



IRWIN PARK ELEMENTARY 📃 E-BULLETIN

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

Friday January 19th, 2024

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Instagram: @irwin_park_elementary

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Important Dates:

Jan 23rd	1 st Gr 7 Basketball Game: League
Jan 29 th	District Pro D – School Not In Session
Jan 30 th	Chess Club at Lunch Starts
Feb 1 & 2	Field Hockey Inservice – Gr 2-5
Feb 28 th	PINK SHIRT DAY – Anti Bullying Day

Principal's Message

Well, that was quite the week! With the interruption of two snow days in a row students returned to school on Friday to resume classes. Not to mention our recess construction contest that involved 3 categories of snow creation, including:

1) Biggest Snow Sphere

- 2) Most Creative Snowperson
- 3) Most Creative Irwin Park Snow Panther

We had several submissions in each of the above categories by teams of students around our school grounds. If you don't get a chance to see them with your own eyes, you can catch our recent slide deck that's been posted to our Instagram channel sharing those who competed on Friday. Congratulations to all teams who took the challenge upon themselves!

However, more importantly we launched our **PANTHER P.R.I.D.E.** Values school wide as selected and suggested by our Gr 6/7 leaders. Each day this week we shared 1 of the 5 Panther P.R.I.D.E. Values which will become the foundation of our how we conduct ourselves here at Irwin Park Elementary. Over the coming two terms we hope to adopt these values and their impact into our common language.

Thanks for your support in unpacking the meaning of these values at home and perhaps doing your best as a parent to *Name/Notice/Nurture* the choices your child makes at home that reflect these very same values.

By positively reinforcing these positive character traits we can work together to build a community of care, concern and one that everyone feels a part of.



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

- 1. Panther P.R.I.D.E. Values Shared
- 2. Lunch Time Chess Club
- 3. FSA Gr 4 & 7 Results Coming Home Next Week
- 4. Library Corner Book Review
- 5. Community News and Ops

Irwin Park PANTHER P.R.I.D.E. Values Launch

These values were selected collaboratively with the input of our Gr 6 & 7 students and will hope to provide the foundation for a common language at Irwin Park Elementary moving forth. Gr 6

and 7 students were asked to brainstorm and come up with possible values that will be represented by each of the letters in the **Panther P.R.I.D.E. acronym**. Moving forth we will focus on each of these values and unpack how making choices in our everyday decisions that reflect these values will help increase our **sense of belonging**, **understanding and mutual respect and safety**. We look forward to sharing what our Gr 6 and 7 leaders produced next week as a value will be announced each day next week, starting with **P** on Monday, **R** on Tues and **I** on Wednesday, etc.

P – POSITIVE
R – RESPECTFUL
I – INCLUSIVE
D – DETERMINED
E - EMPATHETIC

Chess Club at Lunch – Confirmed! Details Below

A chess club led by an accredited chess instructor has been confirmed for the Winter Term. Sessions will start the week of Jan 30th for Gr 2/3 (TUES) and Gr 4-7 (WED) at lunch in the library. Students will be asked to head to the library with their lunch and learn and practice under the guidance of **Chess Master Luc Poitras**. See the Registration Package and payment information at the links below. Register soon to avoid disappointment as space is limited.

More information can be found by emailing Chess Master Luc Poitras at chessinschool@yahoo.com

Grade	Date and Time and Location	Registration Link
Grade 2 & 3	Tuesdays at 12:30 – 1:15 pm in the IP Library (starting Jan 30)	Gr 2-3 Chess Club at IP
Grade 4/5/6/7	Wednesdays at 12:30 – 1:15 pm in the IP Library (starting Jan 31)	<u>Gr 4-7 Chess Club at IP</u>

Gr 4 and 7 FSA Results Coming Home NEXT Week

Due to the snow days this week and the cancellation of school our FSA Booklets for Gr 4 & 7 students will go home the week of Jan 22^{nd} .

Students in Grades Four and Seven across British Columbia completed assessments in Literacy and Numeracy in November 2023. These annual assessments of academic skills provide parents, teachers, school, school district, and the ministry with important

information on student progress. Irwin Park parents and guardians of Grade Four and Seven learners, please check your children's backpacks as their marked assessments will be sent home Friday. The assessments are a snapshot of your child's progress. Please note that this is the ONLY copy of your child's booklet. Any questions can be directed to your child's teacher directly or the principal.

Irwin Park Library Corner

Each week Ms. Gratton, our Irwin Park Elementary Teacher Librarian, will be sharing suggested book reviews to for parents to pursue at the library or to read together online. If you have questions, please reach out to Ms. Gratton directly at <u>dgratton@wvschools.ca</u> Click <u>here</u> to see this week's book review.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

West Vancouver Little League registration is open!

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

<u>Cybersafe from Exploitation</u> – Parent Presentation January 23rd, 2024 @ 7pm at the Kay Meek Arts Centre

Foundry North Shore and West Vancouver Schools are hosting Tiana Sharifi to present to parents/caregivers about cybersafety and exploitation. The presentation will address the root causes that would lead to exploitation, as well as provide tangible strategies to break down vulnerabilities that would lead children and youth into online sexual exploitation.

Registration for this event can be found <u>here</u>.

Cybersafe from Exploitation Flyer

Family Sessions – Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities

Safer Schools Together are pleased to announce that in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, they have opened four more dates for their "Social Media **Awareness" Family Sessions**. These sessions were designed to support families and caregivers navigate the digital world.

Dates, times, and information on how to register can be found in the link below. We kindly ask that you share this link with your families.

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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:

Browse your recreation activities and programs here:

https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreationactivities

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

https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers

Pauline Johnson's PAC is again offering <u>First Aid Hero's Babysitting Course and Stay</u> <u>Safe (home alone) Courses</u>. The courses will take place on Monday, January 29th (Professional Day) at PJ. Payment and registration can be made through our <u>online</u> <u>shop</u> until January 19th. The courses are open to all intermediate students, including those from outside PJ so invite your friends to join you.

Please contact us at <u>register@ecolepipac.com</u> with any questions.

BABYSITTING COURSE ages 11 – 13

Time: 8:30am – 3:30pm

Students learn how to care for younger children and how to prevent and respond to emergencies.

Each student will receive a babysitter manual, and a certificate.

\$65/student

STAY SAFE! (home alone) ages 9 – 13

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Helps prepare students to be on their own at home or in the community.

Each Student will receive a Stay Safe! workbook and certificate.

\$65/student