



JANUARY 23, 2025

LOOKING AHEAD

January 24	Spirit Wear Day - Show Your School Spirit - wear your Cypress Park spirit wear tomorrow.
January 27	Professional Development Day - school not in session
January 28	9:15AM PAC meeting - Gym
January 30	Lunar New Year celebration - families invited to join us at 2:30 in the gym
February 13	Valentine Day school activities
February 14	Reading Break - school not in session
February 17	Family Day Holiday - school not in session
February 21	International Mother Language Day
February 26	Pink Shirt Day
March 9	Daylight Savings



The Lunar New Year starts on January 29, 2025, and ushers in the Year of the Snake! More specifically, it's the year of the Wood Snake, which only happens every 60 years. People born in the Year of the Snake are known for being mysterious, intelligent, charming, and creative. They possess sharp wit and a keen eye for detail. However, they can also be secretive, cunning, and sometimes ruthless. Snakes are particularly recognized for their strong will and determination.

Thanks to our amazing PAC and the Lunar New Year Committee, students will have an opportunity to engage in a variety of New Year themed activities in the afternoon. From traditional crafts, storytelling, dance, food and more.

Parents are invited to join us on Thursday, January 30th at 2:30 in the gym.



FAMILY LITERACY DAY JANUARY 27th

Family Literacy Day a day where we raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family.

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.



**DROPPING OFF ITEMS, INCLUDING LUNCHES,
PLEASE MAKE SURE TO LABEL THEM AND DROP OFF AT THE OFFICE.**

Please do not enter your child's classroom



RESPECTING OUR SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

"Pack it in Pack it out Lunches" We ask that whatever comes in your child's lunch bag goes home in their lunch bag, including empty juice boxes and wrappers. This way we will create far less garbage at school and you will have a better idea of what your child is finishing for lunch.



REMINDER

If ordering hot lunch or bringing lunch to school that requires cutlery; spoon, fork or chopsticks, please remember to pack the required cutlery in your child's lunch box.

Wipe out Waste WOW

Pack waste free food!

Did you know that up to 50% of items in school/preschool bins come from food and drink packaging is brought from home?

Pack

- Snacks in reusable containers
- Drinks in a reusable bottle
- Reusable utensils when needed
- A reusable lunchbox or backpack

Avoid

- Lunches packed in plastic bags, cling film or foil
- Disposable drink boxes, cans, cartons and bottles
- Disposable forks and spoons
- Pre-packaged lunches or single serve items

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

HOW THE WORLD WORKS

Grade Two's are THINKERS as they investigated matter. After figuring out that all matter takes up space and has weight, we started to further analyze what we thought the different types of matter might be (water, air, and items like a globe, a book, an animal). After comparing each type, we decided that you can move through air and water (although you get wet) but you cannot move through a globe or a book. Next, we compared our new understanding to the actual science by watching a short video. We learned that there are 3 main states of matter... but we were close!



We also were KNOWLEDGEABLE when we used what we knew about science and scientists to create pictures of scientists doing 'scientific' things. We used our THINKING, COMMUNICATION and SELF-MANAGEMENT skills.

SHAPE HUNT with iPADS!

We used our iPads as a tool to go on a Shape Hunt in our playground! The children had fun identifying different shapes by working together in our table groups. It was a great opportunity to develop their shape recognition skills while strengthening their social skills through collaboration and communication.



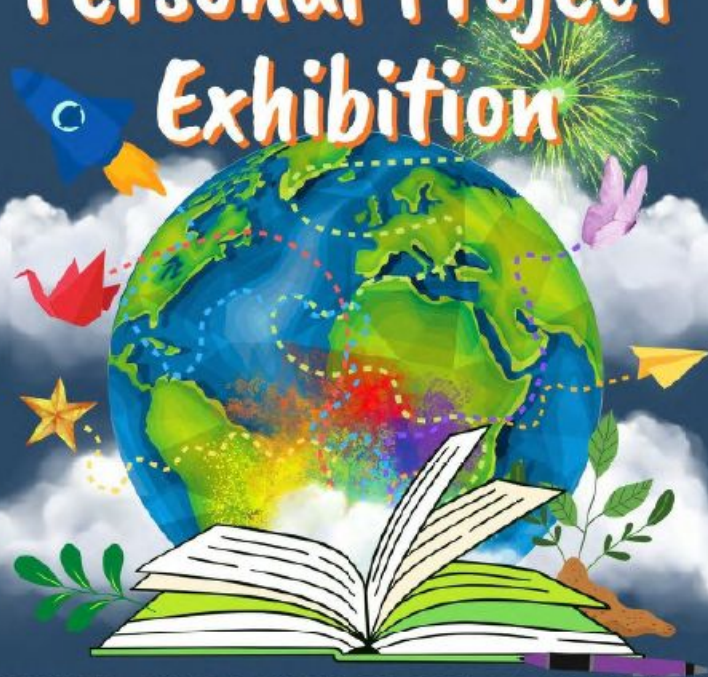
WHERE
WE ARE
IN PLACE
AND
TIME
INQUIRY



Grade one has been working on their observation skills and our box from the Beaty Biodiversity Museum arrived just in time! (Thanks PAC for sponsoring this). We used our observation skills to notice and wonder about creatures and plants living in a forest. We were very curious about the black tailed deer skull and squirrel specimens.

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR

Personal Project Exhibition



PRESENTED BY ROCKRIDGE GRADE 10 STUDENTS
IN COMPLETION OF THEIR MYP CERTIFICATE

COME EXPLORE THEIR LEARNING JOURNEYS,
DISCOVERIES AND WHAT WAS CREATED IN THE PROCESS!

FEB. 6, 2025 - 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Rockridge Secondary - 5350 Headland Dr., West Vancouver

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](#)

2024-2025 YEAR TO DATE
CALENDAR
[HERE](#)

2024-2025 BELL SCHEDULE
[HERE](#)

PLAYGROUND RULES
[HERE](#)

CYPRESS PARK CODE OF
CONDUCT
[HERE](#)

WHEN SHOULD I KEEP
MY SICK CHILD HOME
FROM SCHOOL?



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

NUT AWARE SCHOOL

A reminder that Cypress Park is a Nut Aware school and parents and guardians should do their best NOT pack nuts in their child's lunches. We thank you for your understanding.



No Tree Nuts

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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.



REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK...

- ✓ **PAC MEETING:** Guest speaker Morikke Espenhain IB coordinator, Tues, Jan 28 @ 9:15AM
- ✓ **LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION:** Thursday, Jan 30, 2:30PM @ the Gym

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We need 4 more volunteers & a polaroid camera so please [SIGN-UP TO HELP](#).

Parents are invited to join our students after school for our celebration which includes, special performances by our Grandmas & students, homemade dumplings, games, calligraphy, photo booth, food, stories, music & more.



CIRCLE TIME RUG — One Down. Two to Go!



A big **THANKS to the Sichani Family** for sponsoring one of our classroom rugs! Our students spend *hours* each day on these rugs for quiet reading, group learning & playtime. They are the meeting place in our classrooms & also act to dampen sound, which helps with sensory issues & sensitivities. Our current rugs are worn. We are seeking to replace them with rugs that are new, clean, “soil, stain & bleach resistant,” and have antimicrobial protection.

- SPONSOR THE RUGS IN OUR OTHER CLASSES -

SOCCER — SPONSORSHIP THANKS

A big **THANKS to the Hincks Family** for sponsoring WVFC Soccer Workshops for the entire school! In March, as part of our Experts-in-Residence Program, we will be bringing in top coaches from the West Vancouver Football Club (WVFC). This specialized workshop offers professional instructors, tailored training & skills development for students in all classes. These generous sponsorships make all the extra programs, supplies & resources possible throughout the year.





Special Guest Morikke Espenhain
IB coordinator

PAC MEETING Tues, Jan 28 @ 9:15-10:15 AM

Let's all grab a coffee beforehand at Isetta after drop-off, then get together in the Cypress Park Gym. Highlights will include:

- **Special Guest Morikke Espenhain**, our IB coordinator will be joining us to ask parents questions as we complete our self-study in preparation for our Evaluation by the IBO this year.
- Lunar New Year Final Details & Nowruz Kick-off
- Summer Year-End BBQ: Activities (Bouncy vs Animals)
- Freezie Fundraiser, Physical Literacy scores & more!
- [Presentation Link](#)

ONLINE: [Meeting Link](#), ID: 269 143 965 41, Code: 9eo68BY7

NOWRUZ CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE – Thurs, March 13, 1-3:30PM

A big **THANKS** to **Arash & Shery** for agreeing to be our Nowruz co-ordinators!

- **WhatsApp Group:** [Join our Nowruz Committee WhatsApp Group](#) to stay up to date on our progress & share your ideas.
- **Project Plan & Volunteers:** If you'd like to learn more about the event or volunteer to help out, please take a look at our [Nowruz Project Plan](#).



BEATY BOX SPONSORSHIP FUNDING FUTURES

This month Cypress Park PAC is pleased to be able to fund the UBC Beaty Boxes!

These award-winning kits contain touchable specimens, hands-on activities that explore biodiversity & information about UBC research scientists. If you want these boxes again next year, please click the link below to sponsor. This month, we're exploring the **Forest Box** that focuses on our Pacific Coastal Temperate Rainforest & ecological connections.

- SPONSOR TODAY -