



CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY THURSDAY eBULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

MEET & GREET TOMORROW!

At 2:15 teachers will be coming outside with their classes for an informal meet & greet. If you can make it, we would love to see you there! Students will be dismissed at the regular time at 2:30.

STAY UP TO DATE with our SCHOOL COMMUNICATION



Regular home communication is important to us! Please make reading our eBulletins a weekly routine to stay up-to-date with school events and information. A Cypress Park eBulletin will be emailed home every Thursday. Archived Bulletins can be found on the Cypress Park website under the school News and Publications. Please familiarise yourself with our website as it is your primary source of information.

LOOKING AHEAD

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. Rows include Spirit Wear Day, Hot Lunch deadline, Kindergarten conferences, emergency forms, cross country events, Terry Fox Run, photo day, Professional Development Day, PAC meeting, more cross country events, Parent Information Evening, Orange Shirt Day, and National Day for Truth and Recognition.

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.

CROSS COUNTRY GETS UNDERWAY FOR GRADES 3 STUDENTS

The Meets are scheduled at Ambleside after school on the following Tuesdays: September 17th, September 24th, and October 1st, from 3:45-4:45. A permission form will go home tomorrow. Stay tuned for more information about practices from our coaches Ms. Hulme and Ms. Taylor.



## STAFFING UPDATE FOR 2024-2025

Please join us in welcoming back to our Cypress Park community Ms. Krista Koke (grade 2), Ms. Johanna Becu (Music) and Mrs. Morikke Espenhain (IB Coordinator). Also new to our staff this year is Ms. Taylor James (grade 3), Sheila Gelinas (Education Assistant), Lois Jeung (Education Assistant), Nikki Chan (ELL) and Kerry Ashley (Counsellor). Our full staff list for the upcoming school year (as well as contact information) can be found [HERE](#).



Show your Spirit on Fridays by wearing your Cypress Park spirit wear - spirit wear sales are now open until 27 September. See PAC Section for more details.

13 and 27 September Spirit Days

## 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!

## PLEASE COMPLETE BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

Teaching staff would be grateful if all families could complete the annual online Policies and Procedures eform by Friday, 6th September. Parents need to submit a form for each child. The form can be accessed [HERE](#). If you previously created an account to complete the 23/24 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 outside for walks and teachers are not able to allow students to use software and websites.

## 24-25 STUDENT RELEASE DRILL FORMS

These forms will go home with students on Friday, September 6th. Please return by Thursday, September 19th so that we have all your contact information on record in the case of an emergency release.

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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



## 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.

### CYPRESS PARK CODE OF CONDUCT

[HERE](#)

### 2024-2025 YEAR TO DATE CALENDAR

[HERE](#)

### 2024-2025 BELL SCHEDULE

[HERE](#)

### 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](mailto:ethoma@wvschools.ca)

CYPRESS PARK KIDS CLUB is 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/>

### 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.

### How You Can Help:

To support these updated expectations, we ask parents and guardians to:

1. **Familiarize Yourself:** Please take time to read through the *Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices* ([here](#)) to fully understand the new district-wide expectations. Additionally, review any specific guidelines or expectations provided by your child's teacher(s). Understanding both the general and specific expectations will help you support your child in following the new expectations effectively.
2. **Model Appropriate Use:** Demonstrate and discuss the importance of limiting device use at home, especially during family time or other important activities. Your behavior sets a powerful example for your child.
3. **Encourage Balance:** Help your child find a healthy balance between screen time and other activities, such as reading, outdoor play, or family interactions. This will reinforce the focus on learning during school hours.
4. **Mindful Communication:** Please avoid calling or texting your child during school time. Please call the office if there is an emergency. Remind your child that school time is for learning, and that messages can wait until after school. Again, if urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.

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

**Christine Hulme**

Vice Principal, Cypress Park Primary School

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# PAC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WELCOME & WELCOME BACK!

Did you know that all parents are automatically members of the PAC?  
We'd love for you to [join our WhatsApp](#) group to stay in touch!

## TOP 10 YEARLY PAC INITIATIVES

1. Fund Experts in Residences Program
2. Purchase Classroom Supplies
3. Organize [Hot Lunch](#) &
4. After School Programs such as [Artmania](#), [Saplings](#), Steamoji, Sportsball & more!
5. [Sponsorship](#) Fundraisers & Winter Raffle
6. Welcome Picnic, Fall Fair & Year End BBQ
7. Cultural & Community Events
8. Teacher Appreciation Lunch & Gifts
9. Local Partnerships & Socials
10. Outdoor Classroom & Garden Maintenance



**WANT TO LEARN MORE?** [Save this link](#) as your go-to resource for event details, After School Programs, PAC presentations, sponsorships & [more!](#)



## WELCOME BACK COFFEE

The PAC is excited to invite you to join us:

- **Welcome Coffee Meet & Greet**
- **Friday, September 6th @ 8:20AM**

This is a great opportunity to renew acquaintances & meet the PAC executive members. Welcome back!

## 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!





## ARTMANIA – TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

- **DETAILS:** Nature Art & Emily Carr
- **DATE:** Tuesdays @ 2:30-3:40 PM
- **COST:** \$270 (1HR Program, 10 sessions)

Enter the world of this iconic west coast artist & create nature themed art. Young artists will explore Emily Carr's passion for nature through painting, drawing & sculpting their own experiences of the natural world. This course is open to all grades, on Tuesdays from Sept 24-Dec 10 @ 2:30-3:40PM.

[— REGISTER FOR ARTMANIA —](#)

## SAPLINGS – THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

- **DETAILS:** Saplings Outdoor Program
- **DATE:** Thursdays @ 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 biodiversity, building fairy houses, forts & shelters, bow & arrows, nature art & playing classic games in the great outdoors. This course is open to all grades, on Thursdays from Sept 12-Dec 19 @ 2:30-4:30PM.

[— REGISTER FOR SAPLINGS —](#)



Show your Cypress Park Spirit!

## SPirit WEAR



## 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 —](#)

## 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).

**Deadline to order is Mon, Sept. 9** for delivery on Sept 16. 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](mailto:mahsa878@gmail.com)

[— ORDER HOT LUNCH —](#)



## 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

## VIP PARKING – SILENT AUCTION

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

- **WHAT?** 2 VIP Parking spots conveniently located near the school entrance available for silent auction (Term 1: Sept - Dec)
- **HOW?** Send your bids to [info.paccpp@gmail.com](mailto:info.paccpp@gmail.com)
- **DEADLINE?** Friday, September 20
- **WHY?** Your bid also directly contributes to our school's enrichment programs & resources.



## 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 this page.



FALL FESTIVAL  
CAD\$75.00



UBC BEATY BOX -  
BIODIVERSITY KITS



EARTH BITES - GARDEN  
WORKSHOPS



INQUIRY - MY WILD ANIMAL  
BLOCKS

**DON'T KNOW HOW TO DONATE?** [CLICK HERE](#) or go to  
<https://cypress-park.square.site/>



## BREWING SUCCESS

**Do you go it Isetta every day for a coffee & a treat? Isetta coffee gift cards are back!** They have generously agreed to donate 15% of all gift card sales to Cypress Park. Please e-transfer to [info.paccpp@gmail.com](mailto:info.paccpp@gmail.com) with the amount you'd like to purchase & "Isetta Gift Card" in the description. Thanks for the support!

## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Do you want to get more involved?

- **Coffee Mornings:** Looking for someone to bring in morning coffee once a term.
- **Winter Raffle Prizes:** Do you have a business that you'd like to promote or have a friend with a great business? We're looking for exciting prizes for our Winter Raffle.

**Stay in touch & join our PAC WhatsApp group!**