



# Irwin Park Elementary School eBulletin

## **A Weekly Update of School Information For Parents and Guardians**

**Thursday, April 7, 2022**

### **Student Release Drill: Thursday, April 14**

A student release drill has been planned for **Thursday, April 14 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. **A special bulletin will be sent home Monday with details and pick-up procedures**. Note that participation in this drill is encouraged but optional for families but any students not picked up will be dismissed at their regular dismissal time (2:50 pm or 3:00 pm). If you have any questions, please email Ms. Anderson [landerson@wvschools.ca](mailto:landerson@wvschools.ca)

### **Purdy's Pick-Up Tomorrow! Friday, April 8, 2:30-3:30 PM**

The IPPG would like to remind everyone who ordered that tomorrow is the day to pick up your Purdy's chocolates! Thank you to everyone who pre-purchased their Easter chocolates this way and supported our school. Please meet the IPPG from 2:30-3:30 PM tomorrow (Friday, April 8) at the undercover play area at the front of the school.

### **Raffle in Support of the Canadian Red Cross: April 11-13**

Some of our Leadership Club students are holding a raffle to fundraise for the Canadian Red Cross Ukrainian Humanitarian Crisis Appeal. Raffle tickets will be on sale April 11 – 13 afterschool (2:50 – 3:10 pm) outside the front entrance on Haywood Ave. Tickets are \$1 each. [raffle.png](#)

### **Easter Weekend: April 15 to 18**

Parents are reminded that all district schools will be closed for the four-day Easter weekend from April 15 to 18 – this includes Good Friday and the Easter statutory holiday on Monday. School resumes for students as usual beginning Tuesday, April 19.

## **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](mailto:ippac@wvschools.ca) with any questions.

## **Saleema Noon Body Science Program: Parent Night April 19**

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 letter 2022.pdf](#) [Saleema Noon Parent Flyer 2022.pdf](#)

## **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.

## **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](mailto: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-Secondary-Overview-April-2022.pdf](#) [Summer-Learning-Elementary-Overview-2022.pdf](#)

## **Host an International Student & Bring the World to Your Home!**

Each year, West Vancouver School District hosts students from over 20 countries in our International Programs. Many of these students stay with local families to fully experience Canadian culture and improve their English skills. Students attend Sentinel, Rockridge, and West Vancouver Secondary for either five or ten months of the school year. The district is looking for new host families for our students for September 2022. If you would like to open your home to a visiting student and create the enriched cultural environment for your own children that this opportunity could provide, please visit our website for more information on the requirements, responsibilities, and monthly compensation you can expect. Many students and families make life-long friendships during this experience. Please visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/international/hosts/> or call Martina Brazeau for at 604.341.0501 for more information.

## **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](#)

## **West Vancouver Police Speed Watch Volunteers Needed!**

West Vancouver Police Department is seeking volunteers for their Speed Watch program. Speed Watch is conducted in partnership with police, citizen volunteers, and ICBC. Speed Watch road checks are operated by trained volunteers who monitor speeds, particularly school and playground zones, and work in conjunction with police to make our community safe. These volunteer opportunities are primarily weekdays between 8:00am and 3:00pm with flexible scheduling. If you are interested in helping to make our community safer, or would like to know more, please contact Cpl. Trevor Griffith at [TrevorGriffith@wvpd.ca](mailto:TrevorGriffith@wvpd.ca) or 604 925-7300.

### **Upcoming Events**

- April 12** Ultimate Game #2 AT Ridgeview
- April 14** Release Drill (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

### **Useful Links**

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