



IRWIN PARK ELEMENTARY  E-BULLETIN

Update of School Information For Irwin Park Parents and Guardians

Thursday, Sept 19th, 2024

CHECK OUT WHAT'S GOING ON @ OUR SCHOOL ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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

Important Dates:

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| Sept 20th | Professional Development Day : School Not in Session |
| Sept 24 th | IPPG Meeting – 1 st Meeting of the New School Year |
| Sept 24 th | Victory Garden Edu Workshops begin! |
| Sept 26th | Inside Irwin Park – Orientation Evening and Fall Carnival 3-6pm |
| Sept 27 th | Orange Shirt Day |
| Sept 30 th | National Truth and Reconciliation Day (Stat Holiday) |
| Oct 4 th | World Teachers Day |
| Oct 9 th /10 th | Parent Teacher Conferences – Online Booking Coming Soon! |

Friday Sept 20th: WVSD Professional Development Day

Parents and guardians are reminded that students are not in session on Friday Sept 20th as all teachers will be involved in School Based Professional Development on that day at Irwin Park.

A Message from the Principal...

Inside Irwin Park Event (3:00 – 3:45) & Welcome Back Family Carnival Fundraiser 4:00 – 6:00 pm (Thurs Sept 26th)

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Mark your calendars, make a [donation](#) and order your [food](#) early!

The IPPG, with the financial support of a very generous anonymous parent donor, is hosting [a Welcome Back Carnival Fundraiser on Thurs Sept 26th](#). This will be held in partnership with our [Inside Irwin Park / aka Meet the Teacher](#) afternoon on that same Thursday afternoon this coming week.

Our **Inside Irwin Park** event is similar to last September's event where parents are invited into their child's classroom to familiarize themselves with the classroom space, routines and expectations. Meeting your child's teacher is an important part of a strong educational partnership! At 3:30 pm there will be an ELL Parent Orientation in the library. Following our sessions, the IPPG Welcome Back Carnival will take place on our Gravel Field and in the Gym.

Our Welcome Back Carnival Fundraiser will have food vendors on site (details below) and refreshments available to all with cash or credit on site, but we encourage parents to buy online via our [MunchaLunch.com](#) website to avoid long line ups. **Again, all of this is available to every family at Irwin Park but we ask that each family participating make a donation to our IPPG Garden Fundraiser in lieu of admission.** Tax receipts available immediately on online upon donation of any amount!

| Inside Irwin Park & Welcome Back Carnival Timeline – Thurs Sept 26th | |
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| 2:50 | Student Dismissal |
| 3:00 pm | Inside Irwin Park – 1 st Session - Classrooms |

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| 3:15 pm | Inside Irwin Park – 2 nd Session - Classrooms |
| 3:30 pm | ELL (English Language Learning) Orientation – LIBRARY |
| 3:45- 4:00 pm (approximately) | Opening of the Welcome Back Family Carnival Fundraiser |
| 6:00 pm | Closure and Clean Up of the Welcome Back Carnival Fundraiser |

PLS NOTE: Every student will be eligible to attend this September’s Fall Fundraiser Carnival with admission wristbands being provided to each of our 426 students to enjoy the festivities. We will have **10 different inflatable attractions** including at least **3 inflatables that will be reserved for K-3 students only** and a **Professional DJ on site to entertain our Gr 4-7 cohort**. Food vendors including [Kettle Corn](#), [Mr. Tube Steak](#) and an [Ice Cream Truck](#) will also be in attendance. Food orders are now live and open on the [IP Munch A Lunch](#) website. Also please consider making a [donation in lieu of admission](#), however small or big, everything counts.

CARNIVAL PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Click [here](#)

No expense has been spared in ensuring our community has the time of their life to kick off this exciting school year and the IPPG would like to invite our entire community to join us! In order to pull this off we won’t be able to do it without **IPM Parent Volunteers**. We would ask parents to consider signing up for a supervision shift at one of our inflatables. No experience required! Click [here](#) to learn more! 45 mins shifts and refreshments provided! Station supervision, set up, clean up...etc.

Donations to our Fall Community Garden Fundraiser can be made at [School Cash Online](#) and a tax receipt will be issued for each donation made. We can’t wait to see you there on Thurs Sept 26th...between 3:45 and 6 pm. Stay tuned to our social media feeds on Instagram and on Facebook to learn more!

Irwin Park Community - GARDEN NEWS – Update, Fundraising and Tools!

This incredible learning enhancement has been carefully planned in partnership with [Victory Gardens](#) and our IP Garden Committee but we need community and parent support to make it all a sustained reality. We have had lots of activity with many of our classes already 'getting their hands dirty' helping with garden tasks. Whether it was lining our perimeter garden beds with mulch or filling each with the 2.5 yards of soil we received. Check our [Instagram](#) for some moments!

Please remember ...next week's Welcome Back Carnival entry for all IP students will be by [donation](#) and we are appealing to all Irwin Park families to consider donating to assist in covering the costs of the **construction, planting, and maintenance** of our Irwin Park Community Garden as well as the specialized **classroom instruction** that has been paired with it during the year. The IPPG and IP staff thank you for your generous consideration.

We're still seeking donations of buckets, shovels, and small hand tools. We will also be starting a Garden committee and looking for a handful of interested parents. Please email Vice Principal Alex Blem (ableim@wvschools.ca) if you wish to join. Garden workshops in classrooms with facilitators from [Victory Gardens](#) will kick off at the end of September.

Orange Shirt Day:

Next week, our classes will be discussing the significance of Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation Day in an age-appropriate manner.

We encourage all students to wear orange next Friday to honor the survivors of residential schools. **Please note, there will be no school on Monday, September 30th.** This day is not a holiday, but a time of reflection, similar to Remembrance Day. We invite families to reflect and learn together by attending a community event or engaging in meaningful conversations at home about truth and reconciliation. <https://sites.google.com/wvschools.ca/orangeshirtday-irwin-park-2024/community-events>

Cross Country Team Heads into Week 2 - 2nd Meet @ Ambleside Tues Sept 24th

Our Gr 3-7 Cross Country Running team got off to a great start and continue to practice on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:15 am. District Meets will occur at Ambleside Park on Tuesday after school. Coaches are keen to include all athletes regardless of experience.

Please ensure that **if your child is participating that you complete and return the IP permission form and pay the District Athletics fee charged at [School Cash Online](#).** Pls note that all families of students in Grades 3-7 will see the request on their School Cash Online message for the payment link for Cross Country fees. **Parents need to pay only if your**

child is participating in Cross Country at Irwin Park. Thank you for your cooperation and accountability..

More Details - Inside Irwin Park – School Orientation and ELL Parent Orientation – 3:00 – 3:45 pm Thurs Sept 26th

Just prior to the start of our [Fall Community Garden Fundraiser](#), our staff team will host our Inside Irwin Park Meet the Teacher and School Orientation event. 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 40 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 9 & 10th. Following classroom walk throughs, at approximately 3:30 pm the Irwin Park English Language Learning Team will host Irwin Park parents in the library for an **ELL Orientation - *What to Know & How to Support Your Child***. A separate invitation will follow early next week!

Following this time together, we will be kicking off the start of our IPPG Welcome Back Carnival Fundraiser at approximately 4 pm. Check out our Instagram for more information.

HOT LUNCH – OPEN AND TAKING ORDERS – Deadline for Next Week's Lunches – Sunday Sept 15th

The IPPG is pleased to announce that the [MunchALunch website w](#) is OPEN for hot lunch orders for the 2024 Fall Term.

Lunch orders are delivered to students at the school on **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.**

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 4 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.

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

After-School Activities – Starting Soon - Online Sign Ups Below

| Irwin Park Elementary After School Activity Opportunities | |
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| <p><u>Private Coaching Co</u></p> <p><u>Multi Sport Program</u></p> <p><u>Gr 1-4</u></p> <p><u>MONDAYS</u></p> | <p><i>Dates: Mondays Sept 23 - December 9th (10 Prorated Sessions)</i></p> <p><i>Times: 3:00 - 4:30</i></p> <p><i>Grades: 1-4</i></p> <p><i>Cost: \$300 + GST</i></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 faces, eager for the next day!</p> <p>See for yourself! Multi-Sport Trailer</p> <p>Register Here: Irwin Park Multi-Sport</p> <p>NOTE: This is a non-competitive program and is suitable for athletes of any experience or level!</p> |
| <p>Yoga With Menka</p> | <p>Yoga w/ Menka Returns!!</p> <p>This popular afterschool program returns for a 2nd year at IP!</p> <p>What to expect:</p> <p>-Learn to meditate, say affirmations and practice stillness</p> |

On Mondays

- Learn a brief history of yoga and why it came to be.
- Learn yoga poses and their names (some in sanskrit too)
- Learn how the yoga poses affect our systems and anatomy
- Hear yoga stories and songs while we do poses that reinforce mindfulness and yoga philosophy.
- Some simple arts and crafts sessions with the yoga to reinforce the understand of anatomy in yoga.

Time and Location:

Mondays 2:50-3:50 pm

Irwin Park Elementary Music Room

9 Sessions: Sept 23 , Oct 7, 21, 28, Nov 4, 18, 25, Dec 2, 9 (No class on Sept 30, Oct 14, Nov 11)

Payment: \$135 +GST= \$141.75 (\$15 + tax/ class)

Please transfer the amount to menkapurswaney@gmail.com

Please download and fill the waiver from this link <https://www.worldofyogaschool.com/services-4-1> by clicking on the blue tab KIDS WAIVER.

Kindly send it to menkapurswaney@gmail.com with the fees. If the link for the waiver doesnt work you may also try: https://www.worldofyogaschool.com/files/ugd/e8e8a3_208bd0427ee64bce959c303242c002cf.pdf and send it back online.

Please note there is a maximum capacity of 12 students per session on a first come first serve basis and a no refund policy.

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| <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><u>FALL SHOW! SCOOPY DOO!</u></p> <p>Scooby Doo, Where are You?! This Fall, we will be putting on a musical specially written for our afterschool students based on the "Scooby Doo" cartoons and series. Join the Mystery Inc. Gang and solve the mystery of the spooky theme park with us!</p> <p>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>OCT 4 – DEC 6 (9 SESSIONS)</p> <p>2.50-5PM</p> <p>GRADES: K to 7</p> <p>Fee: \$365* (*plus GST)</p> <p>lightsuptheatre.ca/after-schools/irwin-park/</p> |
| <p>Artmania's Fall</p> <p>FRIDAY LunchTime</p> <p>Art Class</p> | <p>Artmania's</p> <p>Build it With Architecture</p> <p>FRIDAYS @ lunch in the library-</p> <p>September 27 - Dec 13th (no class Oct 25th)</p> <p>12:30 - 1:10pm</p> <p>11 Classes</p> |

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| <p>Build it With Architecture</p> | <p>\$242 + gst</p> <p>Grades 2 - 7</p> <p>CLICK HERE TO REGISTER</p> <p>Inspired by majestic temples or the awe of skyscrapers? Learn all about designing and building buildings old and new with simple techniques of perspective and technical skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Students will discover new tools, drawing and building techniques. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The importance of line, form, perspective and colour. •How to complete a watercolour painting, start to finish. <p>Bring your lunch and join us each Friday in the library!</p> |
| <p><u>Arts & Crafts Club</u></p> <p><u>Tues and Design Studio 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. Irwin Park, let's get messy!</p> <p>At the Arts & Crafts club, kids will experience a large variety of painting techniques, sculpture, toy making, paper mache, origami, and much more. The classes will offer a selection of projects and opportunities for kids to experiment and develop their ideas within the arts and crafts world.</p> <p>Tuesdays: Guided classes, with easy-to-follow step-by-step projects.</p> <p>Cost: \$250</p> <p>Gr.2-5</p> <p>Thursdays: 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>Gr.2-7</p> <p>Click here for more info!</p> |

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| | <p align="center">Send the form to the email below</p> <p align="center">Or reach out to mailto:ecruz@wvschools.ca</p> |
| <p align="center"><u>Stay tuned for more After School Program Options</u></p> | <p align="center">Zen Maker Returns in Term 2</p> <p align="center">Coming soon: Coach Luc's Chess Club</p> <p align="center">Starting in October</p> <p align="center">Tues Oct 16 – Day 1</p> |

Community Events and Announcements

West Van Memorial Library - Summer Reading Medals

The WVML September/October e-newsletter for kids, families and educators is here! We have lots to offer after school, weekends and on School's Out days (including around the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – we're open September 30!) As usual, storytimes are all still drop-in (and we currently have French storytime running on Saturdays!)

[West Van Schools Update September + October 2024 \(patronpoint.com\)](https://www.wvschools.ca/updates/2024/09/01/west-van-schools-update-september-october-2024)

Indigenous Arts & Culture Workshop [this fall](#).

Small Group Music Classes: [Ukulele, Acoustic Guitar and Singing Classes are starting in September](#).

Language Program for Various Ages:

[Give yourself a gift of language skills in French, Spanish, Mandarin, Farsi, Korean, American Sign Language \(ASL\), Ukrainian and English as a Second/Third Language.](#)

Click here for [PD Day Camps](#)

Browse all your recreation activities and programs here:

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

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