

**SEPTEMBER 4 ,2025**

## WELCOME BACK!

What a wonderful beginning to the school year! Our students and families brought such energy and excitement to Cypress Park as we started things off this week. I have already felt embraced by the warmth and kindness of this community by both students and parents. I am eager to continue meeting you all over the coming weeks. In this short time, it is easy to see that Cypress Park is an incredibly special place and that we have a fantastic year ahead.

### Weekly News Bulletin - School Communication on Thursdays

Thank you for taking the time to read our weekly **News Bulletin**. This is our primary method of sharing timely and important information with families, and it plays a key role in keeping our school community connected and informed.

The **Cypress Park News Bulletin** will be emailed home **every Thursday**. While we may occasionally send paper notices, electronic communication is our preferred method of contact. We appreciate your ongoing engagement and support!

## LOOKING AHEAD

2025/2026	<a href="#">Year at a Glance Calendar 2025-2026</a>
SEPT 6	Every Friday is <b>Spirit Wear Day</b> at Cypress Park
SEPT 8-12	Kindergarten In-take conferences K dismissal 12:00 NOON
SEPT 15	Kindergarten starts Full Days
SEPT 16	#1 Gr3 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 25	Parent Information Evening
SEPT 26	Professional Development Day
SEPT 29	<b>Orange Shirt Day</b>
SEPT 30	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation

## MEET & GREET TOMORROW!

At 2:15 teachers will be coming outside with their classes for an informal meet & greet. If you can make it, we would love to see you there!  
Students will be dismissed at the regular time at 2:30.

## CROSS COUNTRY GETS UNDERWAY FOR GRADES 3 STUDENTS

The Meets are scheduled at Ambleside after school on the following Tuesdays: September 16th, September 23th, and October 7th, from 3:45-4:45. A permission form will go home tomorrow. Stay tuned for more information about practices from our coaches Ms. McLeod and Ms. Taylor.



## TEACHER CONTACT EMAILS



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

## ★ WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF!

We are excited to introduce the newest members of our Cypress Park community. Please join us in giving a warm welcome to:

- Ms. Katie Thompson - Kindergarten Teacher
- Ms. Christina Tilk - Education Assistant
- Ms. Jessica Cassady - English Language Learners (ELL)
- Ms. Katherine Greig - Learning Support (LST)

Each of these educators brings wonderful experience, energy, and a passion for supporting students. We are thrilled to have them on our team and look forward to the many ways they will enrich our school community.

## 📄 FORMS REQUIRING EDITING

In white envelope going home tomorrow, you will find a Student Verification Form and our student iPad Contract Form. These forms must be reviewed, edited if needed, and returned to the office by **September 19**.

- If there are changes to address, parental responsibility, legal or medical alerts, or citizenship, new documents will need to be uploaded [HERE].
- Please sign and date the form even if no changes are required, and return it by the deadline.

## ✓ POLICY AND PROCEDURE - Online Form

The Policy and Procedures online form found [HERE](#) must be completed by September 5 so teachers have all permissions in place before studies begin.

## 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



## 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.



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**COPS FOR  
CANCER**

# COPS FOR CANCER

**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!

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

## 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/>

## 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](#)



## 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](mailto: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. More information will be coming in the first few weeks regarding ordering and purchase of Hot Lunch items.

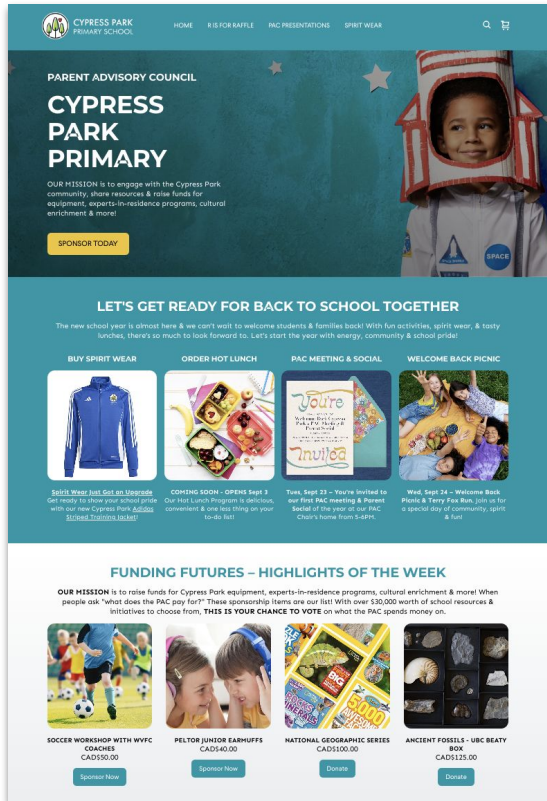




# CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY PAC



SEPT 4, 2025 – PAC NEWS & WELCOME BACK!



The **CYPRESS PARK PAC** is committed to enriching our children's education through enhanced resources, innovative tools, cultural & social experiences, as well as our popular Experts in Residence program. Beyond these important initiatives, we love bringing our community together with events like the Welcome Back Picnic, Cultural Celebrations, Movie Night, the Year End BBQ & more — fostering connection & fun for everyone!

To keep us connected, please bookmark our **PAC WEBSITE** to find resources, buy event tickets, register for programs, sign up for volunteer opportunities, and stay up to date on everything happening at Cypress Park:

<https://cypress-park.square.site/>

## EVENTS

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### WELCOME COFFEE

Fri, Sept 5, 8:30AM

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### PAC MEETING

Tues, Sept 23, 5PM  
@ 4115 Marine Dr

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### WELCOME PICNIC & TERRY FOX RUN

Wed, Sept 24, 2PM



## TOP 10 PAC INITIATIVES

1. Amplification of Classroom Supplies
2. "Experts in Residences" Program
3. Organizing Hot Lunch & Spirit Wear
4. Family Events – Welcome Picnic, Movie Night, Fall Fair, & Year End
5. Fundraisers – Raffle, Funding Futures, Meet Santa & Corporate Sponsorships
6. Community & Cultural Events
7. Teacher Appreciation Lunch & Gifts
8. Outdoor Classroom & Maintenance
9. After School Programs – Artmania, Steamoji, Lights Up & more!



## Fun Ways to Give Back SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

We've got an exciting lineup this fall—Spirit Wear, Hot Lunch, VIP Parking & Cutlery. Each fundraiser is a fun (and tasty!) way to show your school spirit while supporting programs that make our community stronger.

### SHOW YOUR SPIRIT



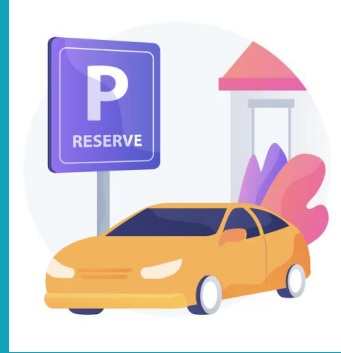
Shop our classic **SPIRIT WEAR & NEW ADIDAS JACKET** to show your school pride on Fridays!

### LUNCH MADE EASY



**HOT LUNCH OPEN**  
Take advantage of this delicious & convenient way to support our school!

### VIP PARKING



Best parking spots located nearest to the school entrance - Bidding starts at \$250. **BID TODAY!**

### EAT IN STYLE



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

## WHAT IS FUNDING FUTURES?

Our **FUNDING FUTURES MISSION** creates opportunities that inspire, enrich & elevate our children's' learning — through enhanced resources, expert-led programs, cultural experiences, and state-of-the-art equipment that make every school day extraordinary.

**When people ask “Why does the PAC need money?”**

— Funding Futures is our answer. With more than \$30,000 in exciting initiatives to choose from, now's your chance to decide where our investment will make the greatest impact for your child. Cast your vote by sponsoring items on our list to [help shape the future at Cypress Park.](#)



MATH RESOURCES  
CAD\$750.00



IPADS, APPLE CARE & CASES  
CAD\$850.00



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SERIES  
CAD\$100.00



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## 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

**OPTIONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR FAMILIES**  
West Vancouver Schools reminds families each year that personal injury or accident costs are not covered by the district or its insurance provider. To help protect against expenses from accidental injury, unexpected medical costs, or critical illness, families have the option to purchase voluntary accident insurance plans. A variety of providers offer different levels of coverage, so families are encouraged to review their options carefully and choose a plan that best meets their needs.

## 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.



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[REGISTER 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.*