



Irwin Park Elementary School eBulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information For Parents and Guardians

Thursday, Sept 21, 2023

Principal's Message

It has been a fantastic week of orientation, connection and spirit as our classrooms settle into the school year familiarizing themselves further with routines, expectations while building that all important classroom community. With the Gr 4-7 students beginning to use their devices after spending time together with myself and teachers at our Digital Citizenship assembly, things are starting to take shape more and more. In addition, this week saw our 70 plus strong Cross Country running team brave the elements to compete in their first meet at Ambleside Park. And finally, **Irwin Park Panther P.R.I.D.E.** was on full display at our Terry Fox Assembly and Run for the Cure on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you so much to the families who donated to the cause by bringing a Toonie for Terry and to those volunteers who helped marshal and cheer on our runners. It's not too late to [donate](#). Pls know that the donation total on our webpage does not represent those donations made in school.

The coming week has several important events including our recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada and Orange Shirt Day as well as welcoming families into the school at the Inside Irwin Park Event slated for Thurs Sept 28th between 4:15 and 5:00 pm. We will have Mr. Tube Steak on hand to provide hot dog treats for a light snack and our Gr 7 Legacy Leadership Team selling refreshments. More details in the bulletin below. Please ensure you get your orders in ASAP for hot dogs via Munch A Lunch. Details and links are below.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

As we are beginning our first term, I need to take some time to emphasize the importance of attendance and punctuality. At this time of year most especially, teachers are working hard with classes to build routines and expectations that begin immediately upon the 8:50 am entry bell. Take for example, attendance each morning. Teachers taking student attendance is rarely simply calling a name out loud that most of us grew

up with, but instead a community building opportunity where teachers may ask each student a question to indicate their presence in class, but the responses serve to build important classroom community, trust and ease amongst students. These moments are special and your child's consistent presence as a part of the classroom community is required. As the flu season begins to emerge and illness rates rise, we understand that students who are not fully able to participate in school activities must rest and remain at home until well. This is acceptable and responsible behaviour for every parent.

However, I ask parents to really encourage and support consistent attendance and punctuality with your child so that these habits become the norm in your household and your child is able to get their best start each day; one that is in line with their friends and teachers and our school as a whole. Should you be struggling, please reach out to your child's teacher for consultation and share your concerns or questions. We will be revisiting this topic throughout the year, and I look forward to sharing a letter written by a colleague outlining the impact of school lates and absences on an individual's academic and social emotional growth.

Information in this E-Bulletin includes several updates for families:

1. Inside Irwin Park: Sept 28th 4:15 – 5:30 pm
2. Pro D on Fri Sept 21st
3. Irwin Park Parent Teacher Interview Dates
4. Online Policy & Procedure Permission Forms E-Signature Due Now!
5. Hot Lunch Order Info
6. IPPG Corner: September Newsletter
7. Irwin Park Spirit Wear Update
8. IP School Fees Due Now: How to Pay
9. Important Dates
10. **After School Extra Curricular Opportunities**

Inside Irwin Park: Orientation Opportunity & Mr. Tube Steak Celebration: Thurs Sept 28th, 4:15 – 5:30

The Irwin Park staff will be hosting parents and families this coming Thursday starting at 4:15 pm. Teachers will open their classrooms for a casual meet & greet, where your child can introduce you to their teacher(s) and their learning community and space. Don't hesitate to tour the school and socialize as well. The 30 mins is meant to be an opportunity to connect with friends and families that were missed over the Summer Break but also to learn more about your child's classroom and teacher before our upcoming Parent/Teacher Interviews on Oct 4 & 5. Following classroom walk throughs, at approximately 4:45 pm new Irwin Park Vice Principal, Ms. Dixon and Mr. Campbell will host Irwin Park parents in

the gym for an introduction and *Setting Up Students for Success* presentation. Following this time together, we invite families and students to join us for a Hot Dog treat from Mr. Tube Steak, a professional event vendor, so kindly organized by Jillian Smith, IPPG Executive member.

Be sure to order your hot dogs in advance to avoid disappointment. All orders are available through our [MUNCH A LUNCH](#) Link – under FUNDRAISING. In addition, bring cash or coins to support the Gr 7 Leadership team as they will be selling drinks & refreshments to go with your hot dog; all funds going to the 2024 Grade 7 Legacy Gift.

Last year's legacy gift led to our amazing Panther Den mural...what does next year hold in store from these amazing Gr 7s?!

WHAT	INSIDE IRWIN PARK: Classroom Orientation & Community Building Event
WHEN	Thursday Sept 28th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:15 pm – 4:45 pm in classrooms/school building • 4:45 pm – 5:00 pm P and VP Intro and Presentation • 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm (approx.) Mr. Tube Steak Hot Dog Celebration
WHY	<p>To allow our Irwin Park families to meet their child's teacher, connect with others and build community, over friendship and food.</p> <p>Thank you for your support!</p>

INSIDE IRWIN PARK EVENT: PRE ORDERS FOR HOT DOGS

Order before Wednesday, 27th at 9 am at the [Irwin Park Munch-A-Lunch Website](#)

- Mr. Tube Steak provides both **Veggie and All Beef Hot Dogs** will be available to select, accompanied by a array of fresh condiments.
- **Bubly** and **Potato Chips** will be on sale from our Gr 7 Leadership Team
- Food and drink will served on the gravel field and Sports Court following our event at approx. 5:00 pm.
- Get your orders in now by clicking [here!](#) (Under the FUNDRAISING tab)
- Please note that new users to Munch-A-Lunch will have to register for an account; please see Ms. Verdicchio for help

IRWIN PARK HOT LUNCH: Now Open for Orders!

The IPPG is pleased to announce that the Irwin Park [MunchALunch website](#) is open NOW! 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**. Orders must be received by Sunday evening at 6pm for the following week.

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 (*for example: cheese pizza on Oct 5 and pepperoni on 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.



NEW parents register here:

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/IrwinPark>

RETURNING parents login here:

<https://munchalunch.com/login>

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

IPPG Corner: Update

Our executive and members-at-large have been busy in the background discussing and planning. Check out all of the news and goings on in their recent family hand out that went home this past week (also attached as a PDF to this e-bulletin)!

Stay tuned for more excitement and information. Click here for IPPG September Newsletter

Classes not in Session: Sept 22nd and Mon Oct 2nd

Friday September 22 is a Professional Development Day and classes will not be in session. In addition, Monday, October 2nd is the [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#), a Federal Statutory holiday, and the school will be closed. Staff and students will be recognizing this special holiday of remembrance and reconciliation for the entire week leading up to Friday September 29th. Through stories and song, announcements and a host of other media, students will be led on an exploration of the legacy of Residential Schools and the importance for all Canadians to recognize the commitments of Truth and Reconciliation. On Friday September 30, we invite all families and students to wear orange as our community honours [Orange Shirt Day](#). Our staff have prepared a list of events and opportunities for families to explore at home and in the community for [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#).

Irwin Park Parent Teacher Conferences: Save the Date!

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

***Please note: **Students will have an early dismissal at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on these dates.** More information and how to book your conference time will be shared in the coming weeks.

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. 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.

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 **that you** 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.

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 is 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. Please 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.

Important Dates:

Sept 22nd	Professional Development Day: School Not in Session
Sept 28th	Inside Irwin Park – Classroom Orientation & Social 4:15 – 5:30
Sept 30 th	Orange Shirt Day @ IP
Mon Oct 2nd	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Stat Holiday – School Closed)
Wed Oct 4 th & Thurs Oct 5	Parent Teacher Interviews: 12:00 noon dismissal on both days
Mon Oct 9 th	Thanksgiving Holiday: School Closed
Oct 17-19	Gr 6/7 Outdoor School
Oct 22	Provincial Pro D: School Not in Session

Community Events and Announcements

- **KG INFO SESSION : Oct 5th (See attached PDF)**
- **FAMILY SMART WORKSHOP (See attached PDF)**
- **Girls with SuperPower Program: Coding for Girls (See attached PDF)**

CODING! Opportunity for Grade 6 and 7 Students

Have you ever wondered how technology products are built, what skills and abilities are required, and what the various career options are available in technology?

Join us at Game of Apps (season 07) where professional software developers and product designers teach and mentor students on a weekly basis. You will learn coding and design skills, as well as important soft skills such as teamwork, communication, critical thinking, problem solving, time management and much more.

- General promo video: <https://youtu.be/RUOK8HIWWd8>
- Intro to Coding program details: <https://youtu.be/nWJq7T5bUis>
- Registration: <https://gameofapps.org/register>

Early-bird pricing is available before September 30. There are also two Info Sessions scheduled (details at gameofapps.org).

WV Memorial Library UPDATE:

[September/October 2023 Update from WVML \(patronpoint.com\)](https://patronpoint.com)

- This issue features programs and resources related for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, an exciting Youth Department space planning project and so much more!

- As always: everything is free, open to all and no library card is required.
- Amazing Youth Librarian, Shannon Ozirny can also pass on PDF or jpeg posters for specific programs to anyone that's interested. Let me know if you would like to contact her!

Fall Programs at West Vancouver Community Centre & Gleneagles Community Centre

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

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></p> <p><u>Multi Sport Program</u></p> <p><u>Gr 1-3</u></p> <p><u>MONDAYS FUL</u></p> <p><u>L</u></p> <p><u>Gr 4-7</u></p> <p><u>WEDNESDAYS</u></p>	<p>10 Week Multi-Sport After School Program at Irwin Park Elementary (Grade 4-7)</p> <p><i>Dates:</i> Wednesday, September 20th - November 22nd ***(Oct 4th Early Dismissal - Session runs 12:30-2:00)***</p> <p><i>Times:</i> 3:00-4:30pm (90 Minutes) <i>Location:</i> Irwin Park Gymnasium <i>Cost:</i> \$300/Student + GST <i>Grades:</i> 4-7</p> <p>Any level or experience welcome!</p> <p>NOTE: This program is only available to Grade 4-7 students currently enrolled at Irwin Park Elementary.</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</p>

	<p>day with a smile on their face, eager for the next day! https://youtu.be/LV8QAJsrjCw?si=W7MXU5Nzu5VsmUqj</p> <p>Registration Link: https://clients.mindbodyonline.com/classic/ws?studioid=540379&stype=-8&TG=29&sVT=106&sView=day&sLoc=0&sTrn=100000016</p>
<p><u>Lights Up Musical Theatre</u></p> <p><u>KG – 7</u></p> <p><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 School 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</p> <p>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</p> <p>Sept 29 – Dec 1 (9 SESSIONS)</p> <p>2.50-5PM Fee: \$345* (*plus GST)</p> <p>lightsuptheatre.ca/after-schools/irwin-park/</p>
<p><u>Arts & Crafts Club</u></p> <p><u>Tues and</u></p> <p><u>Design Studio</u></p> <p><u>on 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 the attached PDF.</p> <p>For students in Grades 2-4</p>

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>



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