



**CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY THURSDAY eBULLETIN**

13 February, 2025

**LOOKING AHEAD**

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| 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 | <b>Pink Shirt Day</b> <a href="https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/">https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/</a> |
| March 9     | Daylight Savings - clocks move forward  |
| March 11    | Last day of Lights Up   |
| March 13    | Nowruz Celebrations. Parents invited to the gym at 2:30                                       |
| March 14    | Term Two Learning Updates posted to MyEd<br>Last day of school before spring break            |

**HOT LUNCH PROGRAM**

Please make sure you are paying for your orders when placing the order or soon after. **The system is designed to delete any unpaid orders after 24 hours and we don't want anyone missing out on their hot lunch days.**

**[LOGIN HERE TO ORDER OR MAKE CHANGES](#)**

**Reminder**

**You will receive an email confirmation the day before your child's hot lunch delivery**

**PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR OWN UTENSILS**

Please ensure your child has their own reusable utensils for their lunches and hot lunches

**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

**2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR**

If your child will not be returning to Cypress Park in September please let the school office know as soon as possible, to [ethoma@wvschools.ca](mailto:ethoma@wvschools.ca). We have many families waiting to hear about placement for the 25-26 school year.

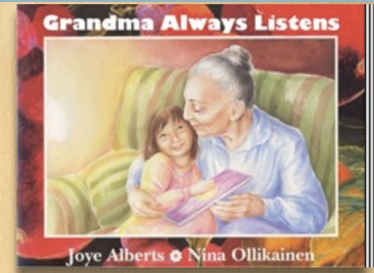


**WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?**

Click **HERE** to find out.

## WORLD MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

International Mother Language Day is observed every year on **February 21**. At Cypress Park, we recognize that Languages and multilingualism can advance inclusion. A wonderful resource that families can utilise at home. <https://www.uniteforliteracy.com> is a website that has a library of digital books that can be read in multiple languages. We encourage you to explore this resource and participate in Mother Language Day by reading a book with your child in a different language. You can choose a different language and listen to the book in English and your chosen language.



### LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

We have quite a few items collecting in our lost and found blue box. Please encourage your child/ren to come and look and reclaim their lost items. Items that are not claimed will be packed up on the morning of 13 March and dropped off at the Salvation Army. Our blue box is located just inside the foyer entrance door.



### DISTRICT EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION UPDATE



Text Messaging - For parents/guardians who would like to be notified of a school emergency such as power outages, severe weather or safety alerts via SMS

Please text a "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 to ensure you are on the list.

## THE PINK SHIRT DAY STORY

In 2007, Berwick, Nova Scotia, after a new student at their school was bullied for wearing a pink shirt, two grade 12 students bought 75 pink shirts and encouraged their classmates to wear pink. The next day they went to distribute the shirts and to their surprise the majority of students arrived wearing pink! With that act of kindness, Pink Shirt Day was born. In 2008, British Columbia proclaimed every last Wednesday of February to be the provincial anti-bullying day, and the movement has continued to grow.

Our district and school goal is centered around building a sense of belonging amongst our community. We are connecting our learning about inclusion, friendship, kindness and how to be a "principled" Cypress Park student. As primary school teachers, we recognize that our children are still developing the skills to navigate complex social situations. Cypress Park will celebrate Pink Shirt Day on **February 26th!**

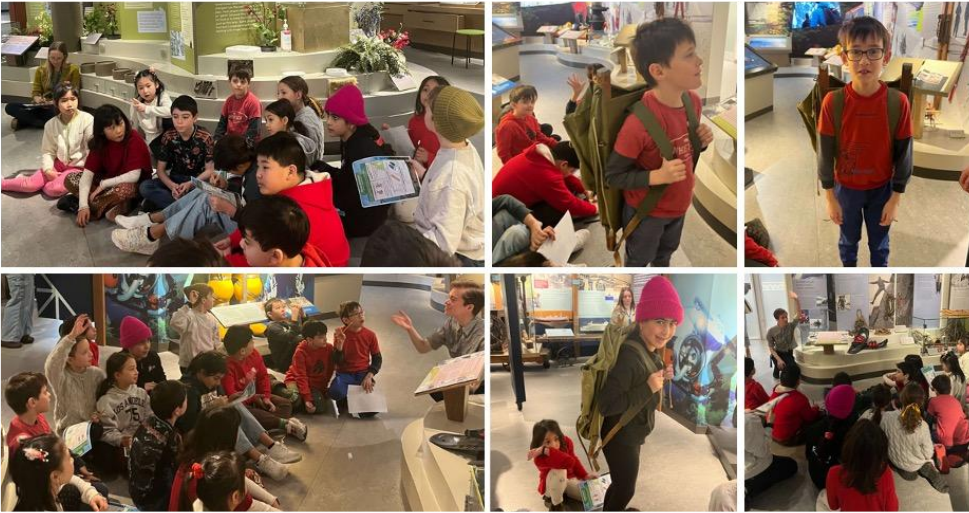






## EXPLORING WINTER AS INQUIRER

Our outdoor classroom looked very different today! As Inquirers, we explored the snow, noticing how our environment has changed. The children asked questions about how the snow feels, what happens when it melts, and how it affects the plants and animals around us. Through play and discovery, we are deepening our understanding of seasonal changes while having so much fun outdoors!



## HOW THE WORLD WORKS - GRADE THREE

What was hiking and mountaineering like 100 years ago? What did people use to navigate the elements and weather? These are some questions that the class explored during their visit to the Museum of North Vancouver.



## HOW THE WORLD WORKS LIGHT INQUIRY 🤖

Grade One has been working on these larger concepts.  
**FORM** - what is it like?  
**FUNCTION** - how does it work?  
**CAUSATION**- why causes it to happen?  
 We also worked on our **SOCIAL Skills**. How will we share the materials? What will be fair? How will we all agree on a plan?

## HOW THE WORLD WORKS

In honour of Valentine's Day, Grade Two's experimented with pipe cleaner hearts, Borax, and hot water. Students were **PRINCIPLED THINKERS** during this experiment. They made hearts out of pipe cleaners and pencils, and then we submerged in them into the Borax / hot water solution. We had to use all the materials safely and then make predictions about what we thought was going to happen. We then made observations over two days. Ask your child what happened!







NEW & USED

# SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE

PRESENTED BY KIDSPORT NORTH SHORE



Do you have any new or lightly used sports equipment sitting around?  
Please DONATE anytime between Thursday, March 13 - Monday, March 31,  
2025! Find details on donation collection locations and acceptable  
equipment to donate on our website.

## EQUIPMENT SALE DETAILS

CARSON GRAHAM SECONDARY SCHOOL

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

@kidspornorthshore

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## 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](mailto:ethoma@wvschools.ca)

## 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](#)

## Cypress Park Preschool

Cypress Park Playschool offers 6-Hour preschool based on Progressive Montessori program from 8:30 am to 2:25 pm. The Playschool is a caring Montessori preschool where students develop the skills to start kindergarten at Cypress Park's IB Primary Years Programme. For more information, please visit

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

2024-2025 BELL SCHEDULE  
[HERE](#)

PLAYGROUND RULES  
[HERE](#)

CYPRESS PARK CODE OF CONDUCT  
[HERE](#)

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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...

- ✓ **PHOTO DOWNLOAD – LUNAR NEW YEAR:** Get your PHOTOS before they're gone.
- ✓ **PAC MEETING – SAVE THE DATE | TUES FEB 25 @ 5PM:** Special guests Amber & Erin from Make Movement Matter will be joining us to discuss Physical Literacy in our classrooms.



### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: April 15 - June 17 **STEAMOJI – INTRO TO COMPUTING**

- **DATE:** Tuesdays @ 2:30pm – 3:30pm
- **COST:** \$370 (60 min Program, 10 Sessions)

*Intro to Computing – VEX Robotics*, allows apprentices to start their Robotics journey by creating code that controls a vehicle they've built & tested themselves. Physical Computing is about much more than learning to code. As well as learning key coding concepts, they will work on building & problem solving skills. To register, please email the completed [REGISTRATION FORM](#) to [westvancouver@steamoji.com](mailto:westvancouver@steamoji.com).

**— REGISTER FOR STEAMOJI —**

### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: April 10 - June 12 **SPORTSBALL – SPORT EXPLORERS**

- **DATE:** Thursdays @ 2:30pm – 4:00pm
- **COST:** \$300 (90 min Program, 10 Sessions)

Unlock your child's potential through our engaging, multi-sport after-school program designed to inspire & energize! Led by experienced coaching staff, Sport Explorers introduces young athletes to a world of fun, teamwork & skill-building. Each session offers a mix of sports to keep kids excited, moving & discovering new talents. Includes: Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Handball, Hockey, Pickleball & more!



**— REGISTER TODAY —**



**Special guests Amber & Erin**  
Co-Founders of Make  
Movement Matter

## SAVE THE DATE – Tues, Feb 25 @ 5:30 PM EVENING PAC MEETING

Join us for our first 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!

We're also excited to welcome **special guests Amber & Erin from [Make Movement Matter](#)** to speak about Physical Literacy in our classrooms & at Cypress Park.

**ONLINE:** [Meeting Link](#), ID: 225 373 430 186, Code: pV7wY9Sd

## CIRCLE TIME RUGS — 2 more needed!

Our students spend *hours* each day on our classroom rugs for quiet reading, group learning & playtime. They are a meeting place & also 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 resistant, and have antimicrobial protection." Check out our [Instagram post to see real photos of our current rugs!](#)

- [KINDERGARTEN – Sponsor a rug for this class](#)
- [GRADE 3 – Sponsor a rug for this class](#)



## FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

Check out our [Instagram](#) account for school projects, events, fun craft ideas, tips, tricks, timely reminders, updates, photos & more! [@cypressparkprimarypac](#)

## INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE INVOLVED?

- ✓ **NOWRUZ:** [Join our WhatsApp group](#) & help us plan our event on Thursday, March 13.
- ✓ **PAC EXECUTIVE:** We're looking for a new Treasurer for next year. Email us at [info.paccpp@gmail.com](mailto:info.paccpp@gmail.com) to learn more about this important role.