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A Message from Ms. McLeod

Happy Light Canada Purple for Retts Awareness Day!

Or as we are calling it at Cypress Park... Purple Day! Ms. T has been hard at work preparing stories about Rett Syndrome and all the superpowers our differences give us.

This month, we have been focused on the IB Learner Profile of **Communicator**, and this day is a wonderful celebration of how all people communicate in different ways.

Tomorrow, we will have our Halloween Parade at **8:35**. Our school will also have a pumpkin soup lunch at 11:55! Students are encouraged to try and enjoy sharing a warm cup of soup together.

We hope your weekend is safe and filled with fun. Please remember to wear reflective gear when Trick or Treating



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COMING UP...

OCT 30	HALLOWEEN PARADE 8:35 | PUMPKIN SOUP LUNCH!
NOV 10	REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY **@ 11:00**
NOV 16-17	FIELD HOCKEY
NOV 23-26	DANCE WEEK
NOV 27	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY





UPCOMING

DEC 3-4: SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
DEC 4: LEARNING UPDATES POSTED
DEC 4: FESTIVE FRIDAY- HOLIDAY HAT DAY
DEC 9: HOLIDAY SING A-LONG AND TREE DECORATING
DEC 11: FESTIVE FRIDAY HOLIDAY SWEATER DAY
DEC 17: KINDERGARTEN HEARING TESTING
DEC 18: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2026 | EARLY DISMISSAL **@ 12:10** | FESTIVE FRIDAY PYJAMA DAY

@cypressparkprimary
cypresspark@wvschools.ca
https://westvancouverschools.ca/cypresspark-primary/

HALLOWEEN 2026

WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Wearing your costume!

Halloween parade at 8:35

Spooky stories

Crafts and art

Pumpkin soup school lunch!

Your teacher will connect with you about any special activities or celebrations in class.

PLEASE REMEMBER

No masks

No weapons

Costumes should not interfere with learning or mobility

Costumes must be appropriate (appropriate for a Kindergarten student to see) and comfortable

CANDY TIPS

We recommend if candy is being sent to school, that only one piece comes in lunches to prevent a sugar crash, unfair feelings and waste.

If you are looking for ideas to offload excess candy, we will collect donations of candy to give to the North Shore Neighbourhood House.

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LEARNER PROFILE SPOTLIGHT: COMMUNICATOR

At Cypress Park, we share our ideas confidently and creatively. We also communicate by listening thoughtfully and communicating with our words, bodies and brains.

🧠 Give your child time to share their thoughts without interrupting or rushing to solve the problem. Modelling asking questions to better understand is a great tool.

💬 Talk about your day, share stories, and ask questions that invite children to explain their thinking.

❤️ Help children find respectful words to explain how they feel, what they need, and what is bothering them.

🤝 When disagreements happen, encourage children to consider how someone else might be thinking or feeling.

🎨 Reading, drawing, writing notes, telling stories, using gestures, building and creating are all ways to share ideas.

🌱 Give children opportunities to ask questions, explain their needs, order their own food or solve small problems, offering support when needed.

Children develop communication skills through everyday experiences, it is a gradual and experiential process that involves direct teaching, practise, mistakes and encouragement.

DISTRICT RESOURCES



Impact NORTH SHORE | FORMERLY NORTH SHORE MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS)

Support for you and your family as you navigate the Canadian school system

CHECK OUT THE UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & EVENTS!

SWIS hosts a variety of workshops for newcomers and community events. Our newcomer workshops explore topics such as Canadian culture and systems, employment options, English language, parenting, health and so much more. Our community events explore themes of immigrant inclusion, belonging, and anti-racism.

https://impactnorthshore.ca/immigrant-service-centre/settlement-workers-in-schools/

NEW IYP PROGRAM

Cyber-Security and AI Explorers

West Vancouver Schools is excited to be running a new IYP program called "Cyber-Security and AI Explorers".

This pilot program is for West Vancouver School students who are currently in **Grade 7 or 8.**

START DATE	DAY & TIME	WINTER BREAK	COST
November 19, 2026	Thursdays 3:30 – 4:45 PM	No sessions during Winter Break.	$300.00

LOCATION
Sessions will take place in one of the computer labs at West Van Secondary.

WHO TEACHES?
Students will be taught by West Vancouver Schools teaching staff and mentored by senior students in the district's CS/QC/AI class.

WHAT WILL YOU EXPLORE?
Students will explore concepts in Artificial Intelligence, Cyber-Safety and Security through activities, labs and games.

There may be an opportunity for an optional hackathon that students can choose to participate in.

QUESTIONS?
For more information or questions, contact Ms. Wilson at cwilson@wvschools.ca

TO REGISTER
Please fill out this form.
REGISTER HERE →

Food Security
Support for Students and Families

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare Feeding Futures initiative, the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families.

The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity.

Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their school principal or to feedingfutures@wvschools.ca if they need support with food-related costs.

Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

SAFE ARRIVAL & PICK-UP 🚗

Help us keep arrival and dismissal safe for everyone:

- Observe the **30 km/h speed limit** in school and playground zones.
- Yield to pedestrians and use designated crosswalks.
- Please **do not enter the staff parking lot**.
- Follow all posted parking signs and respect accessible/reserved spaces.

PUNCTUALITY & ATTENDANCE ⏰

If your child will be **late or absent**:

- Email **cypresspark@wvschools.ca** and notify your child's teacher, or
- Call **604-981-1330**.

For late arrivals or early pick-ups, use the **ORANGE sign-in/sign-out sheets** on the pillar beside the office desk. Whenever possible, please schedule appointments outside school hours.

EXTENDED ABSENCES ✈️

Families are encouraged to plan vacations around the school calendar. Extended absences can impact student learning.

- Missed work is the family's responsibility.
- Teachers will support students upon their return.
- Materials will **not be provided in advance** for family holidays.

NUT-AWARE SCHOOL 🥜

Cypress Park is a **nut-aware school** Please do not send food containing nuts to school.

PHOTOS DURING SCHOOL HOURS 📸

To protect student privacy, parents are asked **not to take photos of children during school hours**.

LUNCH & ZERO-WASTE ♻️

Please help us reduce waste by using reusable lunch containers and water bottles.

- All lunch packaging, including Hot Lunch packaging, will be **sent home for disposal**.
- Cutlery is **not provided**. Please send reusable utensils when needed.

CYPRESS PARK PRIMARY PAC

OCTOBER 15, 2026

PAC NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS



APPLES FOR SALE
Friday AM & PM

We'll have bags of apples for sale Friday morning & afternoon.
$6 per bag.
E-transfer or cash.

VIVA VOCE
SPEECH ARTS STUDIO

PAC INITIATIVES
Experts-in-Residence

Thank you for your continued support in our PAC programs this year. We're excited to offer a **NEW PUBLIC SPEAKING PROGRAM** for our students next month!



NEXT PAC MEETING
Nov 4 @ 5 PM

Join us after school in the gym for our next PAC Meeting. We will discuss our current progress in fundraising, the holiday party, upcoming events, and more!

THANK YOU, PAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

School Beautification	Multicultural Festival	Experts-in-Residence	Social Media	Hot Lunch
Lead: Shabnam Ahmadi - Amin Y. - Hatsumi C. - Stephanie M. - Yulia L.	**Lead:** Anastasiia Babarika - Bianca Wellwood	**Lead:** Rosalin Baggio - Anastasiia Babarika	**Lead:** Katie Round - Dolly Howard	**Lead:** Kyle Applejohn

Interested in joining a committee? Reach out to Dolly on WhatsApp!

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Come join us in support of Cypress Park Primary for The Howard's Holiday Party, a holly jolly evening to kick off the Christmas season! Find a babysitter, wear your sparkles and get ready to be merry & bright with catered food, festive drinks, silent auctions, special guests and plenty of holiday cheer.

Consider Donating to Cypress Park
All proceeds support educational programs and enrichment opportunities for our students. While **donations are greatly appreciated, there is absolutely no cost to attend**! Whether you choose to contribute or simply come celebrate, we'd love to have you there.

Recommended Donation: $200 per couple

E-transfer: info.paccpp@gmail.com
Credit Card: https://square.link/u/yonqee5M

Cocktail attire requested. Sparkles encouraged!

RSVP
by Nov 20th

SPONSORSHIPS & PROGRAMS

ONE & DONE: Pay Once, Fund Everything. UPDATED PRICE

One & Done is a simple way for Cypress Park families to take care of fundraising for the entire school year with one upfront contribution of **$550 per student**. The new price has deducted the Fall Fair and will include all upcoming event tickets, Freezie Fridays, Wish List donations, and more! More importantly, it funds the our experts-in-residence programs for the year. **Our goal is to have 16+ students participate. We currently have 14!**

All participants will be entered into VP for a Day drawing in Term 3.!!



DONATION LINK:
https://square.link/u/bsdqDHvn

JOIN THE PAC ON WHATSAPP

Are you missing updates about school events, activities, or deadlines? Join our WhatsApp group and stay connected to what's happening, when it's happening, and where it's happening!

JOIN HERE:
https://chat.whatsapp.com/CQqQjsliNP53PMPmd2Xlgu?mode=gi_t