



CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY THURSDAY eBULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

REMINDER - Parent Information Evening Tonight 5-6PM!
 The Cypress Park staff would like to invite families to our information evening. **This event is for parents/guardians only.** We look forward to seeing everyone there. The evening will start in the gym at 5:00 and be followed by two session in classrooms.

LOOKING AHEAD	
September 26	5:00-6:00 PM Parent Information Evening - (parents only)
September 27	Ordering Deadline - SPIRIT WEAR - CLICK HERE
September 27	Orange Shirt Day
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
October 8	8:30-9:00 AM ELL Welcome Tea in the Library at Cypress Park
October 11	1:30 PM Andy the Musical Scientist Performance
October 14	Thanksgiving Day Holiday - school not in session
October 17	10:00 AM Shakeout BC Earthquake Drill



Show your Spirit on Fridays by wearing your Cypress Park spirit wear tomorrow.

TEACHER CONTACT EMAILS

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

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION
SEPTEMBER 30TH



Cypress Park school will recognize Orange Shirt Day tomorrow, Friday, September 27th, and all children, staff and families are invited to wear an orange shirt. 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.

The Story of Orange Shirt Day [HERE](#).

ELL WELCOME TEA

A parent information session about Cypress Park’s English Language Learning (ELL) program will be held on Tuesday, October 8th from **8:30 - 9:00 am** in the Library for all new and returning parents.



CYPRESS PARK PARENT INFORMATION EVENING - TONIGHT! 5-6pm

Cypress Park families are invited to attend our Parent Info Evening starting in our gym, tonight. 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 session in classrooms.



STUDENT ILLNESS

As we approach the season where respiratory viruses become more common, we remind families to keep children home from school when they are displaying symptoms of illness. Children will recover more quickly and are least likely to spread the virus to other students and families if they take a rest day when they are unwell and return when they are feeling well enough to fully participate in learning. Thank you.

Where can I find more information

- Health Link BC - by calling 8-1-1, you can speak to a health service navigator, who can help you find information and services, or connect you with a health professional. You can also find information online at www.healthlinkbc.ca
- Sneezes and Diseases - online at www.sneezesdiseases.com
- BCCDC - online at schools.bccdc.ca
- [Vancouver Coastal Health](#)
- VCH - online at [Children and Youth health - Vancouver Coastal Health](#)
- School Administrators can also contact their School Public Health Nurse

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.

If the school finds it necessary to send your child home because of illness, please make sure you have arranged an emergency contact if you are not available. [Inform you school of these arrangements.](#)

TOONIE FOR TERRY

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who braved the rain and came out for our Terry Fox Run! Your spirit and support truly made the day special, even in less-than-ideal weather. A special shoutout goes to our PAC for organizing a fantastic Welcome Back picnic afterward. The treats and snacks were a perfect way to celebrate our community's efforts and connect with one another. Together, we honored Terry's legacy and showed our commitment to finding a cure for cancer. Thank you to all the parent volunteers, spectators and to our Grade 3's for kicking things off with an assembly!

Terry Fox, a Canadian hero, embodied unparalleled **courage**, unwavering **strength**, and an enduring **hope** that continues to inspire those battling cancer worldwide. Despite his own physical challenges, Terry Fox's indomitable will ignited a beacon of hope for countless individuals facing similar hardships. His legacy lives on as a testament to the power of one person's resolve to make a difference in the fight against cancer.



CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Good luck Cypress Park at the 3rd and last meet next week, October 1st. We may be a small team, Jonah, Tara, Celine, Anna, Olivia and Joylin but the energy and enthusiasm of our team is unbeatable. Thank you to Ms. James and the parent volunteers for making it a successful season.



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.



NO SUCH THING AS BAD WEATHER JUST INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING

The wet weather has arrived! Students are outside for approximately 45 minutes for morning and lunch recesses and will need to keep warm and dry. Please ensure your child/ren come to school in appropriate waterproofed clothing and footwear. Please also make sure to add a change of dry clothing in their backpack.

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



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, Swá'wi 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.

Cypress Park
Kids Club

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/>

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REMINDERS & QUICK LINKS...

- ✓ **ORDER SPIRIT WEAR: LAST CHANCE** – Order by **Sept, 29**. Get ready for Spirit Wear Fridays!
- ✓ **TEACHER'S GIFTS:** Please e-transfer \$40 to info.paccpp@gmail.com for each student & add "Teacher's Gift, Your Child's Name, Your Child's Grade" in the description. Thanks!
- ✓ **ORDER HOT LUNCH:** Open for delivery 2 weeks from your order date.

VIP PARKING – \$1000 Raised

CONGRATS & THANKS TO THE HINCKS & MILLER FAMILIES FOR THEIR WINNING BIDS!

Please **DO NOT PARK** in the 2 VIP parking spots with the **YELLOW** & **TEAL** hearts. This is a great fundraiser for our school & we want these generous families to get good use of their donation & parking spots.

WELCOME BACK PAC MEETING

Thanks everyone that attended the PAC meeting on Wednesday & especially to our kindergarten families that attended for the first time!

Highlights included...

- Andy the Musical Scientist booked for Oct 11
- Upcoming Experts Programs
- New games for the Fall Fair
- Update on R is for Raffle Winter Fundraiser
- [Link to Full Presentation](#)



WELCOME BACK PICNIC

THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS

Thanks everyone for meeting up in the rain for our rainy day Welcome Back Picnic and to all the volunteers for helping make it special.

FUNDING FUTURES: SPONSORS OF THE WEEK THANKS TO THE BOSA FAMILY...

With their generous sponsorship, we're proud to bring in **Andy the Musical Scientist** as part of our Experts-in-Residence program on October 11. Music can generate interest in science, just as science can inspire new approaches to music. Andy uses homemade instruments & humor to demonstrate technology in music, scientific principles of sound, recycling. He shares anecdotes from his years of touring the world to inspire musical enthusiasm. Volunteers experience looping, beatboxing, Lego theremin, and building amazing inventions. Thanks Bosa Family for also sponsoring books for our library!

—SPONSOR EXPERTS PROGRAMS—

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/>



FENCING

The West Vancouver Schools Premier Fencing Academy has quickly grown to become one o...

CAD\$100.00



YOUNG ACTOR'S PROJECT

THE YOUNG ACTORS PROJECT INTRODUCES KIDS TO THE ART OF ACTING. THESE...

CAD\$200.00



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!

♥ **DO YOU HAVE A BUSINESS YOU'D LIKE TO PROMOTE?**
Consider donating a prize to our R is for Raffle Winter Fundraiser!
Message us today info.paccpp@gmail.com for more info.