eform. Parents need to submit a form for each child. The form can be accessed [HERE](#). If you previously created an account to complete the 24/25 form, the form is the same. If you have forgotten your password, please follow the instructions to reset it. When you login, you have the option to either update a P+P form created last year or create a new one. As in past years, the lack of a form must be considered a negative response, which means, among other things, that students are not allowed to leave school property with teachers for outside classroom instruction.



MEDICAL ALERTS



EPIPEN

If your child requires an EPIPEN to be administered during school hours because of a life threatening allergy please ensure that the school office is informed so that allergy alerts can be sent to classroom teachers as soon as possible and please supply the office with an up to date EPIPEN at the same time. [CLICK HERE](#) to download our Anaphylaxis-Emergency Plan form.

INHALERS

If your child requires an inhaler, please supply the school office with an inhaler as soon as possible. [CLICK HERE](#) to download our Asthma Care Plan form.

SEIZURES

If you child may have a seizure during school hours, [CLICK HERE](#) to download our Seizure Action Plan forms.

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, do Math IXL online, or take advantage of other emergent opportunities to practise 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 of students within the classroom

LEAVING EARLIER THAN 2:30 PM

Please email teachers and office first thing in the morning. All students need to be signed out at the office if departing before 2:30 PM.

STUDENT ABSENCES

PLEASE EMAIL ethoma@wvschools.ca

CYPRESS PARK KIDS CLUB

NOW accepting registration for the After School Care at Cypress Park Primary School for September 2024. Our After School Care program is available 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm every weekday when school is in session. We provide a dynamic, fun-filled and educational after-school program for children. We make safe and fun environment for children to participate in, with inside/outside play, active games, and arts and crafts. For more information, please log into our website: <http://www.cypresskidsclub.com/>

FEEDING FUTURES

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare [Feeding Futures initiative](#), the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their school principal or to feedingfutures@wvschools.ca if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

HEALTH REMINDER



No Tree Nuts

NUT AWARE SCHOOL

Please remember that Cypress Park is a Nut Aware school and parents and guardians should NOT pack nuts and/or nut products in their child's lunches. Thank you.

OPTIONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR FAMILIES

Each year the school district reminds families that they have the option to purchase insurance coverage against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. There are many different voluntary plans that provide coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. Families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider.

PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICE EXPECTATIONS

At West Vancouver Schools, we understand that personal digital devices offer students valuable opportunities to collaborate, create, and communicate, enhancing their learning experiences. We also recognize the importance of maintaining focused and safe learning environments for all students. Recently, provincial guidelines and legislation have further highlighted the need to minimize distractions, as digital devices can interrupt class time, interfere with student concentration, and disrupt the educational setting.

To support focused and safe learning environments, West Vancouver Schools is refining our approach to digital device use and will be uniformly applying personal digital device expectations across all schools. Starting this school year, personal digital devices will only be allowed with the explicit permission of a teacher or administrator, who will provide clear guidelines to ensure their use is intentional and directly supports student learning. Additionally, considerations will be made to accommodate students' medical and health needs, accessibility, and accommodation requirements.

Here's what this means for different school levels:

- **Elementary Schools:** Personal digital device expectations will apply throughout the entire school day. Mobile phones will not be used at all during school hours.

By working together, we can create a safer, more focused learning environment for all students. These small steps at home can make a big difference in reinforcing the positive changes we're implementing at school. Thank you for your cooperation and support,

Christine Hulme - Vice Principal

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Indigenous Arts & Culture Workshop this fall.

Small Group Music Classes:
Ukulele, Acoustic Guitar and Singing Classes are starting in September.

Language Program for Various Ages:
Give yourself a gift of language skills in French, Spanish, Mandarin, Farsi, Korean, American Sign Language (ASL), Ukrainian and English as a Second/Third Language.

Click here for
PD Day Camps

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

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VIP PARKING – SILENT AUCTION

Do you dream of hassle-free drop-offs & pick-ups?

CURRENT BID: \$350 | TERM 1: Sept - Dec

- **WHAT?** 2 VIP Parking spots conveniently located near the school entrance available for silent auction
- **HOW?** Send your bids to info.paccpp@gmail.com
- **DEADLINE?** Friday, September 20
- **WHY?** Your bid also directly contributes to our school's enrichment programs & resources.

SAPLINGS – THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

- **DETAILS:** Saplings Outdoor Program
- **DATE:** Thursdays, Sept 12-Dec 19
- **TIME:** 2:30-4:30PM
- **COST:** \$470 (2HR Program, 13 sessions)

This 2 hour program offers a unique opportunity for children to learn & explore in a natural setting. Activities include exploring plants & animals, building fairy houses, forts & shelters, bow & arrows, nature art & playing classic games in the great outdoors. This course is open to all grades.

— REGISTER FOR SAPLINGS —



WELCOME BACK PICNIC

Please join us after the Terry Fox Run for a Welcome Back Picnic!

- **When:** Wed, Sept 25, 2:30PM
- **Where:** Cypress Park

The PAC will provide lemonade. Please bring some snacks to share, your blanket & meet other parents while the kids play. No nuts please!

HOT LUNCH FUNDRAISER IS BACK!

The PAC is proud to offer Foodie Kids (Mon), Fresh Bay Pizza (Wed) & Aburi Sushi (Fri). Parents can login or sign up for an account at [Munchalunch](https://munchalunch.com).

The system will be open all year & updates can be made 2 weeks prior to delivery. Cutlery will not be provided but can be purchased [here](#).

Any Questions? Please contact our hot lunch coordinator Mahsa at mahsa878@gmail.com



— ORDER HOT LUNCH —



SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAYS

Order your Fall 2024 Cypress Spirit Wear TODAY! **NEW** items available in both navy & grey:

- **NEW!** 2 Tone Hoodies & Baseball Tees
- **NEW!** Cozy Joggers & Skorts
- T-shirts, Pullover, Hoodies, Hats & Bags

ORDER DEADLINE IS SEPT 27.

— ORDER SPIRIT WEAR —

WELCOME BACK PAC MEETING

- **When:** Sept 24 @ 5:30-6:30 PM
- **Where:** PAC Chair's – 4115 Marine Dr

This year, we're happy to continue in-person PAC meetings, which will be held on the last Tuesday of every month. Morning meetings will be in the school gym & evening meetings will be at our PAC Chair, Natalie Quilty's home.

Future dates:

- Oct 29 @ 9:15-10:15 AM
- Nov 26 @ 5:30-6:30 PM
- Dec 17 @ 9:15-10:15 AM



FUNDING FUTURES – SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

OUR MISSION is to raise funds for Cypress Park resources, equipment, experts-in-residence programs, health, social, science, arts, music, math & cultural enrichment & more!

When people ask "what does the PAC pay for anyways?" these sponsorship items are our list!

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO VOTE on what the PAC spends money on. Without these sponsorships, our students won't have the activities or resources that you see on our [webpage](#).

NEW WISHLIST ITEMS THIS YEAR...



DOG MAN BOOK SERIES
CAD\$20.00



POKEMON BOOKS
CAD\$20.00



CAT KID BOOK SERIES
CAD\$20.00



BABYSITTERS CLUB SISTERS
CAD\$15.00

MONTESSORI WOODEN TOWER STACKING GAME

Montessori Math & Learning Toy: Insert the wooden sticks into the tower, and place the small ball upon...

CAD\$30.00



LEARN & GROW ROAD MAGNETIC TILES

CONVERT our regular Magnetic Tiles into ROADS! Learn & Grow Magnetic Tile Toppers are compatib...

CAD\$40.00



INQUIRY - MY CYPRESS TREE BLOCKS

These block tools will be used by Cypress Park students in the "How We Express Ourselves" unit o...

CAD\$20.00



INQUIRY - MY WILD ANIMAL BLOCKS

These block tools will be used by Cypress Park students in the "How We Express Ourselves" unit o...

CAD\$45.00



SANDTASTIK SPARKLING PLAY SAND

LEARN! Experience the transformative power of sand as it enhances you child's fine motor skills,...

CAD\$110.00



INQUIRY - MY BLUE WATER BLOCKS

These block tools will be used by Cypress Park students in the "How We Express Ourselves" unit o...

CAD\$45.00



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or go to <https://cypress-park.square.site/>

Email info.paccpp@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer or have any questions!