



Irwin Park Elementary School eBulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information For Parents and Guardians

Friday Sept 29th 2023

Principal's Message

Apologies for this issue of the E-Bulletin coming out later than usual, but the preparation and planning for our Inside Irwin Park was our priority over the past few days.

Thank you again to all of our families who joined us at the school for a classroom walk through and school tour at our Inside Irwin Park orientation event on Thursday. The halls and classrooms were filled with a palatable positive energy that seemed to emanate from the school, into the gym and finally on to the gravel field and playground, following our P and VP presentation, as families enjoyed the tasty treats provided by Mr. Tube Steak and our Gr 7 Legacy Gift Committee. A big thank you to Ms. Jillian Smith, former IPPG Chair and current Executive Member and Hot Lunch coordinator, We will miss Jill's steady hand when her son graduates from Gr 7.

If you missed the presentation that Vice Principal Dixon and I shared with families at Thursday afternoon's event you can review our slide deck [here](#). We shared some important suggestions surrounding the following topics: Sleep & Nutrition, Screen Time, Attendance & Punctuality, as well as distinguishing between Mean Moments vs Bullying. One important reminder shared with parents was to approach relational issues brought home objectively, and to seek context from their child's classroom teacher before taking further steps.

A parent's own ability to remain an anchor amidst their child's emotional storm is crucial in the effort to reassure, coach, build confidence and resilience in their child to face the inevitable challenges that arise each school year.

We encourage you to take time to schedule a Parent Teacher Interview via our [online booking system](#). Instructions are below and students will be released at 12 noon on both Wed Oct 4 and Thurs Oct 5th to allow for teachers to meet with parents in their class. Sign up soon to ensure a time that fits your schedule.

Finally, **I would like to remind our community members that Monday Oct 1st is a statutory holiday.** Despite spending the past week discussing our nation's commitment to [Truth and Reconciliation](#) and acknowledging the harms inflicted upon Indigenous communities by Residential Schools, wearing our Orange Shirts and creating art to express the importance of connection and sense of belonging, Saturday Sept 30th, brings opportunity for our students and families. We encourage families to consider the many opportunities that will be available over the [weekend](#) for children and parents to express their support and recognition of this dark chapter in Canadian history. While Monday will be Statutory Holiday in recognition of this event, we encourage families to take time and discuss or learn more about the impact of Residential Schools on the Indigenous people of Canada at some point over the weekend.

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

1. Irwin Park Parent Teacher Interview Bookings are Available now!
2. Online Policy & Procedure Permission Forms E-Signature Due Now!
3. Hot Lunch Order Info
4. Irwin Park Spirit Wear Update
5. IP School Fees Due Now: How to Pay
6. Important Dates
7. **After School Extra Curricular Opportunities**
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Irwin Park Parent Teacher Conferences: Wed Oct 4 and Thurs Oct 5: APPOINTMENT BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN!

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held in person on Wednesday, October 4 and Thursday, October 5. **Students will be dismissed at 12:00 pm (noon) on these dates.**

Conferences are 10 minutes in length and will be in person if not otherwise specified. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions.

BOOKING LINK:

<https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/spspy>

Parents/Guardians can also book for this event by going to the School Interviews website (www.schoolinterviews.ca) and entering the event code **spspy**, which takes them to step 1 to enter their details.

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.

Classes not in Mon Oct 2nd

Monday, October 2nd is the [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#), a Federal Statutory holiday, and the school will be closed. 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.

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Events on September 30th:

- Visit St. Paul's Residential School Memorial in North Vancouver
- Events at your Local Library
 - North Van - <https://www.nvcl.ca/events/fire-still-burns-evening-squamish-elder-sam-george>
 - West Van - [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at the WVM Library](#)
 - Vancouver - <https://www.vpl.ca/truth-reconciliation>
- Visit MONOVA for events and hands on activities for students
 - <https://monova.ca/events/>
- Intergenerational March to Commemorate Orange Shirt Day at UBC
<https://apsc.ubc.ca/event/2023/intergenerational-march-to-commemorate-orange-shirt-day>
- Live reading of *Every Child Matters* by Phyllis Webstad in English, Cantonese, and Mandarin at 2 p.m on September 30th at the Chinese Canadian Museum
<https://www.chinesecanadianmuseum.ca/programs/orange-shirt-day-2023>
- Truth and Reconciliation Workshop at the Museum of Vancouver
 - <https://museumofvancouver.ca/workshop-with-shaina-stephens>
- Arts Umbrella
 - Activities and talks for kids led by Indigenous Artists and knowledge Keepers
 - <https://www.artsumbrella.com/events/national-day-for-truth-and-reconciliation-2023/>
- Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre in Whistler - Events
 - <https://slcc.ca/ndtr-at-the-slcc/>

Resources for Personal Learning

- Guide to First Peoples for Newcomers to Canada, from West Van Memorial Library
<https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/First-Peoples-A-Guide-for-Newcomers.pdf>
- Indigenous Support Worker: Swalklanexw (Dallus Guss) video - St Paul's Residential School Memorial. Carving for Indigenous Survivors of St. Paul's Residential School located at St. Thomas Aquinas High School North Vancouver, B.C., Canada. [St. Paul's Residential School Memorial. North Vancouver, BC, Canada](#)
- Talking to kids about Residential Schools Indigenous author: Monique Gray Smith video for families
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebOJ_IMCVvk
- Indian Residential Schools and Reconciliation Resources <http://www.fnesc.ca/irsr/>

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.

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

This week students voted on their favourite version of the new Irwin Park Panther logo/emblem. We can't wait to share the results and have our Spirit Wear orders ready to go live online for families to order.

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 voted this week on their preferred colour scheme. Thank you for your patience at this exciting time while we tabulate the ballots.

Important Dates:

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

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><u>SPACE STILL AVAILABLE</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 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&step=-8&sTG=29&sVT=106&sView=day&sLoc=0&sTrm=100000016</p>

**Lights Up
Musical Theatre**

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FRIDAYS

**LIGHTS UP MUSICAL THEATRE AFTERSCHOOL AT IRWIN
PARK ELEMENTARY**

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!

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!

Students are supervised from the bell. No need to pick up your child until 5pm! Performance for parents on last day of classes!

AFTER SCHOOL FRIDAYS

Sept 29 – Dec 1 (9 SESSIONS)

2.50-5PM

Fee: \$345* (*plus GST)

lightsuptheatre.ca/after-schools/irwin-park/

**Arts & Crafts
Club**

Tues and

**Design Studio
on Thurs**

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.

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>



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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
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