

CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY THURSDAY eBULLETIN

DECEMBER 5, 2024

LOOKING AHEAD

December 6	Festive Friday Spirit Wear, Hats/Toques, Antler Ears/Santa Hat
December 12	Hamper Deadline - please bring gifts wrapped and labelled
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

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



CYPRESS PARK NEW BOOK BARN LENDING LIBRARY

We are thrilled to share an exciting new addition to our school grounds: a beautifully constructed and hand-painted Book Barn Lending Library!

A huge thank you to the Gedge/Dosen family for their incredible generosity and hard work in bringing this project to life and to the other volunteers for assisting with the installation.

Thank you for creating a place where everyone can borrow and exchange books, fostering a love of reading and promoting literacy throughout our school community.

Be sure to stop by and check out the Book Barn the next time you visit our school!





CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY

FAMILY Holiday Hamper

DELIVERY OF ALL WRAPPED GIFTS BY
DECEMBER 12

ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT to support our FAMILY in need this year from Queen Mary School in North Vancouver. Please check the google doc attached below to see the wishes still left unfulfilled. Let's make these children and their families' holiday season a little brighter. We are asking all Cypress Park parents to look at our holiday hamper wish list and donate an item on the list, if they are able.

Let's make this family's holiday season a little brighter by providing healthy meals and ensuring every child has a gift to open.

Please add your name to the item you plan to purchase.

[\(LINK TO DOC HERE\)](#)

- **All gifts must be wrapped.**

You may sign you and your child's name on a card if you wish, or remain anonymous.

- Please indicate on each gift who it is intended for: ie: Mom - Boy 10 years old.
- You may include gift receipts with purchases if you wish.
- Please **drop off** your wrapped gift no later than **Thursday, December 12th**.

For gift cards or grocery cards for donation, please write the amount on the card and have your student take the cards to Ms. Thoma in the office for safekeeping.

Please help us by bringing in your gift right away so we can fill any gaps.
Last chance to bring your donated items will be **December 12th!**

Please join us make a difference for this family.

A big heartfelt THANK YOU we believe more than ever it is a time to show our Cypress Park HEART with kindness and compassion.



FOREST OF MIRACLES - DUNDARAVE BEACH



Last week our kindergarten class along with their grade two buddies, travelled on the public bus to Dundarave Beach and decorated one of the Forest of Miracle trees. The tree was graciously donated by our PAC with proceeds going to [Lookout Society](#).

A big **THANK YOU** to our wonderful PAC for organizing and hosting an amazing **Movie Night!** It was a fantastic evening filled with laughter, community spirit, and lots of fun. Families enjoyed a cozy screening of *Inside Out 2*, complete with delicious popcorn, hot chocolate, and an assortment of tasty snacks. The atmosphere was warm, inviting, and full of smiles as everyone gathered to enjoy the film together. We also had an exciting **Final Raffle Draw**, and we'd like to extend our gratitude to all the parents and families who supported the raffle.

Your contributions made the event even more special and helped raise funds for future school activities!

A heartfelt thank you as well to those who helped with the clean-up after the event. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and help make these events a success.



LES PETIT CHEFS

Another thank you to our PAC for sponsoring the visit of **Les Petits Chefs** through our **Experts in Residence** initiative! Each class had the chance to roll up their sleeves and get hands-on in the kitchen, learning not only about cooking skills but also about the ingredients in **French**—what a fantastic way to blend language and culture with a fun culinary activity! From mixing batter to tasting the final product, the students were fully engaged and excited to see their creations come to life. **Bon appétit!** For Chefs french crepe recipe [click here](#).

NUMERACY GRADE TWO

We are currently learning about place value and 10s and 1s. We played a game using the base 10 blocks and a place value mat. Using game cards, students drew numbers and then built them using the blocks and mat.



SELF MANAGEMENT SKILLS

Yoga Time! Every Friday morning the grade one class spends a few minutes doing Yoga. We are learning about being a Balanced IB learner- giving time for moving our bodies and making brain and body connections.



HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES

Exploring Creativity with iPads

This week, we had the exciting opportunity to use iPads in Kindergarten! During our discussions, Caroline shared that an iPad can help us look up and research, Will said its a tool for finding out things we don't know, and Andre reminded us that an iPad is a learning tool. We also explored an app called ChatterPix Kids, which brought our creativity to life!

As part of the IB program, we focus on developing Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills, and this activity highlights several key areas:

1. **Communication Skills:** Students practice sharing their ideas clearly and creatively using technology.
2. **Thinking Skills:** They use critical and creative thinking to plan what their character will say.
3. **Self-Management Skills:** Organizing their thoughts and using the app responsibly are key parts of this activity.



THINKING SKILLS / SOCIAL SKILLS

Grade three mathematicians hard at work! Numeracy Explorations into Patterning and Algebra: Visualizing increasing and decreasing patterns.

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

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



LIBRARY BOOKS RETURNED TO SCHOOL

Students with library books still signed
out please remember to return them to
school by next **Friday, December 13th**



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](#)

IN PREPARATION OF WINTER WEATHER



[CLICK HERE](#)
FOR INFORMATION

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](#)

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*I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people,
specifically the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, on whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides.*



TEACHER'S GIFT: Last chance to contribute! Nikki will be buying the gift cards this week. 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.**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Tickets are \$25 & include a Santa meet & greet, professional photographer & photo opp, digital prints, special keepsake gift & door prize entry for 3 prizes!

— GET YOUR SANTA PHOTO TICKETS —



FUNDING FUTURES

This week, the PAC was able to help bring in **LES PETITS CHEFS**, a French language cooking class where the students learned how to make crepes. If your little learner enjoyed this, consider sponsoring it so that we can bring them in again next year.

— SPONSOR COOKING COURSE —

R IS FOR RAFFLE

- **TOGETHER WE RAISED \$10,150** for school initiatives. Thanks for all of your hard work!
- **CONGRATS** to all of our **WINNERS**
- **TOP STUDENTS with most tickets sold...**
 - **1st Place:** Qwynn (Grade 1)
 - **2nd Place:** Monty (Kindergarten)
 - **Tied for 3rd Place:** Rowan (Grade 2) & Jack (Kindergarten)



HOT LUNCH TERM 2 – NOW OPEN: Place your orders by Mon, Dec 29 for orders the first week back on Mon, Jan 8. <https://munchalunch.com/>

DEADLINE – THURS, DEC 12 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—



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: \$200 | 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

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 —**



♥ — KINDNESS CORNER — ♥

THANKS TO THE MOVIE NIGHT VOLUNTEERS

THANKS again to all the raffle & movie night volunteers & especially to **NEDA (Artin's mom)** for making popcorn for almost 2 hours straight at Movie Night!