

OCTOBER 23, 2025

LOOKING AHEAD

OCT 24	Professional Development Day - school not in session
OCT 27	Photo Retake Day
OCT 28	9:15 PAC meeting (In Gym)
OCT 29	Small School, Big Learning: The IB Primary Years Experience at Cypress Park Parent Information Session at 8:45 in Gym.
OCT 29	Art Mania continues Wednesday's 2:30PM in the Gym
OCT 29	Purple Day!
OCT 31	Halloween celebrations! Parade at 8:35- feel free to stay after drop off as we parade around the outside of our school!
NOV 2	Daylight Savings turn clocks BACK!
NOV 10	11:00AM Remembrance Day Assembly - Parents welcome.
NOV 11	Remembrance Day Stat - school not in session
NOV 25	5:00PM PAC meeting

SUNDAY NIGHT REMINDER

Please **REMEMBER** to **pack CUTLERY** for your child's lunch, including Hot Lunch days, as **cutlery is not provided** by the school.

With the wet weather, make sure your child has **RAIN GEAR** and a **change of clothes**, especially **EXTRA SOCKS**—some students go through two pairs in a day!

If you have **clean socks** to **donate**, we would greatly appreciate it—our supply is always in demand.



EARLY PICKUPS & SIGN-OUT PROCEDURES

If your child needs to leave school *before our regular dismissal time of 2:30 PM*, please email both the classroom teacher and the office **first thing in the morning**. Advance notice allows teachers to plan ahead and minimize classroom disruption. Unscheduled early pickups can interrupt lessons, and in some cases, students may need help gathering materials or packing up, requiring teacher support which takes attention away from the rest of the class.

Also, a quick reminder: there is an **orange Sign-Out Sheet** located on the pillar in the office. Please use this sheet to sign your child **out** (for early departures) and **in** (if arriving late) during the school day.

Thank you for helping us keep the day running smoothly for everyone!

OFFICE EMAIL

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE

A reminder that Daylight Savings time ends on Sunday, November 2nd. Please remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour at 2:00am on Sunday morning. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep.



TAKE A PEEK EVERY WEEK

Head lice are a common, annoying pest that all schools encounter, and one great way to help control the spread of head lice is to take a peek every week. It is important that we change how we approach and talk about head lice in our community.



We would like to encourage parents to speak more freely with each other if their child has head lice and to notify the school immediately. **Please** report cases to the school; individual information is never shared but this helps bring an awareness to the community at large. We currently do not have any cases here at Cypress Park but it is the season and other schools in our community have reported head lice.

Our Cypress Park website has pamphlets and information sheets from Vancouver Coastal Health. You will find them under the school resource page, [click here](#). Please make sure to go here first, for any questions.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We would like to take a moment to emphasize the importance of regular school attendance and punctuality.

Consistent Attendance Matters: Every day in school is an opportunity for your child to learn, grow, and thrive. Regular attendance ensures they don't miss out on valuable classroom experiences and educational milestones. It's the foundation for success in their academic journey.

Vacations During School Time: While we understand that family vacations are a cherished tradition, we encourage you to plan them during school breaks whenever possible. Missing school for extended periods can disrupt your child's learning progress and make it challenging for them to catch up on missed lessons.

On-Time Arrival: Being on time is equally crucial. It sets a positive tone for the day and allows your child to settle in, engage with peers, and benefit fully from classroom instruction. Punctuality fosters good habits that will serve them well throughout life.

Late Arrival Policy: If your child is arriving late to school, please drop them off outside the undercover entrance door. The door is unlocked, there is no reason to ring the bell. Your child can enter the school on their own and report to the front office. Ms. Thoma will check them in, and help them to their classrooms.

Your partnership in ensuring your child's regular attendance and punctuality greatly contributes to their success in school. We appreciate your support and commitment to their education.

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WHAT A GLOWING GOOD TIME! 🎃

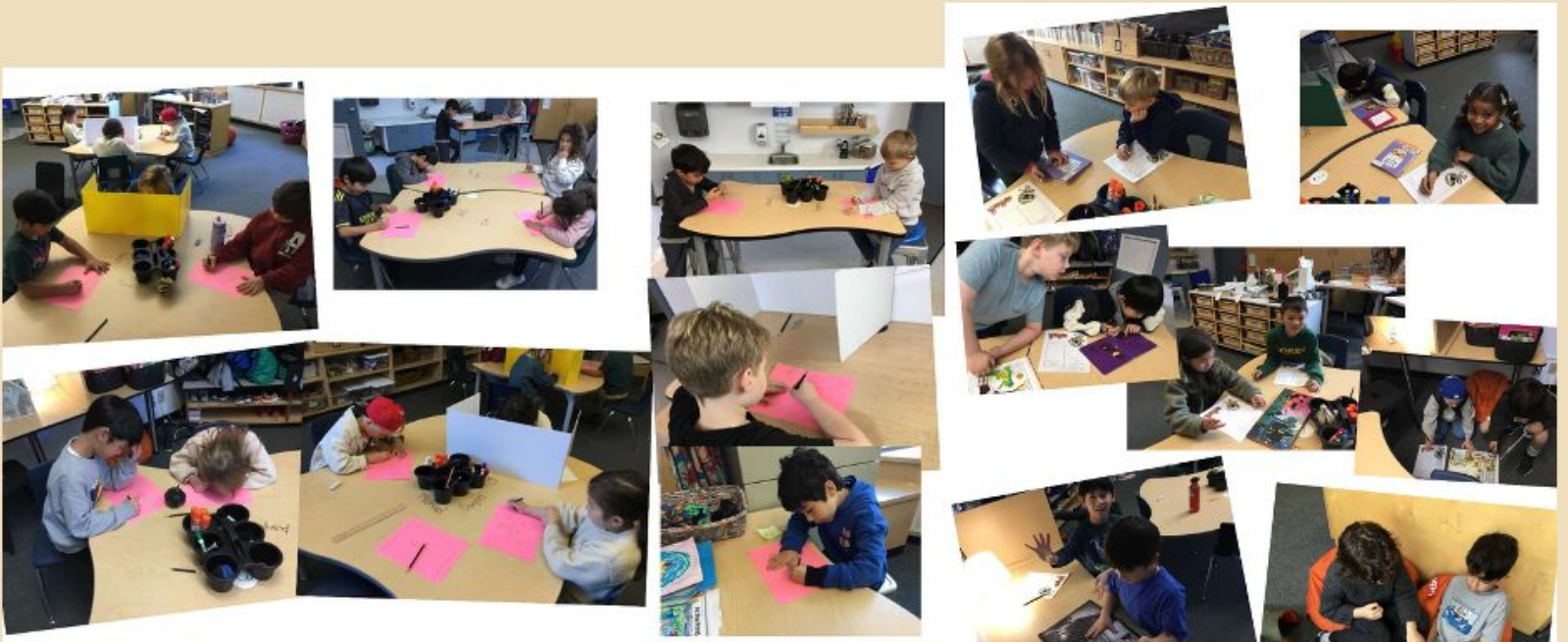
A huge shoutout to everyone who came out to our first-ever Glow-O-Ween! The sun was shining, the music was pumping, and the glow lights were glowing bright! From the dance party and scavenger hunt to games, costumes, and tasty fall treats — everyone had a blast. Big thanks to our amazing PAC for all their hard work making this spooktacular day happen!





IN GRADE ONE...
Grade one spent time this week inquiring about patterns and wondering what patterns live in our forest and playground. We sketched the patterns we found and shared them with classmates. In connection to our inquiry into relationships we began thinking about how to solve problems in relationships and ways that conflict can lead to cooperation. We have taken home some research to find out more. We read this great book on how to apologize.

In connection, they were introduced to the zones of regulation. This is an effective tool to name and regulate our emotions. They discussed that building strong relationships starts with making good choices. Mrs. Anderson! call these green choices, as they keep themselves and others in the green zone.



GRADE TWO - WHO WE ARE

Grade two is nearing the end of their Inquiry Unit on feelings, actions and relationships. They inquired into what a relationship is and how they might have one with. They also discussed how our feelings can affect our actions which can effect our relationships. In working on our social and communication skills the students will be planning some activities for Halloween in our class. They are learning how to be a more effective team memeber and how to respond when someone has a different idea than them. This week they looked through Halloween stories and searched for evidence on how others' celebrate Halloween. In doing so they also used their research skills.



SMALL SCHOOL, BIG LEARNING

THE IB PRIMARY YEARS EXPERIENCE
AT CYPRESS PARK

WHERE CHILDHOOD THRIVES AND FUTURE PATHWAYS BEGIN

JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIVE SESSION EXPLORING OUR INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) APPROACH TO EDUCATION — A GLOBALLY RECOGNIZED PROGRAM THAT OPENS DOORS TO FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD AND HOW WE TAILOR THIS TO OUR CYPRESS PARK LEARNERS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, PLEASE [REGISTER HERE](#) TO HELP US PREPARE AND SHARE ANY ADDITIONAL TOPICS YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE.

CYPRESS PARK, OCTOBER 29TH, 8:45 - 9:45 AM.

COFFEE AND COOKIES PROVIDED.

1 WHAT IMPACT HAS RESEARCH IN LITERACY INSTRUCTION AND BRAIN SCIENCE HAD ON READING EDUCATION?

2 WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NUMERACY AND MATHEMATICS, AND WHY, WITH THE IMMENSE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS HUMANS HAVE MADE, ARE WE TEACHING MATH DIFFERENTLY?

3 THE SMALL SCHOOL DIFFERENCE: LEARNING ROOTED IN COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

4 WHAT IS THE IB PATHWAY AND WHAT DOES IT OFFER MY CHILD?



[LINK here](#)



Primary Years
Programme

CYPRESS PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL



PAC NEWS, EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS



What an amazing community event! **GLOW-O-WEEN THANKS**

Thanks to all those who came out to celebrate—we had fun & also raised \$2,890 for school programs & resources!

The glowlight dance party, food, décor, scavenger hunt, prizes—and all those adorable costumes—made for such a fun afternoon! A huge shoutout to Dolly for leading the charge, and heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped out with the planning, creativity, delicious food, decorations, and setup/takedown. [Check out our fun photos...](#)



COMING SOON...

R IS FOR RAFFLE

Get ready for our [Winter Raffle Fundraiser](#) — your chance to win almost \$9,000 in amazing prizes & support our school!

Each student will receive two booklets of raffle tickets (\$10 per ticket, \$200 total per student) to sell to family, friends & neighbors. Every ticket sold helps!

🌟 **EARLY BIRD DRAW:** Fri, Nov 14

🎬 **DRAW & MOVIE NIGHT:** Wed, Dec 3

And don't miss the special rewards!

🏆 **Top 3 student sellers:** Any non-grand prize!

🎉 **Winning class:** enjoy an exclusive PJ Party!

Let's make this raffle our brightest fundraiser yet — ready, set, sell! [Learn More...](#)





NEW ITEMS THIS WEEK... FUNDING FUTURES



OUR MISSION: To raise funds that bring meaningful enhancements to Cypress Park — from new equipment and experts-in-residence to cultural enrichment and more!

THANKS FOR SPONSORING

- **Andre (Gr1)** for sponsoring the 1st part of our [new Entrance Rug](#) – we need 4 more sponsorships to make this happen!
- **Jora (Gr1) & Jeevan (Gr3)** for the [Just Right Reading](#) books – we need these for every class!
- **Sufi (Gr1)** for the [Bear & Squirrel](#) books – purchased & already being used at the school.
- **Margo (GrK)** for the new [speakers](#) that we used at Glow-O-Ween, [Movie Night](#), [Music Experts Workshop](#) (booked!) & [Planet Books](#) (purchased & at the school).

NEW



WATERCOLOR PAINTS
CAD\$20.00

NEW



CREATIVITY - LEONARDO STICKS
CAD\$20.00

Sponsor Now

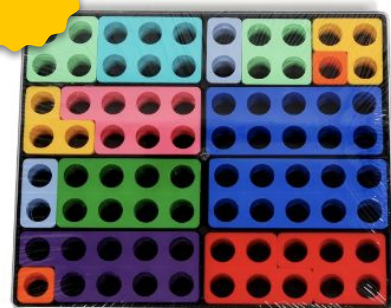
NEW



MATH - STEPPED COUNTING BLOCKS
CAD\$20.00

Sponsor Now

NEW



MATH RESOURCES - NUMICON
CAD\$25.00

Sponsor Now



Happy Diwali
festival of lights

**A BIG THANKS TO SONIA & BINDU FOR
SHARING DIWALI TRADITIONS, SNACKS
& TIME WITH CYPRESS PARK!**

24% TO OUR GOAL – TEACHERS & STAFF: HOLIDAY & YEAR END

GIFTS Please e-transfer \$40 to info.paccpp@gmail.com by Nov 30, including your child's name, grade & "Teacher's Gift" in the description.

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.

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.



Show your Spirit on Fridays by wearing your Cypress Park spirit wear tomorrow.

STUDENT PHOTO RETAKE

MONDAY October 27th

Any student can have their picture retaken if you were unsatisfied with the first set or if they missed the original photo day. **Send your classroom teacher a note if you wish for a photo retake.**



Picture
Retake Day

IMPORTANT LINKS

[CYPRESS PARK CODE OF CONDUCT](#)
[25-26 YEAR AT A GLANCE CALENDAR](#)

[CYPRESS PARK BELL TIMES](#)

[EXPECTED AND UNEXPECTED PLAYGROUND](#)
[RULES](#)

[SCHOOL CASH ONLINE](#)

[MYEDUCATION BC](#)

[CP WEBSITE](#)

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS COMING UP

As students and families start to think about costumes, to ensure the day is fun for everyone, please observe the following dos and don'ts:

- ❖ Feel welcome to dress in a costume or not.
- ❖ Continue to avoid costumes that promote cultural stereotypes. If you're looking for information on *cultural appropriation* vs. *cultural appreciation*, click [HERE](#) for a CBC video; and for a great list of questions to ask about whether a costume is appropriate or not, click [HERE](#) to see information from UBC's Equity & Inclusion Office.
- ❖ NO MASKS, beyond, of course, medical masks worn for health reasons.
- ❖ Absolutely NO WEAPONS (swords, lightsabers, nunchucks etc.) and please make sure costumes are school appropriate.
- ❖ Wear something comfortable that can be worn all day and can withstand being outside in any weather.
- ❖ Students should be able to put on their costume and take it off to use the bathroom by themselves.
- ❖ Avoid scented items that might irritate others (e.g. some hair colouring products).
- ❖ Come to school in your costume; there will be no changing in the washrooms.
- ❖ Students who wish to bring in Halloween candy to school are asked to limit it to two pieces. (remember no nuts)

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