



Irwin Park Elementary School eBulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information For Parents and Guardians

Thursday, May 5, 2022

Bracelets for Ukraine Fundraiser for the Red Cross: Tomorrow!

A group of caring students and their families (mainly grade ones) have been busy making beautiful bracelets in support of the Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal. Bracelets will be for sale afterschool on Friday, May 6 (2:50 – 3:30 PM) outside near the office (or in the undercover area if raining). Each bracelet is for sale by donation (\$2 minimum but more is appreciated). Once you donate, stop by the Selfie Station for a photo (Families will be responsible for their own photo taking). Thank you for sharing your love and support! [Support for Ukraine.pdf](#)

Student-Led Conferences 2022 - At School or at Home! May 11 & 12 (One Hour Early Dismissal)

As the second informal report of the school year, all parents are invited to participate in a Student Led Conference with your child(ren). Student Led Conferences are a wonderful opportunity for students to personally share and describe their learning. To accommodate personal schedules and comfort levels, this year parents will have a choice to complete the conference at home or at school during the afternoon of Wednesday (May 11) or Thursday (May 12) – students will be dismissed one hour early both days to accommodate these conferences at school. Please follow these instructions to choose the method you prefer:

- **AT HOME:** Please email your child's teacher to inform them that you will complete the students led conference at home. Teachers will then organize materials to be sent home with your child during the week of May 9. Those students will be asking parents to designate a time to sit with them at home to complete the conference and then provide feedback to their child and teacher.
- **AT SCHOOL:** [CLICK HERE](#) to book a time to come to your child's classroom to complete the student led conference. Please note that times are limited to the one hour following dismissal on those days.

Dismissal times on May 11 and 12 will be one hour early at 1:50 PM for Kindergarten to Grade 4 and 2:00 PM for Grades 5 to 7.

Grade 6 & 7 Irwin Park Band Program 2022/2023: Registration Now Open!

Registration is now open to join the Irwin Park Band Program by [CLICKING HERE](#). Irwin Park has a proud tradition of Band and all students currently in Grade 5 and their families are encouraged to consider this special music opportunity taught by Ms. King. Students learn a symphonic instrument perform at several concerts and special events through the year. Research about the benefits of studying music and playing a musical instrument are clear and parents can watch this [Ted Talk VIDEO](#) for some good information. An additional email with even more specific information will be sent home to Grade 5 families next week and Ms. King will be speaking to the students during Music class. Band is an extra-curricular enrichment program and there is a fee. For information about band in general and choices of instruments students can learn to play please check out these resources:

- [This Video](#) was created by Long & McQuade using professional level musicians and band teachers to demonstrate and discuss instruments (including Ms. King!)
- This [Interactive PowerPoint](#) presentation created by Tom Lee Music also has great information about the instruments in the band – you will need to download the file and open in PowerPoint. It is possible to move through sections randomly.
- [This Video](#) is older from early in the pandemic but features former Irwin Park and WVSS Band students demonstrating instruments and talking about band from their perspective

Families of current Grade 6 Band students can also register for Grade 7 Band at the same link above. We hope students currently in Grade 6 Band will continue in the program next year and beyond at the secondary level – and remember Mr. Daudlin teaches the West Vancouver Secondary School Concert Band! (Please note that there is no need to make instrument “choices” when registering for Grade 7 Band as it is expected students will continue on their current instrument.) Students currently in Grade 6 who were not in Band this year can also join the Grade 7 Band next year if they are interested – special arrangements will be made at the beginning of the year to incorporate Grade 7s starting as beginners in band. Please contact Mr. Daudlin (bdaudlin@wvschools.ca) or Ms. King (janine.king@wvschools.ca) if you have any questions.

Please Support the Grade 7 Legacy Gift Fundraiser: Cravings Kettle Corn

Back by popular demand! The Grade 7's are holding a sale of Cravings Kettle Corn to support their Legacy Gift Fund – it is a tradition that the Grade 7 students leave a gift behind as a thank you for their time spent at Irwin Park. Previous Legacy Gifts include new water fountains, sports jerseys, benches, and the logo carpet in the front entryway. This sale was very popular last year and all the products got rave reviews. Popcorn will be on sale through [MunchALunch website](#) starting today. Sales will end on Monday, May 23. The popcorn will be delivered on Monday, May 30 and available for pick up in the undercover area at the front of the school from 2:45-3:15. Please bring your Munch-A-Lunch confirmation number with you to pick up your popcorn.

District Track & Field for Grades 4 to 7: Forms Due Now

The District Track and Field season is coming up soon – and things are a little different this year. There will be a Track and Field Meet on Thursday, June 9 at SWANGARD STADIUM. This meet will include both running (relays) and field events (shot put and long jump). The Irwin Park team is getting organized and permission slips have gone home with interested students in Grade 4 to 7 this

week. Permission slips are now due. Practices begin on May 12. If you have any questions, please email Irwin Park's Head Track & Field Coach Mr. Hamelin (ghamelin@wvschools.ca).

Scholastic Book Fair Nest Week! May 9 to 12

This year's Scholastic Book Fair will run from Monday, May 9 through to Thursday, May 12. Be sure to visit the library during the Fair and check out the great selection of books. All funds raised through the book fair will support the library and literacy at Irwin Park. For more information see the attached letter or contact Ms. Gratton (Teacher Librarian) at dgratton@wvschools.ca [Irwin Park Scholastic Book Fair Information.pdf](#)

HOT LUNCH: Open for 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.

Supporting North Shore Family Services

After a very successful clothing drive in December, the grade 6/7 Leadership Club is supporting the North Shore Family Services "Caring Schools" initiative again this Spring. We are collecting donations of toothpaste, soap, shampoo & conditioner, sunscreen, deodorant, and \$25 Gift Cards to a local grocery store. These items will be used to create baskets for families in need. Please drop off any donations at the boxes near the office by Monday, May 16. Thank you for helping us make a difference in our community. [Family Services Poster.pdf](#)

Irwin Park Physical Literacy Survey for Families

As we are nearing the end of our third year with our 'Framework for Enhancing Student Learning' focused on developing Physical literacy, we are seeking parent feedback and reflections to help us reflect on our journey. You are invited to complete our 10 question survey. If you have more than one child, you may complete this survey multiple times (once for each child) or one time reflecting all of your children. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Anderson (landerson@wvschools.ca). Thank you for taking the time to share your reflections with our school team. Access the survey [HERE](#), survey will be open until May 11.

Physical Literacy: Monthly Challenge

We challenge all families to participate in the "22 in 2022" Challenge. May 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 NEW record sheet for May (PDF) 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 May.pdf](#)

West Vancouver School District Sports Academies: Parent Information Sessions & Open Houses

The West Vancouver School District offers many academies and special programs for students including Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Fencing, Robotics, Rugby, Soccer, Volleyball and Tennis. West Vancouver Schools **Premier Academies** often start at Grade 8 and run two afternoons each week with transportation provided from home secondary school. Parent Information Sessions and tryouts for all these programs are underway or starting soon including Field Hockey on May 12, Baseball on May 26 and Rugby on May 26. See the **Premier Academies** site and the attached document for specific times and location and more information. Elementary aged students beginning in Grade 6 including **Ignite Your Passion**. [WVSD Sports Academies Open House Dates 2022.pdf](#)

West Vancouver Basketball Club Summer Camps

The end of the school year is now in sight which means that the WVBC Summer camps are just around the corner. This summer, WVBC will be offering 4 weeks of camps beginning July 11 for players in Grades 2-10. All camps will be held at West Van Secondary School. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to <http://www.wvbc.ca>.

Miss a Bulletin? Previous Bulletins Now Available On School Site

School ebulletins are now being archived on the school website for parent access. If you miss a bulletin or want to check details from a previous bulletin item, it is now easy. Simply click the blue box labelled "Click Here for Weekly School Bulletins" on the front page of the **Irwin Park School Website**. You can also bookmark this **DIRECT LINK** to that page which is also listed below.

Upcoming Events

- May 6** Ukraine Fundraiser (See info above)
- May 9-12** Scholastic Book Fair (Library – see attached)
- May 11** Student Led Conferences – 1-hour Early Dismissal
- May 12** Student Led Conferences – 1-hour Early Dismissal
- May 20** Professional Day (Students not in session)
- May 23** Victoria Day Holiday (Schools closed)
- June 17** Spirit Day (Sports Day) – Early Dismissal

Useful Links

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

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