

CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY THURSDAY eBULLETIN

NOVEMBER 21, 2024

LOOKING AHEAD

November 27	4:45pm PAC Family Movie Night & Live Raffle Draw
November 29	First Festive Friday Friday - Spirit Wear / Red and Green clothing
December 6	Festive Friday - Spirit Wear / Hats, Toques, Antler Ears, Santa Hat
December 13	Festive Friday - Spirit Wear / Holiday Sweater 1st Term Learning Updates - posted to MyEd
December 18	2:00pm Winter Concert in the gym
December 20	Festive Friday - Holiday Pajama Day NOON dismissal - last day of school before Winter Break
December 23 January 3	School will be closed for Winter Break
December 25	Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah
January 6	First day back from break



**FESTIVE FRIDAY
6 DECEMBER
HOLIDAY HATS**



**FESTIVE FRIDAY
13 DECEMBER
HOLIDAY SWEATERS**

**HOLIDAY CONCERT - Gym 2PM
18 DECEMBER**



**FESTIVE FRIDAY
20 DECEMBER
HOLIDAY PJs**

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
20 December
12:00 DISMISSAL**



WEST BAY'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

West Bay will be hosting its annual craft fair on Friday, December 13th in the gym.

\$20.00 per table - 20 tables will be sold.

Please email cawoodworth@yahoo.ca

if you are interested in a table. More details to follow!





EXPERT IN RESIDENCE

With the PAC sponsored Experts in Residence program, we are able to bring in The Young Actors Project to work with all 4 classes over a 3 week period. The Young Actors Project introduces students to the art of acting and empowers students with self - confidence. YAP school workshops make that kind of risk-taking fun, not scary. Students communicate characters, feelings, and stories, which increase their focus and exercise their imaginations.



They develop trust through cooperation and collaboration with their peers - learning to accept and build on each other's creative ideas. These are skills required not just for the stage - but for the stage of life. Thank you to the PAC for supporting this program.

GRADE TWO NUMERACY

In grade two they work on skip counting by 2s, 5s and 10s, forwards and backwards, to 100. Last week they played a math game where they used the 100s chart to skip count from a given starting point and then got to move their game piece if they were correct.

They used communication, social and self-management skills to work with a partner.



KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE SELF MANAGEMENT SOCIAL SKILLS

Loose-part play encourages creativity, problem-solving, and exploration while fostering a sense of wonder. These materials can be moved, combined, redesigned, and taken apart, offering endless possibilities for imaginative and open-ended play.



SHARING AND TURN-TAKING TOOLS

In the Kindergarten classroom, we use strategies like visual timers and a "waitlist" system to promote sharing and turn-taking while practicing the IB Learner Profile attributes of **Communicator** and **Caring**. Visual timers are available for learners to manage time collaboratively, whether tracking their play or designating turns for shared tools. Additionally, the "waitlist" strategy allows children to practice patience and respect by writing or placing their names on a list to indicate their turn. These tools encourage fairness and help students develop communication and cooperation skills. It's inspiring to see our learners independently use these strategies to share and play.



Who are you connected to?



Picture Research

WHO WE ARE

This week in grade one... We started a new inquiry "Relationships take patience and time." We used our research skills to think about groups of people and how they were connected. We thought about our own relationships and drew a web of people we are connected to.

Grade one also had some special visitors. Amber, our district physical literacy expert came to engage with students and learn about how movement helps our bodies, brains and bones.

We also had Hayden our acting expert from the Young Actors project help us use our imagination and explore different ways to think about objects.



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 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

2024-2025 YEAR TO DATE CALENDAR

[HERE](#)

2024-2025 BELL SCHEDULE

[HERE](#)

PLAYGROUND RULES

[HERE](#)

CYPRESS PARK CODE OF CONDUCT

[HERE](#)

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](#).

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

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.

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✓ **TEACHER'S GIFT:** Last chance to contribute! Nikki will be buying the gift cards soon, so please e-transfer info.paccpp@gmail.com \$40 for each student & include "Teacher's Gift, Student Name, Grade" in the description. **DEADLINE: THURS, DEC 5.**



PAC MEETING NEXT TUESDAY

Tues, Nov 26 @ 5PM (Social) & 5:30 PM (Meeting)

Kick-off the holiday season & come for our last evening PAC meeting of the year at our PAC Chair's home (The Quilty's, 4115 Marine Dr, West Van). Feel free to come at 5PM for bubbles & bites. Bring a friend & let us know if you're planning on attending so that we can have enough for everyone!

- [Nov 2024 Presentation](#)
- **Online Details:** [Meeting link](#)

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R IS FOR RAFFLE – FUNDRAISER

20 FAMILIES have sent in their tickets so far & **SOLD 29%** of our raffle tickets – THANKS!

Don't worry if you haven't yet though, there's still time. The Final Draw is next Wed, Nov 27, so e-transfer \$200 to info.paccpp@gmail.com & get your tickets in!

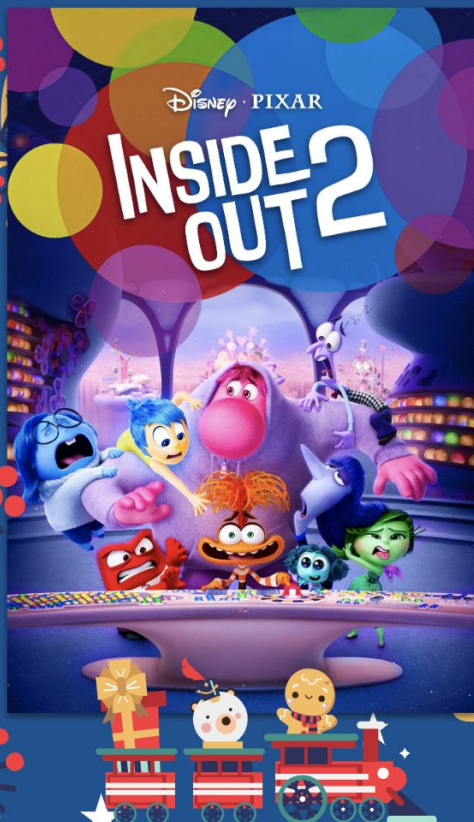
🏆 **TOP 3 STUDENTS** with the most tickets sold win your choice of any Non-Grand Prize such as:

- Neon Slime Pizza Party, Lasertag & Balloons
- Ceramics & Pasta Party, Little Chef Courses
- Northshore Explore - Bike & Grouse Passes
- [Activities, Restaurants & More...](#)

CONGRATS TO OUR EARLY BIRD DRAW WINNER:

Aurora's Grandma in Kindergarten

GLW*GLOVY
LASERTAG & FRANKIE'S BALLOONS PARTY
 4x Games For 8 Players of Lasertag & Frankie's Party in a Box Package With Partyware & Grab-N-Go Balloon Garland
 VALUE: \$485
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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT & DRAW

Join us for Family Movie Night playing *Inside Out 2* & the R is for Raffle LIVE draw. Please wear your PJ's, bring your blankets & stuffies for a memorable evening!

- **DATE:** Wed, Nov 27 (Doors open at 4:45PM)
- **LOCATION:** Cypress Park School Gym
- **PIZZA:** Want pizza for movie night - we've got you covered! Login to <https://munchalunch.com/> click "Movie Night!" in the top nav bar, select the green button "Fundraisers! Order Pizza for Movie Night."
- **VOLUNTEERS:** Looking for hot chocolate, treats & more!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Join us for our Winter Concert & get your photos with Santa at the same time! Tickets include Santa meet & greet, photo opp, digital prints, a special keepsake gift & entry for our 2 Door Prizes: Limelight Florals Gift Basket & Whole Foods Holiday Gift Basket.

- **DETAILS:** Winter Concert @ 1:45PM (FREE) & Santa Photos @ 2:30PM (\$25)
- **YOUR TICKET ORDER = ORDER IN LINE!**
The order that you buy your ticket is your order in line – be first in line & get your tickets now!

— GET YOUR SANTA PHOTO TICKETS —



SANTA CLAUS is coming to Cypress Park!

Meet Santa at Cypress Park Primary directly following the winter concert!

DELICIOUS FOOD | KEEPSAKE GIFT | PHOTO WITH SANTA



— KINDNESS CORNER —

THANKS DOLLY

Thanks to Dolly (Henrik's mom, Gr 1) for going above & beyond with our [Instagram](#) account. She's nailing the posts including a cheeky new addition called "I READ THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO." [Check it out & follow](#) for tips, tricks, timely reminders & updates! [@cypressparkprimarypac](#)



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: Jan 14 – Mar 11 LIGHTS UP MUSICAL THEATRE

- **DATE: Tuesdays @ 2:30pm – 4:45pm**
- **COST: \$365 (2hr 15 min Program, 9 Sessions)**

Sing, dance, act & have fun with our talented teaching team. These classes are a great introduction to Lights Up programs & the world of musical theatre. Gain confidence & try new skills, right after school! **SPECIAL BONUS – Performance for friends & family on the last day of classes!**

— LIGHTS UP REGISTRATION DETAILS —

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: Jan 9-March 13 DYNAMO FENCING – THURSDAYS

- **DATE: Thursdays @ 2:30-3:10 PM**
- **COST: \$250 (40min Program, 10 Sessions)**

FREE brand new fencing mask and glove for first time students (value of \$145). If you wish to purchase a full set of equipment, contact the club or visit our pro shop.

— FENCING REGISTRATION DETAILS —



LITERACY SPONSORSHIP FUNDING FUTURES

Cypress Park is hoping to purchase a Heggerty Phonemic Subscription (\$570.68) which includes:

- Phonemic awareness curricula
- Over 1,000 lesson, tutorials & videos
- Digital assessments & reporting tools
- Interactive tools for classroom use
- A complete library of decodable eBooks
- On-demand professional development

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