



SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

REMINDER

All student **Verification forms** and **lpad Agreement forms** are due back to school tomorrow. **September 19th**. These forms **MUST** be returned to the school whether you have changes or not to your child's information.

LOOKING AHEAD

SEPT 19	Student Forms returned(lpad/Student Verification)
SEPT 23	#2 Gr 3 Cross Country Meet - Ambleside Park 3:45-4:45PM 8:00 AM running practice at school Wednesdays
SEPT 24	Terry Fox Run! For online donations CLICK HERE
SEPT 24	2:30 PM PAC FAMILY PICNIC
SEPT 24	Art Mania afterschool Wednesdays until - 8 Dec
SEPT 25	Parent Information Evening 5:00-6:00
SEPT 26	Professional Development Day-school not in session
SEPT 29	Orange Shirt Day
SEPT 30	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation
OCT 7	#3 Gr 3 Cross Country Meet - Ambleside Park 3:45-4:45PM 8:00 AM running practice at school Wednesdays
OCT 13	Thanksgiving Day - Stat Holiday
OCT 24	Professional Development Day-school not in session

TERRY FOX RUN

24 SEPTEMBER

**REMEMBER
YOUR TOONIE FOR TERRY**



The annual Terry Fox Run has become a fall tradition in Canada, with more than 650 communities, big and small, urban and rural, English and French, fundraising for cancer research. This year, Cypress Park will participate on Wednesday, September 24 at 2:00 pm. Students are asked to wear **RED** for Canada or their **CP Spirit Wear** and bring a "Toonie for Terry" to school to donate to Cancer research and continue Terry's Marathon of Hope. [Click here](#) for more information.

Click [HERE](#) to donate online

We will need Parent Volunteers to support this event. The run will take place at 2:00 pm. Parent volunteers will be posted along the run route for safety and support. If you are interested in being a volunteer please contact Ms. McLeod rmcleod@wvschools.ca.



**PURCHASE YOUR SCHOOL
CYPRESS PARK SPIRIT WEAR**

ONLINE STORE CLOSING SEPTEMBER 21ST
[Click Here](#)

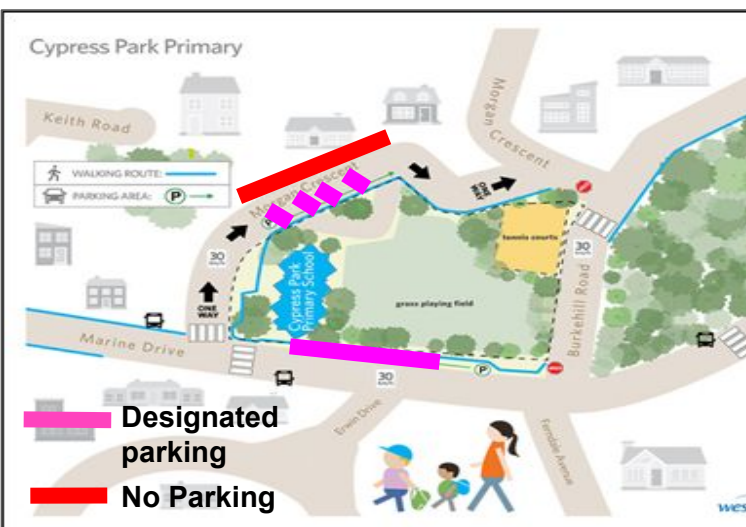
**FINISH
IT.**



NEW COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

Parents, you may have noticed your child brought home a **clear communication pouch** this week – or will be bringing one home soon! These pouches are being used to carry planners (where applicable), library books, and any important notices between home and school each day.

The communication pouches were purchased by the school with the goal of lasting through to Grade 3, so we'd really appreciate your help in encouraging your child to take good care of them. They're clear with a light green trim and are meant to be reused each year. Please make sure they aren't written or drawn on and that they come back to school daily. These pouches are a helpful way for teachers and the school to share important info with you – thank you for helping us keep the lines of communication open!



SPRIT FRIDAYS

Show your Spirit on Fridays by wearing your Cypress Park spirit wear - spirit wear sales are now open until 21 September.

See PAC Section for more details.

19 September and 3 October Spirit Days

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.

**SLOW DOWN
SCHOOL
ZONE**

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

REMEMBER CUTLERY - As we strive to create a supportive environment for all students, we kindly ask that you remember to send your child with their own reusable cutlery daily including Hot Lunch Days.



CYPRESS PARK PARENT INFORMATION EVENING - September 25th 5-6pm

Cypress Park families are invited to attend our Parent Info Evening. This is a great opportunity for families to meet their child's/children's teacher(s) and learn about the year ahead. The evening will start in the gym and be followed by two sessions in classrooms.

PARENT Info Night

Here are the key details:

- **This event is for parents/guardians only.**
- 5:00-5:15 PM, Principal Scott Slater, Vice-Principal Ryley McLeod will give an overview of what learning and the year looks like at Cypress Park
- 5:20-5:35 PM, parents will find their child's classroom for Session #1. Teachers will introduce themselves and their classroom and share information about classroom routines and how parents can support their child's education.
- 5:40-5:55 PM, parents who have two children at Cypress Park will find their other child's classroom for Session #2 which is a repeat of Session #1.
- 6:00 PM, Event Ends

This evening is not for conversations about individual student learning. However, individual Student Learning Conferences will be held on October 22nd and 23rd. Sign up for the conferences will be online, and more information will follow in future bulletins.

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

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

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Cypress Park school will recognize Orange Shirt Day on **Monday, September 29th**, and all children, staff and families are invited to wear an orange shirt. This day, and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, is to honour the legacy of indigenous, inuit and Metis children in Canada who were taken from their homes and sent to residential schools between the 1830s and 1980s. Students will learn, in an age-appropriate way, about the theme of the day, "Every Child Matters." A reminder that, Tuesday, September 30th, is a national holiday.

**NATIONAL DAY FOR
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SEPTEMBER 30TH





COPS FOR CANCER

What a special treat to have a visit from the riders and supporters of Cops for Cancer, Tour de Coast!

This exciting event has police agencies and emergency service personnel cycle for 8 days along the coast of BC. We are so grateful to be one of the lucky schools to cheer them on!



CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY PAC



PAC NEWS, EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS



Wednesday, Sept 24 | 2:30-4:30 PM **WELCOME BACK PICNIC!**

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](#)



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 VP – Ryley McLeod
- Review – How did we do in 2025/26?
- What's new & what are we planning?
- [Presentation Link](#)
- [Online Meeting Link](#), ID: 268 452 916 315 7, Passcode: Ve2or7LF





Fun Ways to Give Back SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS



SHOW YOUR SPIRIT



Shop our classic **SPIRIT WEAR & NEW ADIDAS JACKET.**
DEADLINE: THIS SUNDAY, Sept 21

ARTMANIA



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – If your child loves to design & create—this class is for them. **REGISTER NOW**

LUNCH MADE EASY



Hot Lunch Program – A delicious & convenient way to support our school! **ORDER HOT LUNCH**

EAT IN STYLE



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



Friday, Oct 17 | 2:30-5:30 PM
GLOW-O-WEEN

Get ready to dance, play & glow the afternoon away at our first-ever **Glow-o-Ween!** Join us for a spooktacular celebration filled with:

- Glow light dance party
- Halloween scavenger hunt
- Costume swap & dress-up
- Carnival games & prizes
- Chilli, cider & fall favs

Don't miss this glowing good time — fun for the whole family!

GET YOUR TICKET – \$25

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 donating? Please let us know!



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Parent's Guide to Discord

General Information

Discord is a communication platform that allows users to interact via text, voice and video. It was initially used by gamers but now has spread to many other groups.

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Discord's own policy states that users must be 13 or older. For a person who is younger than 13 to create a Discord account, they have LIED about their age.

Unfortunately, students as young as 10 and 11 years have gotten caught up in cyber-bullying and inappropriate activities on Discord.

Public & Private Spaces

Discord has PUBLIC spaces (servers) that are available to all. Anything your child posts there can be seen by anyone. PRIVATE spaces are by invitation only.

Livestream

Users can stream live video of themselves on Discord, for others to watch. Whether they are on a PRIVATE or PUBLIC server, this could expose them to people they don't know. By watching other people's livestreams, they could be exposed to information that is inappropriate, violent or sexual in nature.

Did You Know?



In Canada, cyberbullying and child pornography can be criminal offenses. If your child participates in either of these, while using Discord (or other social media), you, as the parent, can be held liable for what they have done, and be prosecuted by law.

Discord at School

West Vancouver Schools DOES NOT allow students to access Discord while using school wifi.



If your child is under 13

- They **SHOULD NOT** be using Discord.
- As soon as they enter school grounds, their phone should be put away and not brought out again until they leave school grounds
- Consider holding off on getting them a phone as long as possible and if you do get them a phone, make sure you establish rules and guidelines over its use.

Did you know?

- DM refers to a private discussion with a certain person on Discord.
- GDM refers to a group messaging situation of up to 10 invited people. Be aware that because of the limit, users can end up feeling left out if they are outside of the 10.
- Through Discord, students can end up being exposed to inappropriate content, cyberbullying and unknown contacts.
- Gamers still make up the lions share of Discord participants. Online gaming is one of the main ways predators groom their victims.



If your child has Discord

- Make sure they are old enough to be on it - remember, at least 13!!
- Users are able to **BLOCK** and **REPORT** other users who are not following community guidelines. Make sure your child knows how to do this.
- Talk to them about their Discord use on a regular basis - find out what they're doing and who they are communicating with.
- Familiarize yourself with all of the safety settings and features then talk to your child about online safety and your family values and rules.
- Remember, **YOU** are the adult! If your child is not using Discord safely, you can shut off their data or wifi.








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.

[Backstage Pass: Kay Meek Arts Centre Open House](#)





 We're giving you a Backstage Pass to the Kay Meek! It's time to go behind the scenes at our @bcculturedays Open House on Sunday, September 21 

Experience the Kay Meek as you've never seen it before, as we open up our backstage areas for you to explore and give you the opportunity to take to the stage.

-  Take a look around our theatres
-  Sing your favourite karaoke songs on stage
-  Live jazz music from the @pressley.murillo.music Trio
-  Enter our Ticket Giveaway
-  Find out more about the Kay Meek
-  Meet the team
-  Refreshments in our sunny atrium

Join us for a lively afternoon of music, conversation, and family-friendly activities in your local community!

Make a note of all the details below:

-  Sunday, September 21
-  2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
-  1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver
-  Free Entry!

Ryley McLeod

Vice Principal, Cypress Park Primary School

Office: 604-981-1330 Direct: 778-838-9500



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
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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.



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[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](#)

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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/>

I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skw̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, on whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides.