



CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY THURSDAY eBULLETIN

OCTOBER 10, 2024

A reminder that **Monday, October 14th** is Thanksgiving! We wish all of our Cypress Park families a wonderful Thanksgiving Day.

Enjoy the long weekend, and we look forward to seeing students back on Tuesday, October 15th.



LOOKING AHEAD

October 11	1:15PM Andy the Musical Scientist Performance - PAC Sponsored REMEMBER to wear your Cypress Park Spirit Wear
October 14	Thanksgiving Day Holiday - school not in session
October 15	Kindergarten and Catchment 1-3 registration
October 17	10:00 AM Shakeout BC Earthquake Drill
October 18	2:30PM Cypress Park Fall Fair - Get your Duck Dive Tickets today
October 22	12:00 EARLY DISMISSAL - Parent / Teacher Conferences
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October 23	Kindergarten Hearing screening
October 25	Professional Development Day - school not in session
October 28	Student Photo Retake Day
October 29	9:15AM PAC meeting in Gym
October 31	Halloween celebrations

SUNDAY NIGHT REMINDER

Remember to pack your child's **CUTLERY** and **RAIN GEAR** and **CHANGE OF CLOTHES**



KINDERGARTEN AND CATCHMENT GR 1-12 2025-2026 NEW SCHOOL ADMISSIONS



Registration Opens Online @ 08:00 AM

Tuesday 15 October HERE

TIP: HAVE ALL YOUR DOCUMENTS IN PDF FORMAT READY TO UPLOAD AHEAD OF 15 OCTOBER - [REQUIREMENTS](#)

Admission for Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students opens on Wednesday January 15, 2025 at 8AM

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 2:30PM.

STUDENT ABSENCES PLEASE EMAIL ethoma@wvschools.ca

PARENT / TEACHER LEARNING CONFERENCES

OCTOBER 22nd and 23rd

Getting the Most Out of Them

On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 22 and 23 will be dismissing students early at **12:00 NOON** to provide the opportunity for Parent / Teacher Learning Conferences.

Parent / Teacher Learning Conferences have been referred to as the speed-dating of the education world. We know that time slots are short, but that doesn't mean they can't be effective. The value of the home-school connections is really important and benefits our children, so here are a few tips to help you get the most from this valuable time.

Write Your Questions Down

Before your time, really think through any questions you have or concerns you might want to address. You may wish the teacher's perspective on books to recommend or maybe ways to support your child's reading development. This is the time.

Get Your Child's Input

While we are asking parents to leave their child at home for these conferences it can be beneficial to ask your child if they have any questions. If they are young and new to the idea, explain that these conferences are helpful for both the teacher and the parents to ensure everyone is working together so they can have a positive school year.

Ask them: Is there's anything they think is important to discuss.

Ask this Question

My favourite question to ask as a parent is a simple one: "How can I support my child at home?" This gives teachers an opportunity to talk about academic or social areas in which your child would benefit from help or reinforcement. Please don't ask "So how's my kids doing?" or "How does my kid compare to other kids in the class?" These types of questions are broad and not helpful to supporting your child.

Stick to the Schedule

Most of the time the **10 minute conference** is going to feel sufficient, but if you feel like your child is struggling at all this probably will not feel like enough time to problem solve. Remember, though, that this can be the start of the conversation, not the end. If you hit on an issue that requires more conversation than you can fit in, make a plan to follow-up through email, phone, or another meeting. This isn't your only opportunity to talk to your child's teacher for the rest of the school year.

BOOKING PARENT, TEACHER LEARNING CONFERENCES

1. [Click here](#): If you are prompted for an event code, enter: **qc6x4**
<https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/qc6x4>
2. Enter your information (parent email, parent name, phone number and student name)
 - Here you can indicate the number of students that you need to book for, if you have more than one child at Cypress Park.
 - Click on GO
3. Choose your child's teacher
 - Choose the date and time that works best for you from the options provided.
 - Conferences are 10 minutes long.



NOTE: These conferences are **ADULT only**, please arrange childcare if you plan on attending.

REMINDER: Early dismissal times for both (12:00PM) to accommodate the conferences.

SHAKE OUT BC

Students and staff at Cypress Park will take part in the provincial “[Shake Out BC](#)” initiative on October 17th, this will be our first earthquake drill of the year. An important reminder to families to be prepared at home. Are you ready for an earthquake? Does your child know what to do?



STUDENT ILLNESS

Vancouver Coastal Health

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.](#)

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

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS COMING UP

As students and families start to think about costumes, to ensure the day is fun for everyone, please observe the following dos and don'ts:

- Feel welcome to dress in a costume or not
- Continue to avoid costumes that promote cultural stereotypes. If you're looking for information on *cultural appropriation vs. cultural appreciation*, click [here](#) for a CBC video; and for a great list of questions to ask about whether a costume is appropriate or not, click [here](#) to see information from UBC's Equity & Inclusion Office
- **No masks**, beyond, of course, medical masks worn for health reasons
- Absolutely **no weapons** (swords, lightsabers, nunchucks etc.) and please make sure costumes are school appropriate.
- Wear something comfortable that can be worn all day and can withstand being outside in any weather
- Students should be able to put on their costume and take it off to use the bathroom by themselves
- Avoid scented items that might irritate others (e.g. some hair colouring products)
- Come to school in your costume; there will be **no changing in the washrooms.**
- Students should **avoid bringing in Halloween candy to school** as eating high sugar foods, and the idea of eating high-sugar foods, often distracts students from learning. Candy may be held for students and returned at the end of the day but is best avoided to begin with. **(remember no nuts)**

More details to come about our morning Halloween Parade on October 31st in next week's bulletin.



2024-2025 YEAR TO DATE CALENDAR

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2024-2025 BELL SCHEDULE

[HERE](#)

PLAYGROUND RULES

[HERE](#)

CYPRESS PARK CODE OF CONDUCT

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IB INFORMATION

[Learner Profile](#)



[2024-25 Programme of Inquiry](#)

[Ways to Support Your Child as a PYP Parent](#)

ORDERING PHOTOS FROM STUDENT PHOTO DAY

Student photo proofs went home last week to parents.

Each proof will have an individual portrait code and passcode to order your child's photo.

Student Photo Retake Day is October 28th

Please contact Edge Imaging at 1-888-416-3343 or email customercare@edgeimaging.ca for any customer service needs.



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.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

We are changing how we share community news and events. Starting now, individual "Community Connections" will no longer be included in our school bulletins. Instead, all local programs, events, and resources will be found in one convenient location, accessible through a [single link](#) that we'll update and share with you each week.

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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, take advantage of other emergent opportunities to practise foundational skills (e.g. following instructions and using math while cooking).



REMINDERS & QUICK LINKS...

- ✓ **TEACHER'S GIFTS:** We are at 40% of our goal! Please e-transfer \$40 to info.paccpp@gmail.com for each student & include "Teacher's Gift, Child's Name, Grade" in the description.



CYPRESS PARK FALL FAIR

NEXT WEEK – Friday, Oct 18 @ 2:30PM

GET YOUR DUCK DIVE TICKETS TODAY!

We're excited to introduce our new carnival game this year – the DUCK DIVE! \$10 for 3 chances to net a winning duck from our duck pool – prizes include cakes, books, apples & more. One lucky winner will catch the GRAND PRIZE duck!

Get ready for a day of autumn excitement, laughter & family fun at our Fall Fair. Admission is FREE & includes carnival games, photo booth, snacks, hot chocolate, fall beverages & more!

PLEASE BUY A TICKET & VOLUNTEER TO BRING A CAKE, GENTLY USED BOOKS, SNACKS OR WINE...

R IS FOR RAFFLE – FUNDRAISER

The R is for Raffle winter fundraiser kicks off next week. Tickets will be coming home & exciting features include an Early Bird draw Thurs, Nov 7 & the Live Draw at our Family Movie Night Wed, Nov 27. **TOP 3 STUDENTS** with most tickets sold will get to choose from our list of fantastic prizes.

OVER \$12,000 WORTH OF PRIZES INCLUDING...

2 Nights at Chateau Fairmont Whistler, 2 Nights Stay at a Waterfront Getaway Near Tofino & \$400 to Award Winning Restaurant Pluvio, Westjet Flights, Whitecaps Tickets, Bike Park Passes, Cooking Classes, Lasertag, Bar Method, Fencing, Skoah Facial, Grouse Mountain & More!





— KINDNESS CORNER —

THANKS MANHAS FAMILY

This week the **Manhas Family** donated a selection of new books to our library including *Goodbye Autumn Hello Winter* & a collection of books from the *Dragon Masters* series. **THANKS Jeevan & Jora!** Is there a student, parent or family that went above & beyond this week that you'd like to say THANKS to here in our Kindness Corner? Let us know! info.paccpp@gmail.com

**FUNDING FUTURES:
SPONSORSHIP OF THE WEEK**

DID YOU KNOW the last time schools bought **MATH TEXTBOOKS** was over **20 YEARS AGO?**

This Mathology Kit is a comprehensive set of 100+ easy-to-implement & engaging math activities, games & resources to help teachers create meaningful learning experiences & promote understanding of big ideas in math. Cypress Park would like to purchase 2 sets for classes to share.

Classroom Activity Kit Highlights:

- Supports learning in multiple settings: whole class, small group & learning centres
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