



IRWIN PARK ELEMENTARY  E-BULLETIN

## Update of School Information For Irwin Park Parents and Guardians

**Friday , Sept 27, 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 27 <sup>th</sup>                 | Orange Shirt Day   |
| Sept 30 <sup>th</sup>                 | National Truth and Reconciliation Day (Stat Holiday)     |
| Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>                   | Book Lovers Club After School                            |
| Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>                   | World Teachers Day                                       |
| Oct 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> | Parent Teacher Conferences – Online Booking Coming Soon! |

### **A Message from the Principal...**

I would like to share my thanks to all the Irwin Park families and community members who joined us for our **Inside Irwin Park Event** on Thursday afternoon and stuck around to enjoy the **Welcome Back Carnival Fundraiser**. Our luck with the weather ran out in the end but a huge note of thanks needs to go out to the dozens of **Parent Volunteers** who gave us their time in preparing for the event and acting as volunteers at amusements and refreshment stations to make it all happen.

Thursday's **Welcome Back Carnival** was made possible by the **generous donation of time, planning and resources by an anonymous donor**. We are so grateful for this act of generosity that supports our Irwin Park community and builds connections. **We ask that each family who enjoyed the event [make a donation](#), however small, to our IPPG Garden Fundraiser in lieu of admission**. Tax receipts are available immediately online upon donation of any amount! I appreciate your consideration.

All funds raised from our event are directed at our Irwin Park Community Garden project that kicked off this summer. You can learn more at our [Instagram](#) handle!

We had a number of our IPPG Executive team involved in the organization and without these special people, Thursday would not have been possible! Thank you!

| <b>E Bulletin Highlights</b>                           |
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| Orange Shirt Day – Community Events                    |
| Parent Teacher Interviews now open online              |
| IP Panther P.R.I.D.E. Spirit Wear Now available online |
| Book Lovers Club Starts Up Thursday Oct 3              |

### **Orange Shirt Day:**

Today and all week our classes have been discussing the significance of Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation Day in an age-appropriate manner. We encourage all students to wear orange **on Friday and Monday** 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. Thank you for wearing orange tomorrow, and we encourage you to attend a community event this weekend to [learn and reflect](#).

<https://sites.google.com/wvschools.ca/orangeshirtday-irwin-park-2024/community-events>

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## **Irwin Park Parent Teacher Conferences: Wed Oct 9 and Thurs Oct 10: APPOINTMENT BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN ONLINE!**

**Parent Teacher Conferences** will be held in person on Wednesday, October 9 and Thursday, October 10. **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/v4q69>

Parents can book for this event by going to [www.schoolinterviews.ca](http://www.schoolinterviews.ca) and entering the event code **v4q69**, which takes them to step 1 to enter their details.

## **The Irwin Park Panther P.R.I.D.E. Spirit Wear**

Our [Panther P.R.I.D.E. 2024 Spirit Wear](#) is back and better than ever! This year, we've spiced things up by adding **Performance Shorts and Baseball Tees** to our collection. **The sale is on until October 14th**, so don't miss out—grab your swag today and show off that Panther pride! Click [here](#) to order online now!

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!!** Come in and see real Spirit Wear samples in the Gr 4/5 hallway posted on the bulletin board! QR Codes available there to order too!

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

Our first garden workshops this week with **Jenna and Jess** from Victory Gardens were a great success! We're excited for the next series of workshops in October and can't wait to see what we can grow this year. So far we have planted **lettuce, peas and**

**leeks!** Please remember to dress students appropriately for the weather, as we'll be working in the garden rain or shine. Our first Garden Committee meeting is next Thursday at 8am. Please email Ms. Bleim ([ableim@wvschools.ca](mailto:ableim@wvschools.ca)) if you would like to join.

Check our [Instagram](#) for some moments!

**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](mailto: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.

## Student "Book Lovers" Club

The IPPG & Ms. Doni Gratton are once again this year hosting a monthly after-school Book Lovers Club for IP students who love to read. The purpose is to have an extra-curricular space for book-loving kids to read and connect with other book-loving kids of all ages. All students from K-7 who love to read are welcome, grade 3 and below should attend with a parent.

We'll meet monthly in the school library from 3-4PM on the first Thursday of each month, starting next Thursday Oct 3rd at 3PM.

Requirements? Students should simply bring a good book they are currently reading and plan to quietly read and share with the others. And there will be snacks.

Book lovers, unite!

## Cross Country Team Heads into Week 3 - 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Meet @ Ambleside Tues Oct 2nd

Our Gr 3-7 Cross Country Running team moves into their last week of practice and competition and continue their last practice on Monday. Our final District Meet will occur at Ambleside Park on Tuesday after school.

## HOT LUNCH – OPEN AND TAKING ORDERS – Deadline for Next Week's Lunches – Sunday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:ippac@wvschools.ca) with any questions.

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

**A Separate After School Extra Curricular link and reminder will be sent out to families separately!**

Have a great weekend and we encourage families to recognize Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation by partaking in a community activity related to this important work. One option is to visit the former site of St Pauls Residential School in North Vancouver. You can read more about this special memorial [here](#).

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Principal

Irwin Park Elementary