



**CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY THURSDAY eBULLETIN**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2024**

**REMINDER**

Tomorrow, September 20th is our first Professional Development Day, for teachers. Schools will not be in session. We wish everyone a wonderful long weekend and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday, September 23rd.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

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 8:10 am running practice at school Wednesdays
September 24	2:30 PM after school program - ArtMania begins
September 25	2:00PM Terry Fox Run - wear your <b>RED</b> and <b>WHITE</b> <i>Must have Policy &amp; Procedure form filled out to participate</i>
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	<b>Orange Shirt Day</b>
September 29	CYPRESS PARK SPIRIT WEAR - Ordering Deadline - <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
September 30	National Day for Truth and Recognition - school not in session
October 1	3:45-4:45 PM #3 grade 3 cross county - Ambleside Park 8:00 am running practice at school Wednesdays
October 14	Thanksgiving Day Holiday - school not in session

**TERRY FOX RUN  
25 SEPTEMBER**

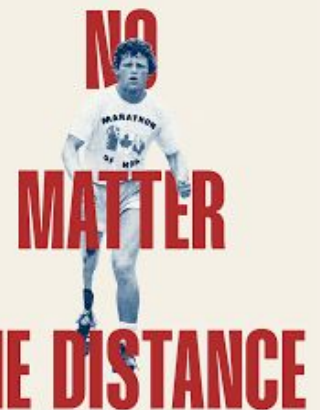


**REMEMBER**

**YOUR TOONIE FOR TERRY**

The annual Terry Fox Run has become a fall tradition in Canada, with more than 650 communities, big and small, urban and rural, English and French, fundraising for cancer research. This year, Cypress Park will participate on Thursday, September 25 at 2:00 pm. Students are asked to wear **RED** for Canada or their CP spirit wear and bring a "Toonie for Terry" to school to donate to Cancer research and continue Terry's Marathon of Hope. [Click here](#) for more information.

We will need Parent Volunteers to support this event. The run will take place at 2:00 pm. Parent volunteers will be posted along the run route for safety and support. If you are interested in being a volunteer please contact Mrs. Hulme [chulme@wvschools.ca](mailto:chulme@wvschools.ca)



**TEACHER CONTACT EMAILS**

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



# CYPRESS PARK PARENT INFORMATION EVENING - September 26th 5-6pm

Cypress Park families are invited to attend our Parent Info Evening. This is a great opportunity for families to meet their child's/children's teacher(s) and learn about the year ahead. The evening will start in the gym and be followed by two sessions in classrooms.

## PARENT Info Night

Here are the key details:

- **This event is for parents/guardians only.**
- 5:00-5:15 PM, Principal Scott Slater, Vice-Principal Christine Hulme, and IB Coordinator Morikke Espenhain will give an overview of what learning and inquiry looks like at Cypress Park
- 5:20-5:35 PM, parents will find their child's classroom for Session #1. Teachers will introduce themselves and their classroom and share information about classroom routines and how parents can support their child's education.
- 5:40-5:55 PM, parents who have two children at Cypress Park will find their other child's classroom for Session #2 which is a repeat of Session #1.
- 6:00 PM, Event Ends

This evening is not for conversations about individual student learning. However, individual Student Learning Conferences will be held on October 22nd and 23rd. Sign up for the conferences will be online, and more information will follow in future bulletins.

## SAFE ARRIVAL AND PICK UP INFORMATION

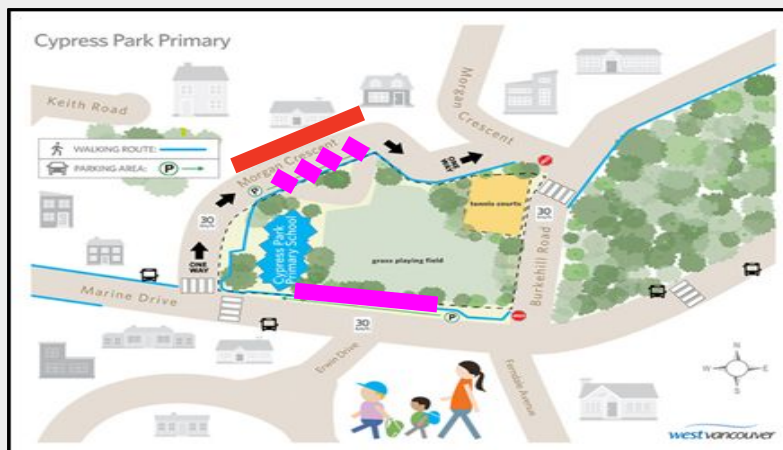
It is important to ensure that getting to and from school is safe for all students. Please do your part to follow Cypress Park's drop-off and pick-up procedures and expectations.

- 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.

-  Designated parking
-  No Parking





## COPS FOR CANCER

What a special treat to have a visit from the riders and supporters of Cops for Cancer, Tour de Coast. They will begin their cycle of 800 km over 8 days along the coast of BC, fundraising for childhood cancer research. Thank you to our Cypress Park Families for their donations last Spring.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We would like to take a moment to emphasize the importance of regular school attendance and punctuality.

**Consistent Attendance Matters:** Every day in school is an opportunity for your child to learn, grow, and thrive. Regular attendance ensures they don't miss out on valuable classroom experiences and educational milestones. It's the foundation for success in their academic journey.



**Vacations During School Time:** While we understand that family vacations are a cherished tradition, we encourage you to plan them during school breaks whenever possible. Missing school for extended periods can disrupt your child's learning progress and make it challenging for them to catch up on missed lessons.

**On-Time Arrival:** Being on time is equally crucial. It sets a positive tone for the day and allows your child to settle in, engage with peers, and benefit fully from classroom instruction. Punctuality fosters good habits that will serve them well throughout life.

**Late Arrival Policy:** If your child is arriving late to school, please drop them off outside the undercover entrance door. The door is unlocked, there is no reason to ring the bell. Your child can enter the school on their own and report to the front office. Ms. Thoma will check them in, and help them to their classrooms.

Your partnership in ensuring your child's regular attendance and punctuality greatly contributes to their success in school. We appreciate your support and commitment to their education. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community.

## 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

2024-2025 YEAR TO DATE CALENDAR

[HERE](#)

2024-2025 BELL SCHEDULE

[HERE](#)

PLAYGROUND RULES

[HERE](#)

CYPRESS PARK CODE OF CONDUCT

[HERE](#)

## 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/>

# NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

SEPTEMBER 30TH



Cypress Park school will recognize Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 27th, and all children, staff and families are invited to wear an orange shirt. This day, and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, is to honour the legacy of indigenous, inuit and Metis children in Canada who were taken from their homes and sent to residential schools between the 1830s and 1980s. Students will learn, in an age-appropriate way, about the theme of the day, "Every Child Matters." A reminder that Monday, September 30th, is a national holiday.

## WEST VANCOUVER REC CENTRE 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>

Are you new in West Vancouver?

Come, discover and join us:

[www.westvancouver.ca/newcomers](http://www.westvancouver.ca/newcomers)



### Path to Reconciliation:

Special programming to mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30

As the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation approaches on September 30, the West Vancouver Memorial Library invites you to attend a series of powerful programs and explore essential resources dedicated to education and action.

### Programs

**Celebrate the launch of the Skw'shítsut/Skw'shétsut – Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim Language Kits**

*Tuesday, September 24, 10 – 11:30 a.m.*

Join us on our rooftop garden, Swáýwi temíxw, for traditional storytelling with Tsitsáyxemaat, bannock, and prizes!

**Art Talk featuring Aaron Nelson-Moody (aka Splash)**

*Thursday, September 26, 7 – 8 p.m.*

Join West Vancouver Art Museum Assistant Curator Alison Powell for a conversation with artist Aaron Nelson-Moody/Tawx'sin Yexwulla about his activism and advocacy work and the collaborative nature of his working style.

**Storytelling, Songs, and Crafts with Lisa Lewis | Ages 5-9**

*Saturday, September 28, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.*

Spend Saturday morning with Squamish Nation author Lisa Lewis. She will share the story of *Tsunaxen's Journey*, teach traditional songs, and guide children through a craft activity.

**Movie Matinée Double\_Feature: Beyond Being Silenced and WAAYDANAA**

*Saturday, September 28, 2 – 3 p.m.*

This double-feature screening explores Haida culture and resilience through two impactful films. *Beyond Being Silenced: Gyaa Isdlaa* follows Haida artist Robert Davidson as he stages a potlatch to honour Indigenous resilience, acknowledging past abuses while celebrating cultural renewal. *Waaydanaa: Now is the Time* revisits the historic moment when 22-year-old Davidson carved and raised the first new totem pole on Haida Gwaii in nearly a century, marking the rebirth of the Haida spirit.

**Movie Matinée: Bones of Crows**

*Monday, September 30, 2 – 4:15 p.m.*

*Bones of Crows* tells the epic story of Cree matriarch Aline Spears, chronicling her experiences in the residential school system and the intergenerational impact on her family. This film offers an unflinching portrayal of the long-lasting effects of systemic injustice on Indigenous communities.

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## REMINDERS & QUICK LINKS...

- ✓ **VIP PARKING AUCTION:** The current top bid is \$500. Please send bids to [info.paccpp@gmail.com](mailto:info.paccpp@gmail.com), text your class rep, or Natalie Quilty at 778.233.6287 by **Fri, Sept 20**
- ✓ **REGISTER FOR SAPLINGS:** Saplings started last week, but there are still spots available!
- ✓ **ORDER HOT LUNCH:** Open for delivery 2 weeks from your order date.
- ✓ **ORDER SPIRIT WEAR:** CLOSING SOON! Order by **Sept, 29**. Get ready for Spirit Wear Fridays!



## WELCOME BACK PAC MEETING

**NEXT Tues, Sept 24, 5:30-6:30 PM**  
**PAC Chair's Home - 4115 Marine Dr, West Van**

We're happy to continue in-person PAC meetings this year! Next week's event will be held at our PAC Chair's home. Please join us to discuss exciting plans for our new school year. Bring a friend & feel free to come by at 5pm for a drink, bite & visit. Let us know if you can make it, so that we have a rough idea of attendees. If you can't attend in person, please use the online details below:

- Online link: [https://bit.ly/CP-PAC\\_Sept](https://bit.ly/CP-PAC_Sept)
- Meeting ID: 269 115 687 474
- Passcode: QZzVSn

## WELCOME BACK PICNIC

**NEXT Wed, Sept 25, 2:30PM | Cypress Park Field**

Please join us for a fun community gathering – bring your blanket & meet other parents while the kids play! Looking for volunteers - let your class rep know if you're interested.

- **Picnic Snacks to Share:** eg. fruit, crackers & cheese, granola bars, popsicles.
- **Run Guides:** 2x volunteers from each class to help guide runners at the Terry Fox Run (2pm)





## CYPRESS PARK FALL FAIR

SAVE THE DATE – Fri, Oct 18 @ 2:30PM

Get ready for a day of autumn excitement, laughter & family fun at our Fall Fair! Admission is FREE & highlights will include carnival games, apple & cider tasting, popcorn, snacks, fall photo booth & more!

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

## FUNDING FUTURES: HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK

### BOOK BARN – FREE LITTLE LIBRARY:

This Book Barn or Free Little Library will be built by the dads in our community as a legacy project & will live in our forest with the Fairy Doors (another past PAC legacy project). It will to be a catalyst for building community, inspire our little readers, and expand book sharing & exchange between our children. Value: \$1000

**—SPONSOR OUR BOOK BARN TODAY—**

**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 <https://cypress-park.square.site/>



### FALL FESTIVAL

CELEBRATION INCLUDING FOOD, DECOR & ACTIVITIES Value: QTY 4 | \$75 each or \$300...

CAD\$75.00



### MOVIE & PJ NIGHT

CELEBRATION INCLUDING FOOD, DECOR & ACTIVITIES Value: QTY 4 | \$75 each or \$300...

CAD\$75.00



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Consider donating a prize to our R is for Raffle Winter Fundraiser!  
Message us today [info.paccpp@gmail.com](mailto:info.paccpp@gmail.com) for more info.