



IRWIN PARK ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

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

Friday, June 14, 2024

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Instagram: [@irwin_park_elementary](https://www.instagram.com/irwin_park_elementary)

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Important Dates:

June 18th	IPPG Annual General Meeting – 6:30 IN-Person @ Irwin Park
June 19 th	Primary Classes Orff Music Concert – 1:30 1:45pm – By Donation
June 21 st	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 24-25 th	Squamish Weaving Artist In Residence Student Experience
June 26 th	Gr 7 Leaving Ceremony – 10:45 am

Important Announcements

What a week! So many exciting events and opportunities to celebrate our community. First of all a huge thanks to all of the students and families who came out to support the IPPG Fundraising effort at our Irwin Park Spring Carnival on Thursday afterschool. Sunny skies and reasonable temperatures made it a great afternoon of fun, laughter, and memories. Whether you took a turn on the climbing wall, soccer darts, joust-

off or managed to find the target at the dunk tank, everyone seemed to have fun! We were so fortunate to have a number of junk food choices, all in moderation of course, with hot dogs and hamburgers, cotton candy, ice cream and caramel popcorn. Yummy! A huge shout out of thanks goes out to the many IPPG members who were there as volunteers ensuring activities ran smoothly and safely. Whether it was the cake walk, 3-legged race or manning the many carnival amusements their time was appreciated. Our biggest thanks however goes to the Irwin Park Carnival Leadership Team of Yegi, Minu and Amy for their fantastic leadership and organization of Thursday's event. From the event coordination, careful budgeting, the invitation to food vendors as well as ensuring volunteers were in place for each activity, the team's work and investment was phenomenal. We are also very grateful for the communication and promotion efforts of Katie Leung who worked hard behind the scenes. Way to go team! And finally let's not forget those Gr 7 volunteers who helped with face painting, indoor games and the biggest sacrifice of all...taking a turn in the dunk tank!! I think Ms. Roughley and Mr. Burke also deserve a pat on the back for taking their turn in the tank too! Hope we can do it all again some time in the future. Check out some of the highlights in this reel on our [Instagram](#).

And surely we couldn't leave the fun there. We all went home for a night of rest and came back to participate in this year's version of the **Irwin Park Spirit Day**. Teams, RED, BLUE, GREEN and YELLOW competed in over 15 different activities organized by our Gr 7s who led each of the stations. We are so grateful for the efforts of Ms. Bleim and Ms. Daniels for organizing our day on Friday which saw TEAM BLUE coming out on top. But hey, it's not about winning... but just the opportunity to play and enjoy. Everybody won big in the end, as our Gr 7 Leaving Ceremony committee held a Freezie Sale at days end. Stay tuned to our Instagram for an update.

And finally, as part of our planning for the coming school year, we wanted to share our **Irwin Park school calendar** for the 24/25 school year. Parents are asked to plan accordingly and ensure that students prioritize their attendance at school, with parents planning vacations and holiday weekends per the attached calendar. Thank you for being so supportive. [Irwin Park School Calendar 24 25.pdf](#)

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

1. **Celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Month** @ Irwin Park
2. **Primary Spring Concert** – Wed June 19th 1:45 pm - Admission by Non Perishable Food Donation
3. **IPPG AGM Meeting Date Set:** Tues June 18th In-Person Meeting – Volunteers Wanted!
4. **Summer Camp Opportunities – From Private Coaching Co.**
5. **Community News and Ops**

Celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day @ Irwin Park

June is National Indigenous History Month, and June 21st is National Indigenous People's Day.

To celebrate Indigenous culture, we are excited to invite Squamish Knowledge Keeper, [Spelexilh, Anjeanette Dawson](#) – a traditional wool weaver, knowledge keeper, storyteller, and Indigenous Educator from the Squamish Nation in to speak with all students. Students will have the opportunity to make their own wool weaving on a cardboard loom, learning about the history and revival of wool weaving in the Squamish community and learning about the history of wool weaving, the revival of weaving in our community, and the teachings that go with weaving. Workshops will take place on June 24th and 25th for all classes KG-7. We are extremely pleased and proud to have this opportunity.

Additionally, we will be highlighting [Raven and Hummingbird Tea Co](#), a Squamish Nation-owned tea company by **Cease Wyss and Senaqwila Wyss**, members of our Irwin Park community. Samples of their tea will be available in the lobby next week for students and families to enjoy. We are grateful for their sharing so our

community can learn more about the ingredients that make up not only a delicious cup of tea but hold power of inter-generational knowledge transfer and indigenous plant medicines. You can learn more about the Raven and Hummingbird Tea Co. and how you can support Indigenous businesses in our community at <https://rhtea.co/> Please make sure you stop by the front foyer of our school next week to try some!

Primary Spring Concert Event – Hold the Date: Wed June 19th @ 1:45 pm

We are excited to invite our community members to Irwin Park's Spring Primary Concert on **Wednesday, June 19th at 1:45 PM.**

This event will feature our Primary classrooms and showcase the learning they have done this past school year utilizing the recent IPPG investment in the Irwin Park Music Program: [Orff Instruments](#). Last spring, an appeal was made by Ms. King to outfit the Music Room with several more Orff instruments to complete the school set and enable full classes to take part in this terrific musical medium. Come out and see the fruits of their labour. The theme of this year's concert is "*Swimming Salmon*" – stay tuned for further details from your child's teacher re. costume and preparation. This is not a ticketed event, but **we would ask all of our guests to bring a non perishable food donation.**

IPPG Annual General Meeting – Tues June 18th @ 6:30 pm

This meeting will be in person in the Irwin Park library. We invite all parents of our community to join to learn more about our budget decisions this past year and the parent opportunities for all to get more involved in supporting our school to be the best it can be. Staff and students depend upon a strong supportive Parent Advisory Committee. Pls see the attached minutes from the MAY 2024 meeting and the current agenda for Tuesday's AGM.

Summer Camp Opportunities from our friends at Private Coaching Co.

Dear Irwin Park Parents,

To express our gratitude for your continuous support, **we would like to offer a \$75 discount**(1 free day) on our Summer Camps at Irwin Park to all students. Join our team for the ultimate camp experience full of Sports, Games, Arts & Crafts, Adventures and FUN! Day camps are available for kids aged 5-12 at all skill levels who want to stay active and play!

Participants will move through a variety of sports such as basketball, soccer, tennis, football, hockey, volleyball, pickleball and more. Campers will be fully submerged in the world of sports and activity and are bound to leave the day with a smile on their face, eager for the next day! See for yourself! **Multi-Sport Promo Video**

Camps will be running the following weeks:

- *July 2 - 5*
- *July 8 - 12*
- *July 12 - 19*
- *Aug 12 - 16*
- *Aug 19 - 23*

To redeem your discounted week please follow the steps below:

Step 1: Follow this link: <https://privatecoachingco.uplifterinc.com/programs/summer-camps/>

Step 2: Create an account and ensure you have also added each of your athletes to your account!

Step 3: Ensure that you have uploaded your billing information into the system for payment processing.

Step 4: Email matt@privatecoachingco.com and let us know which week of camp your athlete would like to redeem

Cost: \$375/Week + GST - Half Days Available Upon Request

Times: 9-3

Location: Irwin Park Elementary and Gymnasium, West Vancouver

Registration Link: [PCC Summer Camps](#)

For any questions or assistance, please email mlane@privatecoachingco.com

Irwin Park Seed Library - New Community Initiative

Click here for information and how to get involved. [Seed Library.pdf](#)

Community News and Information

Otters Swim Club Information – [Click here](#)

[SUMMER READING CLUB](#) [WV Memorial Library](#)

Summer Reading Club at **West Vancouver Memorial Library** is back!

And this year, we think Irwin Park can win. Let's do it!

Step 1: Register your kids

Visit [this page](#) to sign up and then swing by the WV Memorial Library to pick up your registration kit at the Youth Desk.

Step 2: Read all summer long

The challenge is to read—anything in any language—15 minutes a day for 50 days or more. It should be easy and fun!

Step 3: Win Reading Medals

Everyone who reaches the goal of reading for 50 days this summer will be awarded their very own reading medal in September.

Step 4: Win a Trophy for the School

Irwin Park will be competing in the Large School category and aiming to be the school with the highest % of students who register and complete the challenge.

Last year we finished second. This year we think we can win with your help.

[Register now](#)

Parent Education Opportunities

Parent Engagement and Empowerment Workshops

Session 4: Fun Math Around Us- June 12th at ILC [Parent Workshop Series 4 June 2024 \(1\).pdf](#)

Coffee n Connect – June 11th at West Vancouver Memorial Library [Coffee and Connect June 11.png](#)

Family Fun Fair- June 15th at the West Vancouver Community Centre [Family Fun Fair- 2024.pdf](#)

Parent Information Night for ELL and Newcomer Families- June 18th at ILC [Coffee and Connect June 11.png](#).

Please include the flyer in your school bulletins

Elevate Your Summer with Ultimate Camps!

Are your kids looking for the "Ultimate" way to stay active this summer? Elevate Ultimate is the leader in youth Ultimate Frisbee and Disc Golf. We pride ourselves on teaching students a variety of life skills such as conflict resolution and teamwork through this self-refereed sport.

There is a Summer Camp near you, and we have a variety of programs available for all skill levels. For more information and to register to hold a spot for your child, [check out their programs here](#), and to get \$40.00 off, please use discount code: **Welcome40**

ACTIVITIES AT YOUR WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CENTRE / GLENEAGLES COMMUNITY CENTRE

Important Dates:

Summer Camp Registrations Open on Wednesday, May 1st.

www.westvancouver.ca/camps

Other Summer program Registrations open on Wednesday, June 19th.

Browse all 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:

www.westvancouver.ca/newcomers

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