

CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY

THURSDAY NEWS eBULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

STARTING NEXT WEEK MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15th

We will be commencing our regular school schedule next week, all students Kindergarten to Grade 3 in attendance. **REMINDER:** Our morning bell rings at 8:30am, please make sure your child arrives on time. Being on time allows your child a successful start to their day. Our dismissal bell is at 2:30pm

LOOKING AHEAD

SEPT 12	Cops for Cancer visit
SEPT 15	Kindergarten starts Full Days
SEPT 16	#1 Gr 3 Cross Country Meet - Ambleside Park 3:45-4:45PM 8:00 AM running practice at school Wednesdays
SEPT 18	Student Individual Photo Day
SEPT 19	Student Forms returned(Ipad/Student Verification)
SEPT 24	Terry Fox Run for online donations CLICK HERE
SEPT 24	2:30 PM PAC FAMILY PICNIC
SEPT 24	Art Mania afterschool program begins
SEPT 25	Parent Information Evening
SEPT 26	Professional Development Day-school not in session
SEPT 29	Orange Shirt Day
SEPT 30	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation

**CROSS COUNTRY SEASON BEGINS
GRADES 3 STUDENTS**

Practises are Wednesdays at 08:00am
Meet #1 September 16th @ 3:30pm

Permission slips went home last week and should be returned to Ms. James by tomorrow. Please let Ms. McLeod know if you are able to volunteer at the meets at rmcleod@wvschools.ca. If your child is participating, there is a \$10 district fee that can be paid on schoolcashionline. [Click here](#)



**STUDENT PHOTO DAY
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH**



Individual student photos will be taken. If rain is in the forecast please remember to send appropriate rain gear to ensure your child is photo ready. Remember to bring your best smiles!

**CP TERRY FOX RUN - 24 SEPTEMBER
FINISH IT!**

Terry Fox started a Marathon against Cancer.
Together we can end it.

✓ POLICY AND PROCEDURE - PAST DUE

If you have not yet filled out our **Policy and Procedures online form** found [HERE](#) your child will be unable to participate in school activities off school grounds including our Terry Fox Run. **Please fill out ASAP**

SAFE ARRIVAL AND PICK UP INFORMATION

It is important to ensure that getting to and from school is safe for all students. Please do your part to follow Cypress Park's drop-off and pick-up procedures and expectations.



- **Do not stop, block or obstruct the handicap loading area at any time**
- Slow down. Obey 30 km/hr. speed limits in school and playground zones
- Yield for pedestrians at ALL times
- When crossing the street use designated crosswalks only
- Please do not enter the staff parking area, this is for the safety of your children and to avoid any vehicle backups.
- Obey all posted parking signs – especially in the drop off areas immediately in front of the school; please be respectful of accessible spaces and reserved parking spots
- **Parking along Morgan Crescent is for diagonal parking only. There is no parking on the left side of the street on Morgan.** Additional designated parking is on right hand side of **Marine Dr** beside the school field.
- Students are to line-up outside their classroom doors. Parents should not enter the classrooms at arrival times.

Please communicate this information to any other individuals who may be dropping off or picking up your child/ren.

TEACHER CONTACT EMAILS



Our full staff list for the upcoming school year (as well as contact information) can be found [HERE](#)



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**COPS FOR
CANCER**

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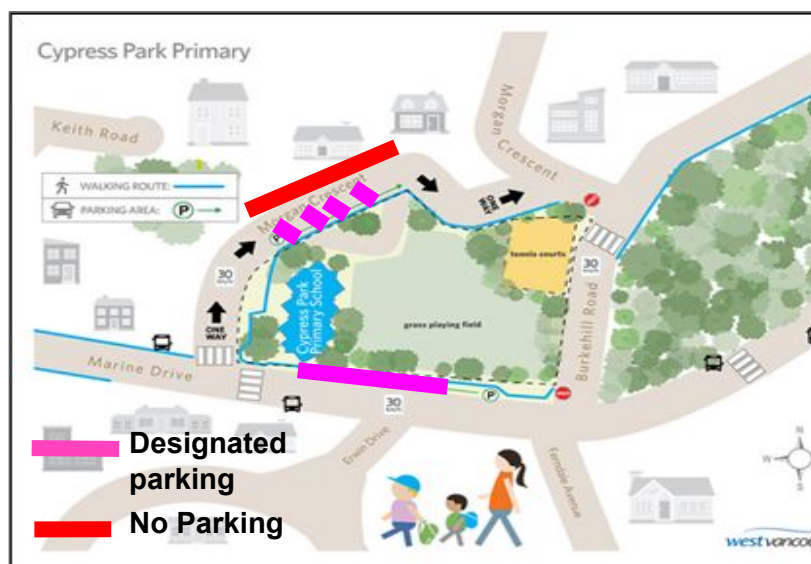
**TOGETHER WE ARE BIGGER THAN
CANCER**



COPS FOR CANCER

Get ready to cheer! The Cops for Cancer Tour de Coast will be riding past our school on September 12. The police officers will be cycling an amazing 800 km in just 8 days along the coast of BC!

They are riding to raise money to help kids with cancer and to support important research. Let's give them a big wave and lots of encouragement as they ride by!



REMINDER - TIME SENSITIVE FORMS

Student came home with a white envelope last week with important information. Please make sure to have the Student Verification Form and our student iPad Contract Form signed and dated with any required changes and returned to the classroom teachers no later than **September 19.**

DROPPING OFF ITEMS

Including BOOTS, EXTRA CLOTHING, BACKPACKS or LUNCHES,

Please make sure to label them and

DROP OFF AT THE OFFICE

Please do not interrupt your child's classroom during learning hours. Thank you.

HEALTH REMINDER



No Tree Nuts

NUT AWARE SCHOOL

Please remember that Cypress Park is a Nut Aware school and parents and guardians should NOT pack nuts and/or nut products in their child's lunches. Thank you.

LEAVING EARLIER THAN 2:30 PM

Please email teachers and office first thing in the morning. **Students must to be signed out at the office if departing before 2:30 PM.**

STUDENT ABSENCES

PLEASE EMAIL ethoma@wvschools.ca

CELEBRATING STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

We love celebrating students' birthdays! To help keep our classroom safe and inclusive for everyone.. If you would like to provide a treat, please plan to distribute it **after dismissal**, once students have left for the day. For birthday party invitations, we kindly ask that if the **whole class is not invited**, invitations be shared outside of school. Feel free to ask your child's teacher about Cypress Park's Birthday Book tradition.

Thank you for helping us create a positive and thoughtful experience for all students!

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



MEDICAL ALERTS



EPIPEN

If your child requires an EPIPEN to be administered during school hours because of a life threatening allergy please ensure that the school office is informed so that allergy alerts can be sent to classroom teachers as soon as possible and please supply the office with an up to date EPIPEN at the same time. [CLICK HERE](#) to download our Anaphylaxis-Emergency Plan form.

INHALERS

If your child requires an inhaler, please supply the school office with an inhaler as soon as possible. [CLICK HERE](#) to download our Asthma Care Plan form.

MEDICAL FORM

We require a completed medical form for all students requiring an EpiPen or Inhaler to be administered at school. Drop off the completed forms at the office.

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, do Math IXL online, or take advantage of other emergent opportunities to practise foundational skills (e.g. following instructions and using math while cooking).

Families may email their child's teacher(s) to see if there is other work their child can do, however, our teachers' energy and focus continues to be on the learning of students within the classroom

IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

SAFE ARRIVAL AND PICK UP INFORMATION

At Cypress Park, student safety is our top priority. Please help us ensure a safe and smooth arrival and dismissal for all students by following the school's **drop-off and pick-up procedures**:

- **Slow down** and observe the **30 km/h speed limit** in school and playground zones.
- **Always yield to pedestrians**—safety first.
Use **designated crosswalks only** when crossing the street.
- **Do not enter the staff parking lot**—this helps ensure student safety and prevents vehicle congestion.
- **Obey all posted parking signs**, especially in the drop-off areas directly in front of the school. Please be respectful of **accessible parking and reserved spots**.
- Students should **line up outside their classroom doors** at arrival time.

We ask that you **share this information with any family members or friends** who may be responsible for dropping off or picking up your child. Thank you for helping us keep Cypress Park a safe place for everyone!

PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

Please support your child in arriving at school **on time** each day. Cypress Park's morning bell rings at **8:30 AM**. Consistent routines are essential for your child's development and academic success, as important lessons and activities begin promptly at the start of the school day.

If your child will be **late or absent**, please notify the office by emailing ethoma@wvschools.ca and informing your child's classroom teacher, or by calling **604-981-1330**.

Whenever possible, we ask that you **schedule appointments outside of school hours**, as late arrivals and early departures can be disruptive to the learning environment. For late arrivals or early pickups, please use the **ORANGE sign-in/sign-out sheets** located on the clipboard on the **pillar to the right of the office desk**. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support!

EXTENDED ABSENCES

We kindly ask families to refer to our [school calendar](#) when planning vacations and to avoid scheduling family holidays during school time. Extended absences for holidays can negatively impact student learning and achievement. Please note that any missed work is the **responsibility of the family**. While teachers will do their best to support students upon their return, **materials will not be provided in advance** for time missed due to family holidays. Thank you for your understanding and support in prioritizing student learning.

NUT AWARE SCHOOL

We are a **nut-aware school** and have students with **severe nut allergies**. To help keep everyone safe, please **do not send any food items containing nuts** to school. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

TAKING PHOTOS OF YOUR CHILDREN DURING SCHOOL HOURS

To respect the privacy of all students, we kindly ask that parents **refrain from taking photos of children during school hours**. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

LUNCH CUTLERY AND ZERO-WASTE

Cypress Park is part of the Metro Vancouver waste-free initiative and, as such. We encourage families to support this effort by helping students make healthy food choices and packing lunches in **reusable containers**.

Please note:

- All lunch packaging, including that from Hot Lunch orders, will be sent home for disposal.
- **Cutlery is not provided** at school for packed or hot lunches. Please send reusable utensils if needed.
- Avoid sending **juice boxes**; instead, please provide a **refillable water bottle**.

If your child has not yet purchased a **wet bag** for waste and recyclables, a limited number are available through the office for **\$20**. Thank you for helping us reduce waste and promote sustainability!

HOT LUNCH is organized and run by parent volunteers (through our PAC). It provides parents with the ability to order lunch for their child and is a fundraiser for the Cypress Park PAC. First term Hot Lunch ordering is on now. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up and order.



CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY PAC



SEPT 11, 2025 – PAC NEWS &



Wednesday, Sept 24 | 5–7 PM
WELCOME BACK BBQ!

After we cheer on our little runners at the Terry Fox Run (2:00PM – in the field), please join us for a **Welcome Back Picnic!** The PAC will be serving up refreshing lemonade. Please bring a blanket, some nut-free snacks to share & enjoy a relaxed afternoon connecting with families while the kids play. Let's kick off the year together with fun, food & community spirit!

[Looking for Volunteers](#) to provide snacks for both portions of the event.

[SNACK SIGN UP HERE](#)

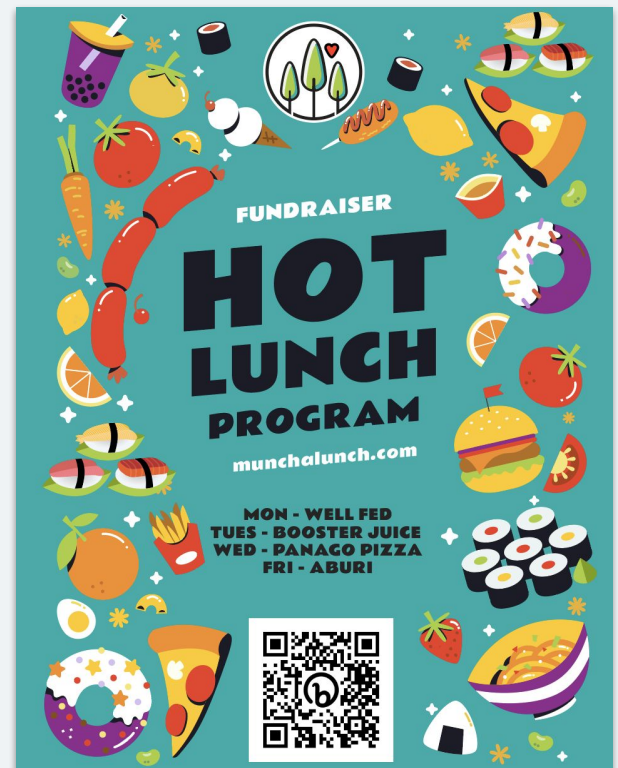


Easy for parents, fun for kids!
HOT LUNCH IS BACK!

Did you know Hot Lunch is one of our biggest fundraiser of the year? It makes lunchtime simple for families while raising vital funds to support school programs & activities. First delivery is Sept 12 but orders can be added 7 days in advance. This term's delicious lineup includes:

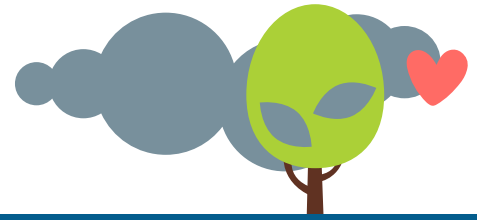
- **Monday** – Well Fed
- **Tuesday** – Booster Juice
- **Wednesday** – Panago Pizza
- **Friday** – Aburi Sushi & Bagels

[ORDER HOT LUNCH TODAY](#)





Fun Ways to Give Back SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS



SHOW YOUR SPIRIT



Shop our classic **SPIRIT WEAR & NEW ADIDAS JACKET** to show your school pride on Fridays!

GLOW-O-WEEN



FRI, OCT 17 – Glow sticks, games & spooky family fun for everyone! Dance, play, & glow the afternoon away!

VIP PARKING



Best parking spots located nearest to the school entrance *Current top Bid: \$700. **BID TODAY!***

EAT IN STYLE



Ditch the Plastic. Pack the Pride – Durable, reusable & full of school spirit—**CYPRESS PARK CUTLERY** on sale now!



Tues, Sept 23, 4115 Marine Dr, WV WELCOME PAC MEETING

DID YOU KNOW THAT ALL PARENTS ARE PAC MEMBERS? This means – you're all invited! Please **RSVP** (or let your class rep know) if you'll be joining our Welcome Back PAC meeting so we can have plenty of bubbles & bites for everyone. Come by at 4:30pm to mingle over food & drinks 🥂—the meeting kicks off at 5pm.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

- Meet & Greet with our new Vice Principal – Ryley McLeod
- Review – How did we do in 2025/26?
- What's New & what are we planning?



LOOKING FOR “R IS FOR RAFFLE” DONATIONS

Do you have a business you'd like to promote? We'd love to feature you in our **R is for Raffle Fundraiser!** This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your business while supporting a great cause. Interested in participating? **Please let us know!**

DISTRICT and COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Local programs, events, and resources will be found in one convenient location, accessible through a [single link](#) rather than detailed in school newsletters.

PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICE EXPECTATIONS

At West Vancouver Schools, we understand that personal digital devices offer students valuable opportunities to collaborate, create, and communicate, enhancing their learning experiences. We also recognize the importance of maintaining focused and safe learning environments for all students. Recently, provincial guidelines and legislation have further highlighted the need to minimize distractions, as digital devices can interrupt class time, interfere with student concentration, and disrupt the educational setting.

To support focused and safe learning environments, West Vancouver Schools is refining our approach to digital device use and will be uniformly applying personal digital device expectations across all schools. Starting this school year, personal digital devices will only be allowed with the explicit permission of a teacher or administrator, who will provide clear guidelines to ensure their use is intentional and directly supports student learning. Additionally, considerations will be made to accommodate students' medical and health needs, accessibility, and accommodation requirements.

Here's what this means for different school levels:

- **Elementary Schools:** Personal digital device expectations will apply throughout the entire school day. Mobile phones will not be used at all during school hours.

By working together, we can create a safer, more focused learning environment for all students. These small steps at home can make a big difference in reinforcing the positive changes we're implementing at school. Thank you for your cooperation and support

Ryley McLeod

Vice Principal, Cypress Park Primary School

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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.

DPAC *parent evening with* Dr. Graeme Mitchell

Harnessing Hope: Reframing How Our Children See the World

Join us for an evening with Dr. Graeme Mitchell—award-winning educator and global speaker—who is transforming how we raise and teach the next generation.

In his keynote, Harnessing Hope, Dr. Mitchell explores how fear-based messages—especially on social media—shape our children's outlook, and how fact-based optimism, storytelling and connection can shift it. Drawing on two decades of classroom experience, he offers parents practical tools to foster confidence, curiosity and hope at home.

Tuesday, September 23

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Location

**KAY MEEK THEATRE
1700 MATHERS AVE
WEST VANCOUVER**

What You will Gain From This Evening



Understand

Learn how media inputs are shaping your child's mindset and motivation from industry leaders and practical knowledge to the workshop.



Learn

strategies to replace fear with fact and pessimism with possibility.



WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS DPAC

[REGISTER HERE](#)

IMPORTANT LINKS

[CYPRESS PARK CODE OF CONDUCT](#)

[25-26 YEAR AT A GLANCE CALENDAR](#)

[CYPRESS PARK BELL TIMES](#)

[EXPECTED AND UNEXPECTED PLAYGROUND RULES](#)

[ARCHIVED CYPRESS PARK NEWS](#)

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CYPRESS PARK KIDS CLUB

Is accepting registration for the After School Care at Cypress Park Primary School for September 2024. Our After School Care program is available 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm every weekday when school is in session. We provide a dynamic, fun-filled and educational after-school program for children. We make safe and fun environment for children to participate in, with inside/outside play, active games, and arts and crafts. For more information, please [log](#) into our [website](#): <http://www.cypresskidsclub.com/>