



CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY THURSDAY eBULLETIN

OCTOBER 3, 2024

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 parents and returning ELL parents.



LOOKING AHEAD

October 8	8:30-9:00 AM ELL Welcome Tea in the Library at Cypress Park
October 11	1:30PM Andy the Musical Scientist Performance - PAC Sponsored Spirit Wear Day (Every Friday)
October 14	Thanksgiving Day Holiday - school not in session
October 17	10:00 AM Shakeout BC Earthquake Drill
October 18	2:30PM Cypress Park Fall Fair - more info in PAC section below
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 31	Halloween celebrations

ORDERING PHOTOS FROM 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. Retake Day is October 28th

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



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.



KINDERGARTEN AND CATCHMENT GR 1-3 2025-2026 NEW SCHOOL ADMISSIONS



Registration Opens Online @ 08:00 AM on Tuesday 15 October **HERE**

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



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

STUDENT ILLNESS



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 your 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

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.



CROSS COUNTRY SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE

Congratulations to our Cypress Park X-Country team for completing a successful season! Our Grade 3 athletes committed to early morning practices, rain or shine. They competed in three X-Country meets at Ambleside with all elementary schools in the district. We are so proud of your efforts this season. A special thank you to our Coach Taylor for her time and energy with our team.



COMING SOON

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.

STAY TUNED TO NEXT WEEK'S EBULLETIN WHERE THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON BOOKING YOUR CONFERENCE TIME.

2024-2025 YEAR TO DATE CALENDAR

[HERE](#)

2024-2025 BELL SCHEDULE

[HERE](#)

PLAYGROUND RULES

[HERE](#)

CYPRESS PARK CODE OF CONDUCT

[HERE](#)

IB INFORMATION

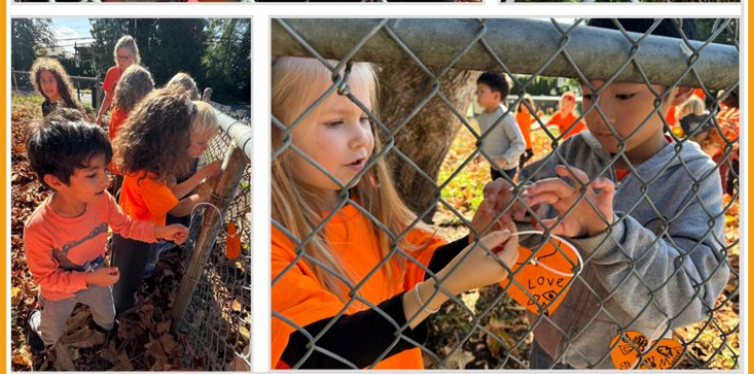
[Learner Profile](#)



[2024-25 Programme of Inquiry](#)

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

EVERY CHILD MATTERS



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).

K registration for the 25/26 year opens on Monday, October 15th, 2024.

Kindergarten Information Session



WELCOME TO YOUR FUTURE

Opportunity awaits!
Parents & Guardians of children entering Kindergarten in September 2025 (children born in 2020) are invited to join us for our K info session.

Please join us for an evening with our school district staff to learn about the Kindergarten registration process and the offerings we have in West Vancouver Schools.

This event is for parents and guardians only, please note that child care will not be available.

PLEASE REGISTER HERE


Date: Thursday, October 3rd, 2024 6:30-7:30 pm
Location: Kay Meek Studio Theatre, 1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver




www.wvschools.ca



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.

 **Cypress Kids Club** has added TENNIS on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30pm to their program with a tennis coach.

 They will also be adding BADMINTON on Fridays. The extra lessons are free for their after school care students as part of the Cypress Kids Club program. You can do drop-ins or register for 2 days a week on their website. For more information, please log into our website: <http://www.cypresskidsclub.com/>

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REMINDERS & QUICK LINKS...

- ✓ **TEACHER'S GIFTS:** We are at **30%** of our goal! 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.
- ✓ **ORDER HOT LUNCH:** Open for delivery 2 weeks from your order date.



CYPRESS PARK FALL FAIR

Fri, Oct 18 @ 2:30PM get ready for a day of autumn excitement, laughter & family fun at our Fall Fair. Admission is FREE & includes carnival games, snacks, photo booth & more!

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 prize winning duck from the pond to win from a selection of cakes, apples, books & more. One lucky winner will win the GRAND PRIZE duck!

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

R IS FOR RAFFLE

SAVE THE DATE – Launching Oct 17!

The R is for Raffle winter fundraiser kicks off Thurs, Oct 17 & runs until Wed, Nov 27 with the Live Draw at our Family Movie Night. Special rewards go to the **TOP 3 STUDENTS** with most tickets sold. Bonus Early Bird draw on Nov 7.

GRAND PRIZES: From a 2 night stay at the Chateau Whistler Fairmont & WestJet Flights, to Whitecaps tickets, Bike Park passes, Little Kitchen cooking courses, Laser Tag & spa treatments, there's something for everyone to enjoy!



FUNDING FUTURES: HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK

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

The Mathology Kit is a comprehensive set of 100+ easy-to-implement & engaging activities, games & resources to help teachers save time, 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
- Provides an entry point for students at all levels through differentiation options
- Promotes conceptual & procedural understanding of big ideas
- Moves students along a progression of math
- Meets curriculum requirements with 100% coverage of Canadian provincial curricula

QTY: 2 | Value: \$750 each or \$1500 total

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MATHOLOGY CLASSROOM KIT CAD\$750.00

MONTESSORI WOODEN TOWER STACKING
GAME

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

CAD\$30.00



MONTESSORI READING LEARNING
RESOURCES

Little Bud Kids Spin-and-Read Phonics Toy, Rotating Wooden Reading Blocks with CVC...

CAD\$40.00



WILD PACIFIC ESCAPE
2 NIGHTS WATER'S EDGE & AWARD WINNING PLUVIO
VALUE: \$700

Enjoy the breathtaking ocean views from Water's Edge Seaside, Signature Suite with Outdoor Lift. Nestled on the peaceful water's edge of a private island, nothing else compares. One of *Pluvio* named the best fine dining restaurant in Canada. It's ever-changing menu incorporates seasonal & local ingredients, harvested on Vancouver Island.
Donated by *Judy Gray - Roman Ucholski*

WHISTLER WILDERNESS RETREAT
2 NIGHTS CHATEAU FAIRMONT
VALUE: \$1600

Boasting a spectacular setting at the base of Blackcomb Mountain, Fairmont Chateau Whistler combines classic elegance with modern alpine style and full resort facilities. Discover the perfect balance of relaxation and adventure in every season. From peaceful lounging to exceptional dining to exploring the epic slopes of Whistler Blackcomb.

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 or text us 778.233.6287 for more details.

♥ THANKS TO ALL THE RAFFLE PROCUREMENT VOLUNTEERS