

SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

CYPRESS PARK PARENT INFORMATION EVENING - TONIGHT! 5-6pm

Cypress Park families are invited to attend our Parent Info Evening starting in our gym, tonight. This is a great opportunity for families to meet their child's teacher(s) and learn about the year ahead. The evening will start in the gym at 5PM and be followed by two session in classrooms. This event is for parents/guardians only.



LOOKING AHEAD

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 school not in session
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 16	Great BC Shakeout Earthquake Drill
OCT 24	Professional Development Day-school not in session

A FRIENDLY REMINDER FOR EVENT DAYS

We love welcoming families to our special events, and we appreciate your ongoing support and involvement. However, we kindly ask that parents and visitors do not enter classrooms unless invited by a staff member. Classrooms may contain confidential student information, and we wish to ensure these spaces remain secure. Restrooms are available for your use, but please refrain from wandering through the school during events. Thank you for helping us keep our learning environment safe and respectful for everyone.

REMINDER

Tomorrow, September 24th is our first Professional Development Day, for teachers. Schools will not be in session. We wish everyone a wonderful long weekend and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday, September 29th..
Remember to wear your ORANGE SHIRTS!

CYPRESS PARK CELEBRATES 3 OCTOBER



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.



TERRY FOX RUN 2025 - FINISH IT!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for this year's Terry Fox Run! Under the bright sun and warm September temperatures, our school community came together with energy, heart, and determination to carry on Terry's legacy. The perseverance shown by students, staff, and families truly captured the spirit of the day. We're proud to share that thanks to your generosity, we raised **\$220 in donations** for cancer research—an incredible contribution that reflects the **caring, compassion, and cooperation** that define our school community.

Students were grateful to cool down with fresh fruit after the run and even enjoyed refreshing freezies at the Welcome Back picnic, generously hosted by our amazing PAC. It was the perfect way to wrap up a meaningful event and connect as a school community.

A big shoutout to our **Grade 3 students** for starting the event with a thoughtful assembly, and to all the parent volunteers and spectators who helped make the day a success. Your support keeps Terry's dream alive and reminds us of the impact we can make together. Terry Fox's determination and courage continue to inspire generations. His Marathon of Hope lives on in the steps we take each year and in our shared commitment to a future without cancer.



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PARENT Info Night

Here are the key details:

- **This event is for parents/guardians only.**
- 5:00-5:20 PM, Principal Scott Slater, Vice-Principal Ryley McLeod will give an overview of what learning and the year looks like at Cypress Park
- 5:25-5:40 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.
- 5:45-6:00 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.



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.



CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY PAC



PAC NEWS, EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS



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



Fun Ways to Give Back SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

SHOW YOUR SPIRIT



Shop our classic **SPIRIT WEAR & NEW ADIDAS JACKET.**
LAST CHANCE:
Tonight at Midnight

R is FOR RAFFLE



Do you have a business you'd like to promote? **Let us know!**
We'd love to feature you in our Fundraiser!

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!



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK FUNDING FUTURES



OUR MISSION: To raise funds that bring meaningful enhancements to Cypress Park — from new equipment and experts-in-residence programs to cultural enrichment and more! When people ask, “*What does the PAC pay for?*” — this is the list! With over **\$30,000 in school resources & initiatives** to choose from, now is **your chance to vote** on where PAC funds should go. Check out the **exciting new items added this year** and help shape the future of our school community!



DELUXE FOLDING PICNIC TABLE
CAD\$580.00

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MASTERMIND TOYS - COCO VILLAGE
FOAM BUILDING BLOCKS
CAD\$60.00

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MASTERMIND TOYS - COCO VILLAGE
WOODEN TETRIS PUZZLE
CAD\$65.00

Sponsor Now



MONTESSORI - STACKING ROCKS
CAD\$40.00

Sponsor Now



SQUIRREL & BEAR (2-PACK)
CAD\$15.00

Sponsor Now



UPSIDE DOWN MAGIC (8-PACK)
CAD\$40.00

Sponsor Now



THE PUG AND THE PIG (7-PACK)
CAD\$45.00

Sponsor Now



OUR PLANET (6-PACK)
CAD\$50.00

Sponsor Now



NEW MATH RESOURCES
CAD\$750.00

Donate



DRY ERASE BOARD (25-PACK)
CAD\$55.00

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MONTESSORI WOODEN FISHING
SIGHT WORDS GAME
CAD\$45.00

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PIZZA & TACO BOOKS (6-PACK)
CAD\$60.00

Sponsor Now

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.

WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?



Click [HERE](#) to find out.

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

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](#)

[SCHOOL CASH ONLINE](#)

[MYEDUCATION BC](#)

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/>

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

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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.