



IRWIN PARK ELEMENTARY  E-BULLETIN

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

**Thursday, Oct 10 , 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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| Oct 17               | Thanksgiving Holiday –School Not In Session            |
| Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> | KG Registration for Sept 2025 Opens                    |
| Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> | ICBC Road Blitz @ Irwin Park                           |
| Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Gr 7 Volleyball – Game #1 – Boys @ Home - Girls @ BICS |
| Oct 25 <sup>th</sup> | Provincial Pro D Day – School Not in Session           |
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### **A Message from the Principal...**

**A huge note of thanks** to the many parents and students who made time to show their appreciation last **Friday on World Teachers' Day**. A number of our staff were overwhelmed by the showing of support in the form of notes, small gifts, and staff room goodies. We were

spoiled by our Irwin Park Community and it was a gesture of support that was very much appreciated. Thank you!

We want to wish **Mr. Burke** all the best as he joins his family for the birth of his second child. During his planned leave of absence, Division 1 Grade 6/7 will be taught by **Ms. Kelly Hansen** who will join our amazing Upper Intermediate Team for October and a portion of November. Ms. Hansen is an experienced teacher who spent the day with Mr. Burke in his class with the Div 1 students on Tuesday becoming acquainted with routines and learning profiles. We are grateful for her support and investment. Pls, join me in welcoming Ms. Hansen to the Irwin Park family.

With **Thanksgiving** weekend nearing classes have spent this week discussing the importance of gratitude and family and how long weekends like that coming provide us time to pause and reflect on the things we may other times take for granted. Living here in Canada, a peaceful country of freedom and choice is not something that is necessarily the norm. Living here in the Lower Mainland, surrounded by the ocean and forested mountains is also not the norm for many throughout not only our own country but the world. We hope you can enjoy this weekend with friends and family taking stock and time to appreciate the abundance that we enjoy.

Finally, a quick invite to our parent community to join the **October IPPG meeting this coming Tuesday Oct 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**. This meeting will be **held virtually** and we encourage you to tune in to connect, be informed and learn. **Ms. Bleim, our Vice Principal**, will be doing a brief introduction as to how **Artificial Intelligence** is being harnessed by educators to make learning more accessible for all. You can join [here](#)

| <b>E Bulletin Highlights – see below</b>                       |
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| Monday Thanksgiving Holiday – School Not in Session            |
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| KG Registration for Sept 2025 – Details and District Messaging |
| ICBC Road Safety Blitz   |
| IP Panther P.R.I.D.E. Spirit Wear Online Shop Closes Monday!   |
| Math Lovers Contest Club - UPDATE                              |
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**West Vancouver Schools Admissions**

2025/2026 admissions open on **Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am** for all **Kindergarten students and all Grade 1 –12 in-catchment students.**

Admissions for **Out-of-Catchment** and **Out-of-District** students **opens on at 8:00 am on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

For more information about admissions dates, guidelines, and information, please visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/admissions/>

Please carefully read the information regarding new documentation procedures before starting the application process. Questions: Reach out to Ms. Verdicchio.

### **ICBC Road Safety Blitz @ Irwin Park Thursday Oct 17<sup>th</sup>**

Once again ICBC, West Van Police, North Shore Safety Council (NSSC), DWV Bylaws, DWV Transportation Planners, and West Van PD Speed Watch volunteers have teamed up to bring this important safety initiative to Irwin Park this coming Thursday at 8:15 am. The following stations are planned by our visiting organizers:

1. Crossing Guard program – North Shore Safety Council will assist with crossing guard duties if required.
2. West Van PD Community Policing – Will set up a speed board and conduct a Speed Watch along the roadway near the school.
3. West Van Police – police members will be in attendance to raise awareness and enforce road safety laws if required. They will hand out the completed Think of Me cards to drivers and remind them of the impacts that their individual actions could have to their community.
4. District of West Van Transportation Planners - will conduct an assessment of the roadways near the school to determine if any further improvements can be made to address road safety concerns.
5. District of West Van Bylaws – will educate and enforce school zones and parking bylaws.

Thanks for slowing down and showing respect towards the safety of all community members on the roads every day!

**IPPG October Meeting – Join us VIRTUALLY on MS TEAMS Tues Oct 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30** – see the meeting link below

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 274 183 506 975

Passcode: WVK8YJ

## The Irwin Park Panther P.R.I.D.E. Spirit Wear – ONLINE STORE CLOSING SUNDAY

Our [Panther P.R.I.D.E. 2024 Spirit Wear](#) online store is closing this weekend. 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! And avoid disappointment.**

## Irwin Park After School Math Club - Caribou Contests - UPDATE

Thank you to Mat Balez and the many parents who were present for the Math Club's first after-school meeting and practice for the Caribou Contest.

Due to capacity issues, sadly we have to cap registrations at this time. But there is a waiting list for interested families.

The first contest will be written on **Thursday, Oct 17th from 3-4 PM** in the school library on the child's own laptop computer. The contests are written online but we will gather together to do them as a group and feel like a team. See you next Thursday after school.

## HOT LUNCH – OPEN AND TAKING ORDERS – Deadline for Next Week's Lunches – Sunday

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.**

**Aron Campbell**

Principal

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