



Irwin Park Elementary School eBulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information For Parents and Guardians

Thursday, Sept 14, 2023

Principal's Message

A message of thanks to our parents, guardians and community members for your patience and flexibility as students have settled into their classroom placements and begun the important journey to building strong, safe and respectful classroom communities. While our transitions took place formally on Monday of this week, students have used the time to acclimatize to their new learning environments and begin to fall into the ever so important routines and expectations that lead to a strong classroom community, regardless of the grade. On Wednesday of this week, I led two separate assemblies for both the Primary and Intermediate Cohorts that outlined the foundational values that we build upon each school year here at Irwin Park Elementary. With so many new students to our school this September it's important to my team and I to build a common language of understanding based on Kindness, Respect and Responsibility and this assembly opportunity made that explicit and tangible for all members of our community. In addition, we have introduced the concept of **PANTHER P.R.I.D.E.** to our common language and hope to explore this more in the coming term with both students and our wider community. I feel that these school wide values will provide an even stronger foundation for us to build a sense of belonging and connection here at Irwin Park Elementary.

A topic that was raised in some of my conversations with families this week was the implementation of multi-aged classrooms this year at Irwin Park, most especially at our intermediate grades. Again, as stated in previous bulletins, this is a common learning arrangement in elementary education that allows for flexibility in meeting the needs of local enrollment demands, individual student learning profiles, and taking advantage of teaching strengths and interests.??

"Combined/multi-age classrooms" is one learning community that is taught parts of the curriculum together. Learning for all students, regardless of grade level, is ongoing.

Each student comes into every learning situation with their own experiences and background knowledge and progresses under the careful watch of their classroom teacher, regardless of whether they are in a combined or individual grade arrangement. A distinction in actual grades is made for the purposes of student assessment and evaluation. The BC Ministry of Education curriculum is spiralled. A spiral curriculum is defined as a course of study in which students will see the same topics throughout their school career, with each encounter increasing in complexity and reinforcing previous learning – such as in Mathematics or Language Arts. See <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca> .

We appreciate your patience and perspective as parents and community members. We ask for your support and trust as your child transitions into their new learning environment, regardless of its configuration or placement. Your modelling of consideration, reason and optimism will be a key influence upon your own child's perspective as they become accustomed to their teacher and new classmates.

We are in the midst of putting together plans for an **'Inside Irwin Park' Event** on the late afternoon of **Wed Sept 27th**. Pls save the date as more details will be released in the coming weeks.

Regards,

Aron Campbell

Principal

Irwin Park Elementary

Information in this E Bulletin includes several updates for families:

1. Pro D on Fri Sept 22nd
2. Irwin Park Parent Teacher Interview Dates
3. Student Picture Day: Thurs Sept 21st
4. Online Policy & Procedure Permission Forms E-Signature Due Now!
5. Hot Lunch Order Info and Volunteer Appeal
6. Terry Fox Run: Wed Sept 20th
7. Irwin Park Spirit Wear Update
8. IP School Fees Due Now: How to Pay
9. IP Cross Country Running Team Ops
10. Important Dates
- 11. After School Extra Curriculars**

Friday Sept 22nd: WVSD Professional Development Day

Parents and guardians are reminded that students are not in session on Friday Sept 22nd as all teachers will be involved in School Based Professional Development on that day at Irwin Park.

Irwin Park Parent Teacher Conferences: Save the Date!

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on **Wednesday Oct 4th and Thursday , October 5th.**

***Pls note: Students will be dismissed at 12:00 pm (noon) on these dates. More information and how to book your conference time will be shared in the coming weeks.

Student Photo Day: Thurs Sept 21st

Photographers from Edge School Photos will be here on Thursday to capture our student photos for the 23-24 school year. Be sure to mark your calendars and start picking out your outfit and considering styling options to look your best on this special day. Photo re-takes are available at a later time, if your stylist or accessories don't work out! 😊

Online Policy and Procedure Forms Due Now!

Every year, parents are required to complete a new Online Permission Form for each of their children attending a West Vancouver School. School is starting next week and those students with incomplete forms will **not** be able to **use electronic devices in class, access their Google Classroom, go on walking field trips, plus more.** Google classroom is the platform teachers will use to communicate with their students and parents and in classroom academics at Gr 4-7. Please complete the online permission forms for each of your children by using the following link
<https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Account/Login?rr=Form/PandP>

If you previously created an account the account is the same. If you have forgotten your password, you can follow the instructions to reset it. If a parent does not have an account, they can create one with the link above. After you have logged in, you have the option to either update a Policies and Procedures Form created last year or start a new one.

HOT LUNCH: Open for Orders!

The IPPG is pleased to announce that the [MunchALunch website](#) will open on **Wednesday, September 20th** for hot lunch orders from September 26th to December 22nd.

Lunch orders are delivered to students at the school on **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.**

We are offering added **flexibility** to the hot lunch program in two main ways. First, 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. Secondly, orders can also be customized for each delivery day (example: cheese pizza Oct 5 and pepperoni Oct 12).

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. New users must first register for an account with the Register Here button. Please email ippac@wvschools.ca with any questions.

IMPORTANT NOTE: PLEASE SEND CUTLERY AND CHOPSTICKS TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD AS NEEDED.

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR THE HOT LUNCH PROGRAM!

We are looking for Parent Volunteers to take responsibility for receiving and distributing food for our Hot Lunch Program that starts next week. The time commitment is approximately 15 minutes at lunch time. The program is scheduled to run for 4 days per week (Tuesday to Friday). The Hot Lunch Program represents the largest IPPG fundraising activity and is a vital component of the IPPG budget to support Irwin Park Elementary each school year. If you are available to volunteer for one or more days or want further information, please contact Jillian at ippac@wvschools.ca.

Irwin Park School Fees are NOW DUE!!

All families should have received an email from Ms. Verdicchio explaining school fees and how to pay them. We would ask that if your account is still outstanding to pay immediately via the [SchoolCashOnline](#) application.

Here are the instructions on how to create an account if you do not already have one.

Step 1: Click on this link: <https://westvancouver.schoolcashonline.com>

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, select the "**click here**" option, login in and add each of your children to your household account.

To do this, you will need your student's **PIN number, last name, and date of birth.**

If you do not know your child's PIN please contact Ms. Verdicchio at LVerdicchio@wvschools.ca Thank you once again for your support and patience at this time of year.

TERRY FOX RUN – Bring Toonies for Terry! This Wednesday Sept 20th!

The annual Irwin Park Terry Fox Run will be held this coming Thursday. Classes are discussing the history and purpose of the run and then will go out to run in Terry's honour. All students are asked to **WEAR RED** or **Irwin Park Spirit Wear** and bring a donation of at least \$2 to the [Terry Fox Foundation](#). There is also a special [Irwin Park Terry Fox Donation page](#) for families that prefer donating directly to the foundation. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting the memory of this Great Canadian Icon!

NEW & UPDATED - Irwin Park Spirit Wear Clothing : Stay Tuned!!

What's Spirit Wear you may ask? Spirit Wear is clothing (T-shirts, hoodies, hats, etc.) that are emblazoned with our Irwin Park name and our school mascot/logo. This allows every member of your family most especially students to wear their school colours with pride...PANTHER P.R.I.D.E!! We can't wait to see how things turn out. However, pls know it is optional and not a required element here at our school. Our **Irwin Park Spirit Wear Store** hopes to be open by month's end for orders.

This week students were introduced to the **newly designed Irwin Park Logo** and will be voting next week on the preferred colour scheme. We will be sharing images with students via our hallway TV Monitors and bulletin boards promoting the new design and what it stands for. We hope to be able to have the results of student input and begin to work with our local clothing provider to allow our Spirit Wear to launch. Thank you for your patience at this exciting time.

School Sports are On! Cross Country Team Practicing Now (Grade 3 to 7)

School sports are ON this year and the first sports season, Cross Country Running, has started. Our coaching team of Mr. Hamelin, Mrs. MacDonald and Ms. Kozak practiced on Thursday morning and will practice again on Monday at 8:15 am in preparation for the first meet. District Meets will occur at Ambleside Park on Tuesday after school with practices during the school week. It's not too late to join and all Grade 3 to 7 students are welcome to join in. Coaches are keen to include all athletes regardless of experience.

Important Dates:

Sept 18 th	Full Day KG begins! 8:50 am – 2:50 pm
Sept 20 th	Terry Fox Run for the Cure School Wide Run
Sept 21 st	STUDENT INDIVIDUAL - PHOTO DAY
Sept 22 rd	Professional Development Day : School Not in Session
Sept 27 th	Inside Irwin Park – Classroom Orientation & Social

Sept 30 th	Orange Shirt Day
Mon Oct 2nd	National Truth and Reconciliation Day (Stat Holiday)

Community Events and Announcements

The Summer Reading Club Medal Ceremony is this Friday, September 15 from 6:30-7:30 pm at the **West Vancouver Memorial Library**. Our school had over 30% of our students register for Summer Reading Club and now it's time to claim your medals! Thank you for participating in this literacy event - be sure to tell Ms Gratton about your favorite books of the summer. If you can't make it to the ceremony, visit WVML Youth Desk next week!

Fall Programs at West Vancouver Community Centre & Gleneagles Community Centre

[Click here to view the programs and activities available](#)

Indigenous Arts & Culture workshops

Including beading, cedar weaving and wool weaving – visit [here](#)

Want to learn languages, science, Lego, chess..., visit

<https://westvancouver.ca/learning>

Live! Music Series, Thursday, October 19, 4-5pm, Free

Come enjoy the musical hour with Gergana Velinova Jazz Trio in the Atrium

[Event info](#)

Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us:

<https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers>

Irwin Park Elementary After School Activity Opportunities	
<p><u>Private Coaching Co</u> <u>Multi Sport Program</u> <u>Gr 1-3</u> <u>MONDAYS</u></p>	<p>10 Week Multi-Sport After School Program at Irwin Park Elementary (1-3)</p> <p>This excitement filled program focuses on FUN, physical literacy and sport skill improvement through fun games and activities. Participants will move through a variety of sports such as basketball, soccer, tennis, football, hockey, volleyball, pickle ball, handball, and more. Participants will be fully submerged in the world of sports and are bound to leave the day with a smile</p>

	<p>on their face, eager for the next day! https://youtu.be/LV8QAJsrjCw?si=W7MXU5Nzu5VsmUqj</p> <p>Dates: Monday, September 18 - December 18 (No sessions Oct 2nd, 9th, Nov 13th) Times: 3:00-4:30pm (90 Minutes) Location: Irwin Park Gymnasium Cost: \$300/Student + GST <i>Grades 1-3</i></p>
<p><u>Lights Up Musical Theatre</u> <u>KG – 7</u> <u>FRIDAYS</u></p>	<p>LIGHTS UP MUSICAL THEATRE AFTERSCHOOL AT IRWIN PARK ELEMENTARY</p> <p>Sing Dance Act Shine! At Lights Up After School. Your child can experience the joys and benefits of musical theatre by taking part in our afterschool programs led by our talented and experienced Lights Up Musical Theatre Schools staff. These classes are a unique introduction to our weekend musical theatre programs and provide students with an enriching, rewarding, and most of all, fun afterschool activity right at the bell!</p> <p>FALL SHOW! THE LITTLE MERMAID This Fall we will be putting on a version of the musical “The Little Mermaid,” created for our after school students!</p> <p>Students are supervised from the bell. No need to pick up your child until 5pm! Performance for parents on last day of classes!</p> <p>AFTER SCHOOL FRIDAYS Sept 29 – Dec 1 (9 SESSIONS) 2.50-5PM Fee: \$345* (*plus GST) lightsuptheatre.ca/after-schools/irwin-park/</p>
<p><u>Arts & Crafts Club</u> <u>Tues and</u> <u>Design Studio on</u> <u>Thurs</u></p>	<p>Irwin Park, let’s get messy! At Arts & Crafts club, with Ms. Cruz, our very own Irwin Park Educational Ass’t. Kids will experience a large variety of painting techniques, sculpture, toy making, paper mache, origamis and much more. The classes will offer a selection of projects and opportunities for kids to experiment and develop their own ideas within the arts and crafts world. Click here for registration information or see attached PDF.</p>

	<p>For students in Grades 2-4 Classes Tues or Thurs 3:00 – 4:00 pm from Sept 20th until Dec 1st. Click here for more info! Or reach out to mailto:ecruz@wvschools.ca</p>
<p><u>Stay tuned for more After School Program Options</u></p>	

 <p>WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED</p> <p>RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS Prière de les faire traduire.</p> <p>重要資料 請找人為你翻譯</p>	<p>これはたいせつなお知らせです。 どなたかに日本語に訳してもらってください。</p> <p>알려드립니다 이것을 번역해 주십시오</p> <p>CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG Xin nhờ người dịch hộ</p> <p>ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਬਿਹਾਨ ਕਰਕੇ ਚਿੰਨ੍ਹ ਕੀਤੇ ਹਿੱਸੇ ਦਾ ਉਲੇਖਾ ਕਰਦਾਰਫ਼ ।</p> <p>INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE Busque alguien que le traduzca.</p>	<p>اطلاعات مهم و سودمند لطفاً از یک نفر بخواهید که برای شما ترجمه کند</p> <p>ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan</p> <p>يرجى ترجمة هذا معلومات هامة</p> <p>ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ Переведите это, пожалуйста.</p>
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