



IRWIN PARK ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians at Irwin Park Elementary

Friday Dec 22nd, 2023

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Important Dates:

Jan 8 th	Return to School
Jan 9 th	WVSS Grade 7 Orientation : 7 pm
Jan 23 rd	1 st Gr 7 Basketball Game: League
Jan 29 th	District Pro D – School Not In Session

Principal's Message

As we close the fall term and prepare for the New Year, we want to express our thanks to our parent group for their amazing support last week at our Santa's Workshop and this week at our [IPPG Staff Appreciation Luncheon](#) held this past Wednesday. Teachers and our support staff were treated to an amazing array of culinary delights including soups, stews, salads, and more. We are so grateful to have the support and generosity of our community expressed in this manner. Wednesday saw our [Staff vs Student Volleyball Game](#), as our Gr 7 Volleyball players square off against our Staff All Stars and let's just say that the teachers had the crowd on their side! Regardless, a ton of fun was had by all. This Friday morning brought another community-building

event as a host of Gr 6 & 7 parents swooped into our IPPG Parent Kitchen bright and early before the school day to prepare a [pancake breakfast](#) for our senior students in Gr 6 and 7. This was a terrific way to end the term and move into the holidays with family and friends.

We want to wish all of our families and community members a very safe and happy holiday. Wherever your time with family takes you, we hope to see you back at school happy, healthy, and ready for a great 2024.

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

1. Lunar New Year Planning! UPDATE
2. After School Extra Curricular Opportunities

LUNAR NEW YEAR Planning Update!

Our IPPG Exec members are starting to plan for the upcoming 2024 Lunar New Year and our celebrations at Irwin Park to recognize this special time. We know that many Asian cultures recognize this important time of year with different traditions, pastimes and legends passed from generation to generation. We are hoping that our students and families can learn from each other with such a diverse array of students at our amazing school.

Amy Jungmi Hwang and I hosted a meeting of volunteers on Wednesday afternoon this past week to put some planning in place. Our event will be inclusive, and community-driven with Chinese, Korean, and Taiwanese cultures represented. If there are other parents keen to volunteer pls contact Amy Jungmi Hwang and she will put you in touch with your Cultural Lead. In addition, we are keen to add cultures that celebrate Lunar New Year and if you have suggestions pls don't hesitate to reach out to Mr. Campbell.

Thank you again to the 8 volunteers who made it to our meeting. It was great to get our plans directed and on the path towards our February celebration date. More details will be shared in the coming E Bulletins.

Chess Club at Lunch – In the Works!!

A chess club led by an accredited chess instructor is being discussed for the coming Winter Term. This will be a user pay program as an extracurricular offered by an outside provider. While we cannot confirm whether this will be something we are able

to pursue at this moment, pls reach out to Mr. Campbell if your child may be interested.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Neurodiversity and Dance Classes

My name is Miss Tammy and I teach neuro-affirmative dance classes on Tuesdays from 7:00-7:45 pm at the **Vanleena Dance Academy**, 1457 Marine Drive, our West Vancouver location.

All interested families are invited to contact me directly at dance@vanleena.com to learn more about the program (we also offer a free trial class!).

West Vancouver Little League registration is open!

- **Spring baseball for ages 5-16**
- **We have girls only programs this year!**
- <https://wvll.ca/registration/>

Hollyburn Family Services

Hollyburn Family Services is offering **"The Incredible Years"** for parents of children aged **2-7**. **The program will focus on strengthening parenting competencies and fostering parent involvement with their children.**

When: Wednesday evenings, January 10 to April 17, 2024 (Note: the program will run during Spring Break, March 18, 2024 to April 1, 2024)

Time: 6:15-8:15pm

Where: Online through Zoom

Cost: Free

Eligibility: Residents of the North Shore with children aged 2-7 years old.

Registration: for more info or to be added to the waitlist, please contact Marlae

Vermeer (Family Counsellor, Hollyburn Family Services): mvermeer@hollyburn.ca

Rec Centre Happenings:

Winter Break camp registrations are now open:

<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities/camps>

Browse your recreation activities and programs here:

<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities>

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

<https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers>

FEEDING FUTURES

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare [Feeding Futures initiative](#), the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their school principal if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

Irwin Park Elementary After School Activity Opportunities	
ART MANIA Lunchtime on FRIDAYS @ IRWIN PARK	<i>ARTMANIA IS COMING FOR</i> <i>LUNCHTIME CLASSES</i> <i>TO IRWIN PARK on Fridays (Gr 3-7)</i> Fridays, 12:30 - 1:10 pm, January 19 -March 8 (no class February 16) Grade 3 – 7, cost \$ 154 + gst <i>COMICS & ILLUSTRATION</i>

	<p>Students will have fun learning comic sketching, scriptwriting, drawing and composition.</p> <p>Your Artmania teacher will help you explore comics and illustration</p> <p>using various drawing and colouring techniques to bring your characters to life.</p> <p>For our lunchtime classes, students are taught their lesson while they are eating their lunch, so they have lot's of time to create!</p> <p><i>Click here to register</i></p>
<p>Private Coaching Co</p> <p>Multi Sport Program</p> <p>Gr 1-3 on MON</p> <p>Gr 4-7 on WED</p>	<p>Irwin Park Elementary Grade 1-3</p> <p>Multi-Sport After School Program</p> <p>Dates: Mondays, January 8th - March 11th (No Session January 29th or February 19th) (8 Sessions)</p> <p>Times: 3:00-4:30</p> <p>Grades: 1-3</p> <p>Cost: \$240 + GST</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, 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!</p> <p>NOTE: This is a non-competitive program and is suitable for athletes of any experience or level</p> <p>Registration: Sign Up Here</p>

Multi-Sport After School Program

Cost: \$300 + GST

NOTE: This is a non-competitive program and is suitable for athletes of any experience or level

Registration: [Sign Up Here](#)

2:50 – 5:00 PM

Sing Dance Act Shine! At Lights Up Afterschool, 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 style="text-align: center;">WINTER SHOW! TOY STORY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This Winter, we will be putting on a musical version of “Toy Story,” created for our afterschool students!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Students are supervised from the bell. No need to pick up your child until 5pm! Performance for parents on the last day of classes!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JAN. 12 - MAR. 15 (9 SESSIONS)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2.50-5PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GRADES: K to 7 Fee: \$345* (*plus GST)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/irwin-park/</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Cruz’s</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Arts & Crafts Club</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tues / Wed / Thurs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Irwin Park, let’s get messy! At Arts & Crafts club, with Ms. Cruz, our very own Irwin Park Educational Ass’t.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For students in Grades 2-4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesdays -</p> <p><i>Arts and Crafts:</i> Winter term we will be focusing on Sewing! The kids will get a chance to make bean bags, hand warmers, and even their own stuffy toys, as well as learn the basics of embroidering. This is one of the most exciting terms for Arts and crafts, where kids learn a life skill that they will be using for the rest of their lives.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cost: \$225</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesdays-</p> <p><i>Design Thinking!</i> Next term we will be focusing on making cardboard toys, the kids will be designing and building a variety</p>

	<p>of toys. We will continue to focus on problem-solving challenges in very exciting ways.</p> <p>Cost: \$200</p> <p>Thursdays-</p> <p><i>Art Studio:</i> Created by popular demand for kids who love free projects the Art STUDIO option is here to stay and has become a very popular class. The studio option is perfect for those students who love to work on their own projects, creating freely using a huge variety of materials.</p> <p>Cost: \$250</p> <p><u><i>For registration please send an email to Elisa Cruz at ecruz@wvschools.ca. All classes will run from Jan 16th to Mar 14th.</i></u></p> <p>For students in Grades 2-4</p> <p>Or reach out to mailto:ecruz@wvschools.ca</p>
<p>ZEN MAKER LAB</p> <p>Design & Tech</p>	<p>Zen Maker Club Gr 2-3</p> <p>@The IP Library - Every Wednesday after school</p> <p> Pixel Digital Parkour Challenge + Climate Change Board Game - 10 weeks [January 15 to April 29th]</p>

Gr 2-3 WED

Gr 4-7 MON

Register & learn
more about the
programs at
[zenmakerlab.co
m/irwin-park](https://zenmakerlab.com/irwin-park)

Pls NOTE: No clubs on: Jan 29, Feb 19, Mar 18 and 25, and Apr 1.

PART 1: Pixel Digital Parkour Challenge

Embark on an epic journey through "Pixel Parkour Challenge" – the ultimate Roblox Obby course! Conquer daring obstacles, leap across platforms, and navigate through a pixelated wonderland. Are you ready to test your agility and master the art of parkour?

PART 2: Climate Change Board Game

Embark on a thrilling adventure with "Earth Custodians: Climate Quest," where you will design your own board game to become custodians of our planet!

Register & learn more about the programs at
zenmakerlab.com/irwin-park

Zen Maker Club - Grades 4-7

@The Library - Every Monday after school

| Sound Wizardry + Innovate your own AI App - 11 weeks [January 17 to April 24th]

No clubs on: Jan 31, Feb 21, Mar 20 and 27, and Apr 3.

PART 1: Sound Wizardry - Hack Your Headphones with Micro:bit

Explore the magic of sound manipulation "Sound Wizardry: Hack Your Headphones with Micro:bit." Dive into the fascinating world of music technology using the Micro:bit platform.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Chromebooks or laptops are required. Students can bring their own or they can rent one from us at \$45/full program. Please note that iPads won't work.
- Headphones of any type will be required.

PART 2: Innovate your own AI App

Dive into the world of Artificial intelligence chat apps! Learn to craft a personalized AI experience using MIT App Inventor's simple drag-and-drop interface. No coding experience is needed—just creativity! Build, connect, and chat your way to app mastery in this hands-on course.

REQUIREMENTS:

Chromebooks, laptops, or iPads are required. Students can bring their own or they can rent one from us at \$45/for the full program.

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For any questions do not hesitate to contact Jonas Lopez at
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