

CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY THURSDAY eBULLETIN

NOVEMBER 7, 2024

LOOKING AHEAD

November 8	Indigenous Veterans Day
November 8	11:00 Remembrance Day Ceremony - in the gym
November 11	Remembrance Day - school not in session
November 12	Professional Development Day - school not in session
November 15	Wear your Cypress Park spirit wear
November 15	Early Bird PAC Raffle Draw Extended to today
November 27	4:45pm Family Movie Night & Live Raffle Draw
December 13	1st Term Learning Updates - posted to MyEd
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	Merry Christmas AND Happy Hanukkah
January 6	First day back from break

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY TOMORROW



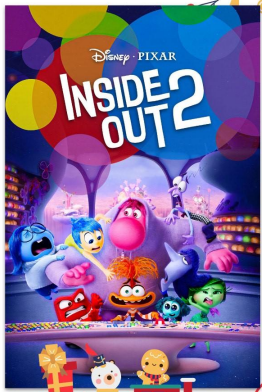
Tomorrow, Friday, November 8th at 11:00 AM, please join us for our Remembrance Day assembly, as we come together to honour and remember the sacrifices of our brave Canadian men and women who fought and continue to fight for our freedom and peace. The assembly will be lead by our Grade 3 students and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

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.

Doors open at 10:50 for parents interested in attending.

Please be aware that once we have all of our students and staff seated, audience seating will be limited.

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



Inside Out 2 Family Movie Night

Join us for the live R is for Raffle draw at Family Movie Night

- **DATE:** Wed, Nov 27 (Doors open at 4:45PM)
- **MOVIE:** Inside Out 2
- **LOCATION:** Cypress Park School Gym
- **DETAILS:** PJ's, Blankets, Stuffedies, Hot Chocolate, Treats & More! Looking for Volunteers.
- **PIZZA:** Hoping to have pizza available to order through Munchalunch by Fresh Bay Pizza
- **NOTE:** Parents please sit with your children

REMINDER

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



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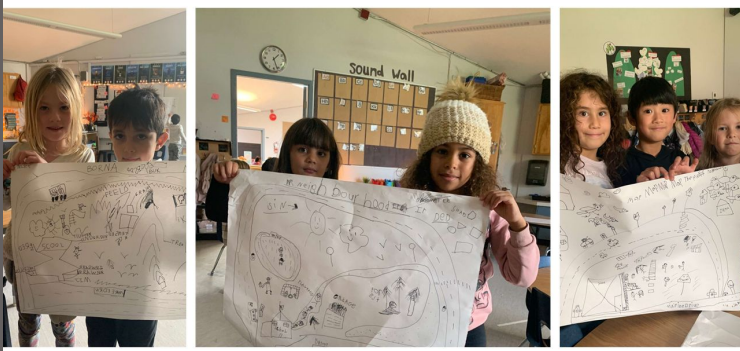
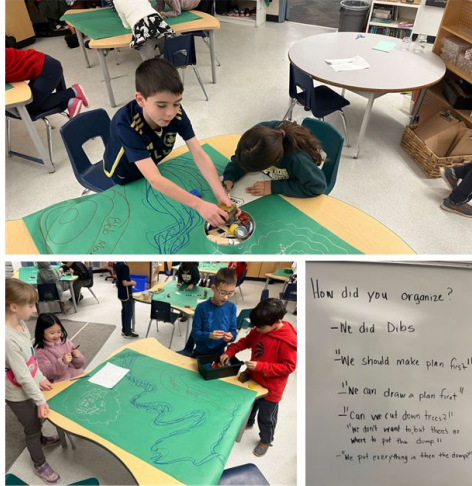
Thank you so much to our special guest parents for joining us at school to share your Diwali traditions with the students. The children loved hearing about the significance of the celebration, the traditions and customs you observe, and the beautiful stories you shared. We are grateful for the opportunity to learn from you.

Do you have a holiday or tradition you would like to share with us? Please let Mrs. Hulme know and we would love to have you in!



HOW WE ORGANIZE OURSELVES

Third-grade learners are planning Cypress Town and facing difficult decisions. Where should they place the dump? Should they sacrifice the 200-year-old forest or risk polluting the river? Should the dump be located next to the school? The students must collaborate to find a solution to this challenging community issue.



MAPPING PROJECT AND REFLECTIONS

Learners in grade one worked on creating a map of our school neighbourhood. They had to include spaces and things that help our community function. Students reflected on their social and communication skills when working with their partner on the map.

OUTDOOR CAMERAS

Wonder Walkers by, Micha Archer + Outdoor Cameras
I have two big questions that I always ask the students when we are learning, 'What do you notice?' and 'What do you wonder?' We read Wonder Walkers, took our cameras out, and looked and listened for things that made us wonder. The students love the responsibility that their outdoor camera brings focus + perspective.



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

The third-grade students enjoyed a presentation by Julia, in which she explained a cultural celebration and tradition that her family observes during this season in Mexico. Many students were able to relate this tradition to other cultural celebrations they are familiar with.

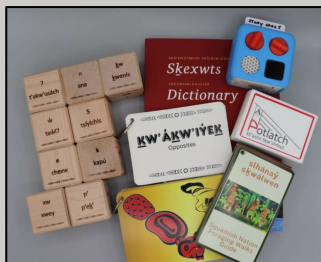


PUTTING ACTION INTO RECONCILIATION

Tsitsáyxemaat (Rebecca Duncan) is a Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim (Squamish Language) speaker and knowledge keeper. She has been speaking the language for nearly 40 years and has created library kits to help revitalize Squamish Nation language and culture.

West Vancouver Memorial Library now has Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim (Squamish Language) kits for people to borrow to help revitalize the language and culture.

SAMPLE OF WHAT IS IN THE KIT BELOW



Each kit includes a Squamish to English dictionary, an audio player to learn pronunciation, and alphabet blocks showing the letters and numbers of the language. Opposites and animal flashcards, as well as a foraging walk guide learning about land-based teachings, are also included in the kit.

But another component is Stl'ashn Skw'shítsut, also known as Potlatch, a co-operative game that teaches the idea of a shared economy.

The game highlights traditional plants, medicines, customs and cultural elements that are all significant to the Squamish people, said West Vancouver Memorial Library librarian Kendra Sakamoto.

EXTENDED HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TIME

If your child is going to be absent from school please email your classroom teacher and email Ms. Thoma at ethoma@wvschools.ca to let us know.

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

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

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PLAYGROUND RULES

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CYPRESS PARK CODE OF CONDUCT

[HERE](#)

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✓ [RAFFLE QUICK START – CLICK HERE FOR RAFFLE RESOURCES & TEMPLATES](#)

R IS FOR RAFFLE – WINTER FUNDRAISER

The **Early Bird Raffle Draw has been extended to Fri, Nov 15**, so if you want this extra chance to win, please send over your e-transfer to info.paccpp@gmail.com & get your tickets in by then. **Do you need help selling your tickets?** Here's an [email template](#) to get started...

New Message



friends@gmail.com

Subject **Cypress Park School Raffle!**

Hello friends & family!

We hope that this message finds you in great spirits. [YOUR CHILD'S NAME] is selling raffle tickets for their school Cypress Park Primary. The live draw for our "R is for Raffle" Fundraiser is November 27 & is a fantastic opportunity to raise funds that will directly benefit our school's programs & initiatives. Also, if [YOUR CHILD'S NAME] sells the most tickets, they'll get the opportunity to choose from any Non-Grand Prize as a reward – please help them achieve their goals by buying a ticket!

If you're interested in buying tickets, please let me know how many tickets you'd like (\$10 each), include your Name, Email & Phone Number that you'd like me to put on your tickets, e-transfer the funds to [YOUR EMAIL], and then I can either give you your tickets, or send you a photo of them.

OVER \$13,000 WORTH OF PRIZES... Stay at Chateau Fairmont Whistler, Waterfront Getaway Near Tofino, Westjet Flights, Canucks & Whitecaps Tickets, Neon Slime Party, Bike Park & Grouse Passes, Cooking Classes, Lasertag, Fencing, Skoah Facial, Award Winning Restaurants & [MORE...](#)

Thank you for your generosity & for being an integral part of our Cypress Park community!
[INSERT YOUR NAME]



R IS FOR RAFFLE – FUNDRAISER TEXT TEMPLATE

Need more help selling your raffle tickets? Here's a text message template to help you out...

TEXT MESSAGE: Hello friends & family! [CHILD'S NAME] is selling \$10 raffle tickets for their school. The prizes are pretty amazing with over \$13,000 worth of prizes including:

- 2 Nights at Chateau Fairmont Whistler
- Waterfront Getaway near Tofino
- Canucks & Whitecaps Tickets, Westjet Flights & more!

If you'd like some tickets, please send me an e-transfer to [INSERT YOUR EMAIL] and the name, email & phone number that you'd like me to put on your ticket, and I'll send you a photo of your ticket. Here's a link to more prizes: <https://cypress-park.square.site/r-is-for-raffle>



- ✓ **TEACHER'S GIFT:** We're **64% to our goal!** Please e-transfer info.paccpp@gmail.com \$40 for each student & include "Teacher's Gift, Student Name, Grade" in the description.



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM 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!** This course is open to all grades, on Thursdays from Jan 14 – Mar 11 @ 2:30pm – 4:45pm.

— LIGHTS UP REGISTRATION DETAILS —

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM 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, please contact the club or visit our pro shop. This course is open to all grades, on Thursdays from Jan 9-March 13 @ 2:30-3:10PM.



— FENCING REGISTRATION DETAILS —

NEW ITEM SPONSORED FUNDING FUTURES: TUFF TRAY & STAND

KINDERGARTEN OUTDOOR CLASSROOM – Each morning, our kindies start the day in our outdoor classroom, where hands-on learning & nature go hand in hand. The benefits of outdoor learning are countless: it allows them 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.

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



— KINDNESS CORNER —

♥ **THANKS TO THE ASYA'S FAMILY!** ♥

A big thank you to Asya's Family (Grade 1) for their generous sponsorship of our new item (above) – **The Tuff Tray & Stand!** So far this year, we've been able to raise \$1,470 through [Funding Futures](#).

