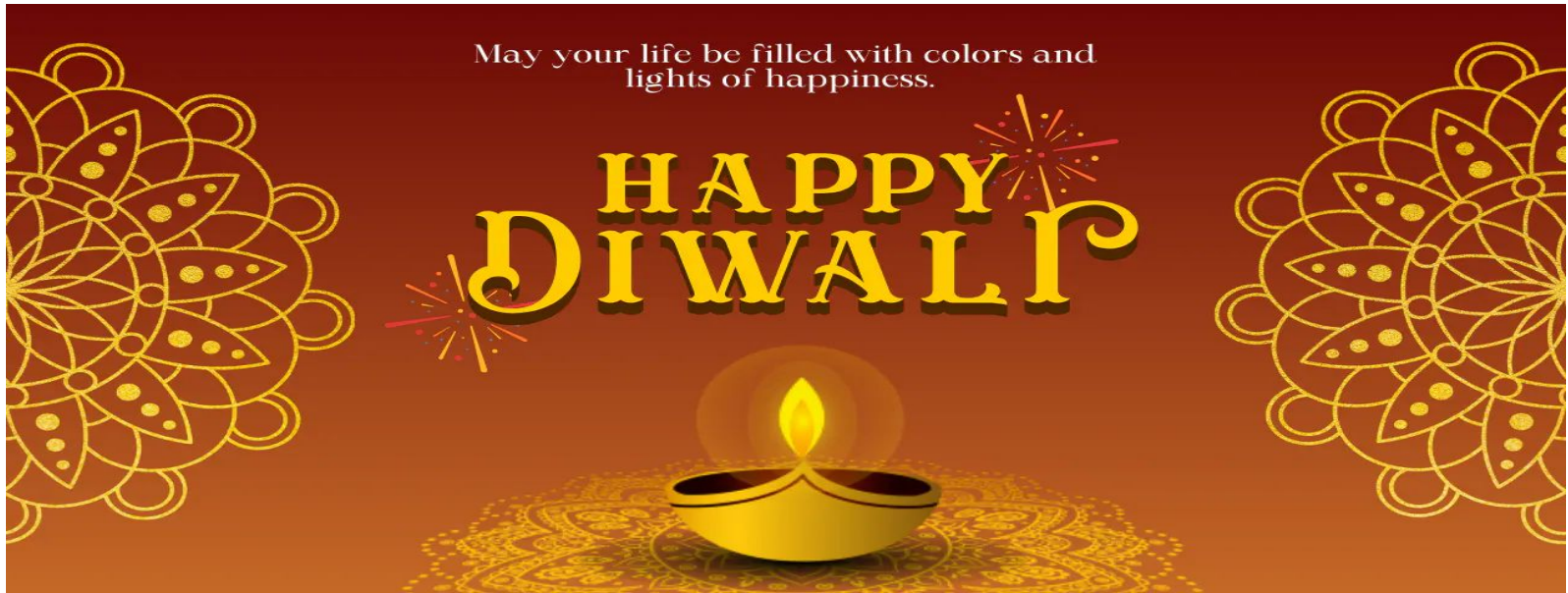




**CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY** **THURSDAY eBULLETIN**

**OCTOBER 31, 2024**




LOOKING AHEAD	
November 3	Daylight Savings - clocks fall back one hour
November 6	Diwali Celebrations at Cypress Park
November 8	Indigenous Veterans Day
November 8	11:00 Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 11	Remembrance Day - school not in session
November 12	Professional Development Day - school not in session
December 13	1st Term Learning Updates - posted
December 18	2:00pm Winter Concert in the gym
December 20	Last day of school before Winter Break
December 23 January 3	School will be closed for Winter Break
December 25	Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas
January 6	First day of Classes

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
TIME CHANGE**



A reminder that Daylight Savings time ends on Sunday, November 3rd. Please remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour at 2:00am on Sunday morning. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep.

**REMINDER**  
TO SEND YOUR CHILD/REN TO SCHOOL WITH  
UTENSILS FOR LUNCH



# UPCOMING REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY



Join us on **Friday, November 8th at 11 AM** for our Remembrance Day assembly as we come together to honor and remember the sacrifices of our brave Canadian men and women who fought and continue to fight for our freedom and peace. The assembly will be lead by our Grade 3 students and begin at 11:00 AM.

Families are welcome to join us, but please be aware that once we have all of our students and staff seated, audience seating will be limited. **Doors open at 10:50 for parents interested in attending.**

Students are encouraged to bring a **small donation (\$1 or \$2) for their poppy**. All proceeds are donated to the West Vancouver Legion to support their ongoing efforts around Remembrance Day.

If families would like to observe Remembrance Day services in West Vancouver, [click here](#) for more information.



All our classes enjoyed a fun filled day of fencing with Dynamo. Thank you to our PAC for sponsoring this wonderful event.



# IB STUDENT LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

## KINDERGARTEN OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Each morning, we start our day in our outdoor classroom, where hands-on learning and nature go hand in hand. The benefits of outdoor learning are countless: it allows us to practice social skills, build curiosity, and engage in new ways with concepts we're learning. The fresh air and open space help the children feel grounded and ready to explore. Some of the activities we've been enjoying include sorting natural objects, graphing what we find/like, creating patterns, and drawing or recording our observations. As a family, try the prompt: find 2 things. How are they the same? How are they different?



## WHO WE ARE

In Kindergarten, we're exploring some of the First Peoples' Principles of Learning, focusing on how learning is connected to memory, history, and story; how it requires patience and time; and how it helps us explore our identities. Each child has chosen a special tree at Cypress Park to visit throughout the year—a "sit spot" where they can reflect, appreciate nature, and wonder about the world. Ask your child to share which tree they chose and why it felt meaningful to them.



## WHO WE ARE

Grade Two created spooky self-portraits in honour of Halloween! We used our self-management skills to follow the plan and our communication skills to discuss the process.



## HOW WE ORGANIZE OURSELVES - SPECIAL GUEST!

Grade One had some special guests from our community come visit their class today. Firefighters from West Van came to tell us about their role in the community.

Students were invited into the truck too. Ask your child what they learned today from our visitors.





**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**



## 🎃 Spooktacular Day: An Idea Shift in your Halloween Tradition! 🧛

As the leaves turn and the days grow shorter, we're gearing up for one of the most bewitching nights of the year—Halloween! The excitement of costumes, pumpkins, and, of course, trick-or-treating fills the air, bringing smiles to our little ghosts and goblins. 🎃 But as we revel in this magical evening, we'd like to sprinkle a little extra whimsy into your Halloween traditions!

### Introducing the Switch Witch! 🌙 ✨

Instead of letting your little ones indulge in an endless pile of candy, why not introduce a delightful twist? After an exhilarating night of collecting treats, let your child choose **5 of their favourite pieces** of candy to keep (because we all need some sweet treasures!). The rest? Place them in a basket and leave it outside your door for the Switch Witch!

Under the cover of night, the Switch Witch will whisk away the leftover candy and leave behind a *special gift!* 🎁 in return. This not only adds an extra layer of excitement to Halloween but also helps manage candy consumption—setting the stage for healthier eating habits.

But wait, there's more! The Switch Witch is not just about fun; she has a kind heart, too! The candy she collects can be donated to local food banks or organizations like Covenant House, spreading joy to those in need. Our Caring IB Learnings will love the idea that their candy can bring smiles to others!

**Let's make this Halloween a night of fun, creativity, and kindness!** So gather your ghosts, goblins, and little witches, and get ready for a hauntingly good time.

Wishing our Cypress Park Families a Happy and Safe Halloween!

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Community information will now be accessible in one convenient location. All local programs, events, and resources will be updated and shared with you each week by clicking [HERE](#).



### 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.

2024-2025 YEAR TO DATE CALENDAR

[HERE](#)

2024-2025 BELL SCHEDULE

[HERE](#)

PLAYGROUND RULES

[HERE](#)

CYPRESS PARK CODE OF CONDUCT

[HERE](#)

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## REMINDERS & QUICK LINKS...

- ✓ **TEACHER'S GIFT:** We're 60% to our goal! Please e-transfer [info.paccpp@gmail.com](mailto:info.paccpp@gmail.com) \$40 for each student & include "Teacher's Gift, Student Name, Grade" in the description.

## R IS FOR RAFFLE – FUNDRAISER

Each student has been given 2 booklets of raffle tickets to sell (\$10/ticket), and \$200 worth of tickets total (for both booklets).

- **EARLY BIRD DRAW:** Fri, Nov 15 – so sell & get your tickets in early for a chance to win!
- **FINAL DRAW & MOVIE NIGHT:** Join us for the LIVE Draw & Family Movie Night on Wed, Nov 27
- **REWARDS:** Special rewards for the **TOP 3 STUDENTS** with most tickets sold – YOUR CHOICE of any Non-Grand Prize!

**More or Less Tickets?** There are a specific number of tickets printed & each booklet has a *real value of \$100 for our school*, so please don't lose them – we can't print any more & once they're lost, that money is gone. Families can contact their Class Reps or [info.paccpp@gmail.com](mailto:info.paccpp@gmail.com) & we will be happy to shuffle raffle books between families who wish to have more or less.

**Return your Ticket Stubs & eTransfer Funds:** Please return ticket stubs to your class rep or Natalie Quilty & e-transfer the full amount (eg. \$200) to [info.paccpp@gmail.com](mailto:info.paccpp@gmail.com) with your "ticket # range, child's name & grade" in the description. Have fun selling!

### OVER \$13,000 WORTH OF PRIZES INCLUDING...

2 Nights at Chateau Fairmont Whistler, 2 Nights at a Waterfront Getaway Near Tofino, Westjet Flights, 2x Canucks & 4x Whitecaps Tickets, Neon Slime Party, Bike Park Passes, Cooking Classes, Lasertag, Bar Method, Fencing, Skoah Facial, Grouse Mountain, Marble Cheese Platter for Artin Stone, Award Winning Restaurants, Cooking Crush Credits & [MORE...](#)

**NEON SLIME & PIZZA PARTY**

NEON Slime Party for 8 at 3Squares Art in North Vancouver & 8 Medium Pizzas from Fresh Bay Pizza

VALUE: \$810

**WESTJET JET SETTER**

\$300 Westjet Gift Card, Year Membership to the Museum of Anthropology & \$100 Gift Card to Park Royal

VALUE: \$460

**LOOKING TO WIN THE PRIZE & NEED MORE TICKETS? LET US KNOW!**

# FUNDING FUTURES: SPONSORSHIPS OF THE WEEK

## EXPERTS-IN-RESIDENTS PROGRAM

Did you know that in addition to traditional field trips, our students benefit from our PAC funded Expert-in-Residence Program? With traditional field trips, parents are often asked to individually opt-in & pay for excursions & it's usually only 1 class that gets to participate, on a single day. With our Experts-in-Residence, we bring the experience to the students & ALL CLASSES get to participate!

Our experts are also often brought in for multiple days so that our students get the most out of their new skills & experience. By bringing the experts to us, we also save on transportation costs which are often \$1000 to rent a school bus, which would have added \$3000 to our budget this year alone.

**Thanks to your generous sponsorships** through Funding Futures, this year alone, we've already brought in Andy the Musical Scientist (*Thanks Bosa family*) & Dynamo Fencing for 2 sessions (*Thanks Yada family for sponsoring this last year!*). Next month, we're excited to bring in Young Actors for 3 session & a French language cooking course by Les Petits Chefs. Here are some photos of our kids enjoying these programs! Interested in Sponsoring more of these programs? Visit our site:

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



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### PAC MEETING

Thanks to all those  
that attended!

[Oct 2024 Presentation](#)

### — KINDNESS CORNER —

♥ **THANKS TO THE RAHIMI FAMILY!** ♥

With the addition of Radmehr Rahimi's generous sponsorship (Grade 2), we've been able to raise \$1,295 through [Funding Futures](#) this year so far.



**THANKS TO THE GEDGE FAMILY FOR PAINTING THE BOOK LIBRARY THIS WEEK**