



CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY THURSDAY eBULLETIN

DECEMBER 12, 2024

LOOKING AHEAD

December 13	Festive Friday - Spirit Wear / Holiday Sweater <hr/> 1st Term Learning Updates - posted to MyEd
December 18	1:45pm Doors Open for Winter Concert in the gym
December 20	Festive Friday - Holiday Pajama Day <hr/> 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

LIBRARY BOOKS RETURNED

DEC 17!

Students with library books still signed out please remember to return them to by **next TUESDAY**



STUDENT LEARNING UPDATES (REPORTS) WILL BE PUBLISHED ON DECEMBER 13th by 3:00PM

All new parents will have received an email on November 14th from sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca or admin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca providing a temporary one-time password - you would have been asked to create a new password immediately. If you did not receive an email check your junkmail first as it could be in that folder. We encourage you to set up the Family Portal on receipt of your email with a new password and practice navigating the site so that you are ready for Report Cards, ELL Reports and IEPs when they are published on 8th December.

Please note that there will be no proficiency indicator for French on the Learning Update. While French is introduced at the Kindergarten level as part of our IB curriculum, it is not a Ministry-mandated subject for formal reporting until Grade 5.

Please remember that if you have an older child in high school, you already have an account and can see all your children on that one account. These reports will only be available until July 2025, so we advise you to download and save for future reference.

HERE ARE LINKS TO HELP YOU
[MYED PARENT PORTAL HELP](#)
[VIDEO VERSION HERE](#)



**FESTIVE FRIDAY
13 DECEMBER
HOLIDAY SWEATERS**



WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Click [HERE](#) to find out when.



COME SING-A-LONG WITH US!

Attention all Families! Cypress Park Primary will celebrate the end of a great term at our Winter Concert and whole school sing-a-long. On Wednesday, December 18th at 1:55 pm in our gym, Cypress park students will perform a few short songs to celebrate the season. Our hope is to have a simple festive community conclusion to the 2024 year.



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).

Our **Festive Friday** was filled with joy as students proudly wore their Christmas hats and toques. The colorful collection of hats added a cheerful touch to the day, with everyone showing off their festive spirit. From twinkling reindeer antlers to bright red Santa hats, it was a fun and festive way to kick off the holiday season together!





THINKING SKILLS / SELF MANAGEMENT

Societies have customs and practices that shape how it functions

The grade three class had an Indigenous master cedar bark weaver and artist Rita Point Kompst come to share her knowledge about the cultural practice of cedar bark weaving. Thank you to our PAC for supporting the Experts in Residence program so we can have special guests.

HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES

Story Workshop: Literacy and Language Through Play

In the kindergarten classroom, Story Workshop is a Reggio-inspired approach that invites students to explore literacy and language through play. This flexible and inclusive structure gives children choice and a voice, empowering them to see themselves as authors and

Through playful inquiry, students imagine, create, and connect their ideas in meaningful ways, developing their communication and thinking skills.

Story Workshop aligns beautifully with the IB Learner Profile, encouraging students to be inquirers by exploring ideas, thinkers as they craft their stories, and communicators when they share their creations.



WHO WE ARE

Grade one students were inquirers and interviewed Miss Lois and Mr. Slater about who they are and what they know about friendship. We found out Miss Lois likes to cook for her friends and Mr. Slater likes mountain biking and let us know that being yourself in a friendship is really important. Bob Baker, Saplek, visited our school and drummed for us and taught us songs about some of our learner profile animals, like the orca and wolf.



PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICE EXPECTATIONS

As we reflect on the first four months of the school year, we're proud to recognize the progress we've made together in implementing our Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations. Thanks to the collective efforts of our students, families, and staff, we've seen a significant improvement in how digital devices are used in our schools. This has fostered more focused and engaged learning environments, aligning with our shared goal of supporting student success.

This success would not have been possible without everyone's ongoing support and commitment. While we celebrate these strides, it's important that we remain consistent in maintaining these expectations and continue to remind and support students to ensure this positive momentum is sustained.

Why We're Doing This

The purpose of these expectations is to minimize distractions and maximize learning opportunities. Digital devices, when used appropriately, are powerful tools for collaboration, creativity, and communication. However, ensuring they don't interrupt instructional time or disrupt the learning environment remains a priority.

What You Can Continue to Do

Here are some ways families can help reinforce these expectations at home:

1. **Celebrate Progress** - Acknowledge your child's efforts in adhering to the guidelines and discuss how this has positively impacted their focus and learning.
2. **Reinforce Healthy Habits** - Continue encouraging a balanced approach to device use at home by promoting activities like reading, outdoor play, and family time.
3. **Model Consistency** - Show your support by modeling mindful device use when on the school grounds or in the school building AND during shared family time.
4. **Support School Communication** - Please avoid contacting your child during instructional time, this includes communication through phones and smartwatches. Remind them that non-urgent messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.
5. **Stay Engaged** - Revisit the Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices to refresh your understanding of the expectations and discuss them with your child.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support in making this initiative a success.

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I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, on whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides.

WEST VANCOUVER'S 2024 HOLIDAY HAPPENING GUIDE

[Holiday Happenings guide is here!](#)

[Scouts Christmas Tree Lot](#) - tree delivery offered.

HOLIDAY EVENTS AROUND TOWN (click the links for info)

[Squamish Polar Express Train Ride](#)
[Vancouver Christmas Market](#)
[Breakfast with Santa on Grouse Mountain](#)
[Park and Tilford Hi-Light](#)
[Dundarave Festival of Lights](#)
[Christmas Lights at Lafarge Lake - City of Coquitlam](#)

WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS REGISTRATION

Opens January 15th, 2025

K-12 registration for both in-district and out-of-district students opens on January 15! If you have students in your family or network who are looking to join our district, please help spread the word about this important date.

West Vancouver Schools offer a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community that values excellence in education. Our schools take pride in creating meaningful learning experiences and providing opportunities that support the growth, well-being, and success of every student.

To learn more about registration expectations and processes, please visit our admissions page: [West Vancouver Schools Admissions](#)

We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our vibrant and supportive school community!

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](#)



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18
PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Join us after the Winter Concert to get your photo taken by a professional photographer, Santa meet & greet, photo opp, digital prints & special keepsake gift. Every ticket includes entry for the door prize draw! Tickets are \$25.

— GET YOUR SANTA PHOTO TICKETS —



SANTA CLAUS



VIP PARKING – TERM 2 BIDS OPEN

Are you tired of the morning rush & missed out on last term's VIP parking spot? This is your chance!

STARTING BID: \$450 | TERM 2: Jan - March

- **WHAT:** 2 VIP Parking spots conveniently located near the school entrance available for silent auction
- **HOW:** Send your bids to info.paccpp@gmail.com
- **DEADLINE:** Friday, December 20

HOT LUNCH TERM 2

Hot Lunch ordering is back! Place your orders by **Mon, Dec 29** for orders the first week back (Jan 8).

NOTE: To prioritize the safety of a community member with life-threatening allergies to chicken, all chicken items have been removed from our hot lunch menus. Thanks for your support!

— ORDER HOT LUNCH TODAY —



WANT TO CONNECT? Follow us on [Instagram](#) for tips, tricks, timely reminders & updates! [@cypressparkprimarypac](#)

DEADLINE – THURS, DEC 12 (TODAY) HOLIDAY HAMPER

In the spirit of giving, we will be supporting a family from Queen Mary School in North Vancouver. Let's make this family's holiday season a little brighter. Look at their wish list & bring in an item to donate!

—SIGN-UP TO DONATE—



LIGHTS UP MUSICAL THEATRE

- **DATE:** Tuesdays @ 2:30pm – 4:45pm
- **COST:** \$365 (2hr 15 min Program, 9 Sessions)
- **BONUS:** Includes performance for friends & family on the last day of classes.
- **— REGISTER TODAY —**



DYNAMO FENCING – THURSDAYS

- **DATE:** Thursdays @ 2:30-3:10 PM
- **COST:** \$250 (40min Program, 10 Sessions)
- **BONUS:** Includes FREE brand new fencing mask & gloves (value of \$145).
- **— REGISTER TODAY —**

FUNDING FUTURES – HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

When people ask "what does the PAC pay for?" These sponsorship items are our list!

With over \$30,000 worth of school resources to choose from, **THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO VOTE** on what the PAC spends money on. Without these sponsorships, these items are on the chopping block.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BOOKS
CAD\$250.00



INQUIRY - MY WILD ANIMAL BLOCKS
CAD\$45.00



MOVIE & PJ NIGHT
CAD\$75.00