



Irwin Park Elementary School eBulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information For Parents and Guardians

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Student Release Drill: TODAY!

A student release drill will be happening **TODAY from 1:30-2:50 pm**. The purpose of this drill is to give students, staff, and parents/guardians a trial run of the school's release plan for students in the event of an emergency that could result in pick up delays and the school needing to shelter the students beyond the usual school day. Following this type of emergency, students need to be organized and signed out in an orderly manner to ensure they are released to an authorized parent or guardian. Note that participation in this drill is encouraged but optional for families. Any students not picked up as part of the drill will be dismissed at their regular dismissal time (2:50 pm or 3:00 pm). If you choose to participate in the release drill, we ask that you review the following procedures to ensure the drill runs efficiently:

- Student release will occur in the undercover area (access on Haywood Ave)
 - Entry will be up the stairs from the sidewalk
- Follow the signage posted and directions from staff
- Parent/guardians need to fill in a release form for each child before entering the line up
- Line up according to the child's last name
- Please have photo identification ready
 - Photo identification must match the name on the student emergency contact form
 - Students will only be released to their parents and/or those individuals named on the emergency contact forms
- After check-in has been completed, the parent/guardian will be asked to wait in a designated area while a runner retrieves the child(ren)

If you have any questions, please email Ms. Anderson landerson@wvschools.ca

Easter Weekend: Schools Closed Friday and Monday

Parents are reminded that all district schools will be closed for the four-day Easter weekend starting tomorrow – this includes Good Friday and the Easter statutory holiday on Monday. School resumes for students as usual beginning Tuesday, April 19.

Know Before you Go! Easter Weekend International Travel

Irwin Park families travelling internationally during the Easter weekend such as a day trip to the US are reminded of **current travel protocols related to covid and how they apply to school attendance and mask wearing**. Please carefully review the following [Canada Border Services](#) information (scroll to the lower areas) before your child(ren) return to school or any adult visits the school. Guidance varies on vaccination status and entry Covid-19 test results. A main point of this information is that:

- Students and adults who travelled internationally must wear a **well-constructed and well-fitting mask** when in public spaces, both indoors and outdoors **for 14 days** following entry into Canada. This includes schools and daycares.

Saleema Noon Body Science Program: Parent Night next TUESDAY April 19, 6:30 PM (on Zoom)

On April 21 and 22, all students will be participating in Saleema Noon's Body Science program – a program delivered widely across the province. Children learn how their bodies change and what those changes mean. The workshops are lighthearted but deliver straight and current facts to promote good decisions for a lifetime. Each class will have an in-person workshop with a Saleema Noon Educator. We are pleased to offer a **VIRTUAL parent information session** with our Saleema Noon Educator on **Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 pm**. To join the ZOOM session, click [HERE](#) (Meeting ID: 856 1462 9637 Passcode: 500910). Thank you to the IPPG for sponsoring this important learning opportunity. Please see the attached letters for more information. [Saleema Noon Parent Flyer 2022.pdf](#) [Saleema Noon parent letter 2022.pdf](#)

Irwin Park Library Used Book Sale – Thursday, April 21

The school library has recently removed many older books to make space for new books and will be hosting a Used Book Sale on Thursday, April 21. All students are invited to visit the Used Book Sale and to bring a dollar or two to purchase books at the sale if they are interested. Price will be \$1 for 2 books! This event will be hosted by Grade 6/7 Leadership Club students with proceeds going towards a chosen charity.

Student Learning Survey 2022 for Parents of Grade 4 & 7 Students

Parents of Grade 4 & 7 students are invited to participate in the 2002 Ministry of Education Student Learning Survey online. All Grade 4 and 7 students will also complete the survey at school. Parents can simply [CLICK HERE](#) to access the survey – the Parent section is below the student area. Use the Direct Access option on the right by choosing the School District (45 West Vancouver) and school. It only takes a few minutes, and your feedback is greatly appreciated. The data collected through all responses will help the school set priorities and adjust learning and program goals.

The deadline for completing surveys is Friday, April 29.

HOT LUNCH: Open for Term 3 Orders

The [MunchALunch website](#) is open for hot lunch orders to June. Lunch orders are delivered to students at the school on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The [website will remain open](#) so parents can place orders **up to 5 days** prior to lunch day (e.g. Friday lunch orders close Sunday evening. Also, orders can also be customized for each delivery day (example: cheese pizza April 14 and pepperoni April 21). Orders are made directly through the [MunchALunch website](#). Be sure to order individually for each day you would like your child(ren) to receive a delivered lunch. IMPORTANT NOTE: PLEASE SEND CUTLERY AND CHOPSTICKS TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD AS NEEDED. Please email ippac@wvschools.ca with any questions.

Physical Literacy: Monthly Challenge

We challenge all families to participate in the "22 in 2022" Challenge! April is the perfect month to be extra active as the weather continues to improve. To participate in the "22 in 2022" challenge, simply count movement minutes and record in 20 minute increments. The goal is to move for 20 minutes 22 times each month. The record sheet (PDF) for April is attached. Once your child moves a total of 440 minutes, send the monthly recording sheet to Ms. Anderson (landerson@wvschools.ca) so we can celebrate your child's dedication to physical literacy. Keep moving, Panthers! [22 in 2022 April.pdf](#)

2022 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools: Registration Now Open

West Vancouver Schools will be offering a robust Summer Learning Program for both elementary and secondary students during the summer of 2022. Registration is now open. More information can be found on the attached flyers and on the [Summer Learning Website](#). [Summer-Learning-Elementary-Overview-2022.pdf](#) [Summer-Learning-Secondary-Overview-April-2022.pdf](#)

Vancouver Coastal Health Immunization Clinics

Families of students who missed the school immunization clinic this past week can book an immunization appointment with Vancouver Coastal Health at: <https://northshorepublichealth.janeapp.com/> Vancouver Coastal Health has weekly immunization clinics in West Vancouver, North Vancouver and Parkgate. Please see the attached the QR code for an easy direct link . [98147 NSPH Appt.pdf](#)

West Vancouver Schools Premier Soccer Academy On-Field Open House & Parent Information: Tuesday, May 3

The West Vancouver Schools Premier Soccer Academy is hosting a FREE Open House ON-FIELD session for interested students on Tuesday, May 3 from 1:30 to 3:00 PM at Ambleside Turf Field D. Students in Grades 7 who want to improve their soccer skills are encouraged to consider this opportunity and experience first-hand a session by the NEW top-level coaches from the UBC and SFU soccer programs and a soccer specialist from Calgary, Alberta. Come and experience the district's new format for the Soccer

Academy. In addition, an Information Session for parents (and students) will be held VIRTUALLY on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7 PM. To register for the FREE on-field session and/or the Parent Information Session please go to: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/soccer>. *Important: if students currently in Grade 7 are interested but not able to attend the Open House afternoon training session for any reason, parents are to register online and then contact Diane Nelson, Director of Instruction dnelson@wvschools.ca. Accommodations for this are available.

Adopt-A-Fish at the West Vancouver Memorial Library on April 23!

The West Vancouver Memorial Library invites elementary-aged children and their families to the Adopt-a-Fish Salmon Release and Storytime on Saturday, April 23 at 11 AM. Pick up your Adopt-a-Fish Certificate outside the West Vancouver Memorial Library and head to Memorial Park to release a juvenile Coho Salmon (called a smolt) into the wild! The West Vancouver Streamkeeper Society will be on hand to answer questions, provide information, and assist with the salmon release. Please see the attached document for more information. [adopt a fish letter and tabloid 2022 - updated.pdf](#)

Upcoming Events

- April 14** Release Drill TODAY (1:30 – 2:50 pm)
- April 15** Good Friday Holiday (All Schools Closed)
- April 18** Easter Monday Holiday (All Schools Closed)
- April 19** Body Science Parent Night
- April 19** Ultimate Game #3 AT Ambleside
- May 20** Professional Day (Students not in session)

Useful Links

- [Daily Health Check](#)
- [Irwin Park School Website](#)
- [West Vancouver School District](#)
- [Irwin Park Munch a Lunch](#)
- [Student Admissions](#)
- [IPPG Facebook Group](#)

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