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

**Thursday Nov 14, 2024**

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

**Instagram:** [**@irwin\_park\_elementary**](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/a93bAFpjbUd29FUpWrf1aw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRpBVY3P4QwE2h0dHBzOi8vY2FuMDEuc2FmZWxpbmtzLnByb3RlY3Rpb24ub3V0bG9vay5jb20vP3VybD1odHRwJTNBJTJGJTJGdHJhY2suc3BlLnNjaG9vbG1lc3Nlbmdlci5jb20lMkZmJTJGYSUyRjVJZ2xBM29PdldIdkZZMmFnakotaHd-fiUyRkFBQUFBUUF--fiZkYXRhPTA1JTdDMDIlN0NhY2FtcGJlbGwlNDB3dnNjaG9vbHMuY2ElN0NjM2FkY2JlNWQ1NTY0NGU5Zjg3ZDA4ZGNmNDhjZWY1ZSU3Q2Q4MDEzMzYyYTM5ZTQ1OGI5NDU3Njc0Y2YwOTFhNzk3JTdDMCU3QzAlN0M2Mzg2NTQxMzMzODYzNDc0MTYlN0NVbmtub3duJTdDVFdGcGJHWnNiM2Q4ZXlKV0lqb2lNQzR3TGpBd01EQWlMQ0pRSWpvaVYybHVNeklpTENKQlRpSTZJazFoYVd3aUxDSlhWQ0k2TW4wJTNEJTdDMCU3QyU3QyU3QyZzZGF0YT1oWXg1UVZoeG41cjZjSWVVbjAlMkJvR3FDMCUyRnJFVFhzeFVBZzBPOE94JTJGU0ZVJTNEJnJlc2VydmVkPTBXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmcbtyIkZ_W6eH5SFHRyaW5obGtodXVAZ21haWwuY29tWAQAAAAC)

**Important Dates:**

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| Nov 17th | Card Project Online Orders Close – Order soon! |
| Nov 19th | IPPG November PAC Meeting – 6:30 PM |
| Nov 20th | Scholastic Book Fair Set Up |
| Nov 25-28th | Scholastic Book Fair OPEN for sales! |
| Nov 27th | IP Remembrance Day Ceremony – 11:15 am |
| Nov 28th | Remembrance Day – Stat Holiday – School not in Session |
| Nov 29th | IPPG Movie Night |
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**Principal’s Message**

This week has been a shorter week after the long holiday weekend and our powerful Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 8th. Thank you to all of our contributors and performers for making the assembly so special as we recognized the significance of this time of year but more notably the importance of Indigenous Veterans Day as part of our ceremony. We had a long list of VIPs who joined us who were very impressed with the respect shown by our students and the student art that adorned our gym walls. You can check a visual sample of it at our [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/p/DCPJgNzv2-d/) channel.

We are looking forward to hosting parents at our **November IPPG Meeting taking place Thursday, Nov 14th at 6:30 pm online.**   
All parents are welcome to meet our IPPG Executive and discuss upcoming events, initiatives and budget decisions. Click [here](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19:meeting_NjM3M2ZkZGUtOWUxOS00MzZjLTkyNzgtNDRkOWYzMDViNjNh@thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22:%22d8013362-a39e-458b-9457-674cf091a797%22,%22Oid%22:%2213a658ed-43ec-44bc-ac41-d98aa861abcf%22%7D) to join our online meeting space!  
  
Finally, a big request on behalf of our hard-working volunteers who are organizing our **Santa’s Workshop** on Fri Dec 15th. We are looking for gently used toys, games, books, jewelry or unopened items from Amazon that just didn’t work out for you! All of these can be donated to our Santa’s Workshop boxes found in our foyer to be sold at bargain rate prices to our student body who will be able to shop for close friends and family on Dec 15th. If you are unfamiliar with what Santa’s Workshop keep an eye on our Instagram feed to learn more about those items we are looking for and how you can volunteer for this fabulous community event!

Another volunteer opportunity is coming up at our **IPPG Family Movie Night** on Fri Nov 29th. If you are able to lend your time while your child is at the movie before, during or after, please reach out to the IPPG by clicking [here](mailto:ippgwestvan@gmail.com).

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| **E Bulletin Highlights – see below** |
| The Card Project Is Live – Order Before Sunday N 17th Deadline! |
| Scholastic Book Fair – Nov 25-28th |
| IPPG Movie Night – Fri Nov 29th |
| Irwin Park Winter Concert Date – Wed Dec 13th |
| Santa’s Workshop Dec 15th – Donations and Volunteers Needed! |
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| Traffic Safety Reminders and Expectations at Irwin Park |
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**The Card Project Closing Soon! Final orders close Sunday Nov 17th!**

We hope that parents have taken the opportunity to view their child’s art online at the [www.TheCardProject.ca](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/9EnMA2Ja-vTXKaiGslfnGw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRpBVY3P4QqBGh0dHBzOi8vY2FuMDEuc2FmZWxpbmtzLnByb3RlY3Rpb24ub3V0bG9vay5jb20vP3VybD1odHRwJTNBJTJGJTJGdHJhY2suc3BlLnNjaG9vbG1lc3Nlbmdlci5jb20lMkZmJTJGYSUyRjQ5U0gtcERQQVFudXlleFNjMjcwTGd-fiUyRkFBQUFBUUF--JmRhdGE9MDUlN0MwMiU3Q2FjYW1wYmVsbCU0MHd2c2Nob29scy5jYSU3Q2MzYWRjYmU1ZDU1NjQ0ZTlmODdkMDhkY2Y0OGNlZjVlJTdDZDgwMTMzNjJhMzllNDU4Yjk0NTc2NzRjZjA5MWE3OTclN0MwJTdDMCU3QzYzODY1NDEzMzM4NjM5MzU3NyU3Q1Vua25vd24lN0NUV0ZwYkdac2IzZDhleUpXSWpvaU1DNHdMakF3TURBaUxDSlFJam9pVjJsdU16SWlMQ0pCVGlJNklrMWhhV3dpTENKWFZDSTZNbjAlM0QlN0MwJTdDJTdDJTdDJnNkYXRhPSUyQkhOT053azVqWSUyQnVDYU9Oa3FCdHRQQmxvd3JGcm92VjJFUjVGaG02NlMwJTNEJnJlc2VydmVkPTBXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmcbtyIkZ_W6eH5SFHRyaW5obGtodXVAZ21haWwuY29tWAQAAAAC) In addition, sample cards were sent home last week with all students so parents could sample the final product before considering a purchase. **“The Card Project”** is an art-based fundraiser that is being run by the school with funds raised going towards school programming and our Irwin Park Community Garden. Students have been working on an art project that will be made into professionally printed greeting cards and other products available online.

You will need a SCHOOL ACCESS CODE àOur Irwin Park school access code is **RK52** All orders are placed online.

A number of beautiful products are made with your child's art including *Greeting cards, mugs, canvas tote bags, mouse pads, tea towels, notebooks, sketchbooks, canvas prints, and more.* These unique items make wonderful gifts and keepsakes. YOu can check out samples on our Front Foyer Bulletin Board this week and next.

Please visit [www.TheCardProject.ca](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/xGGsvi-NcuRQmoycx03b_Q~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRpBVY3P4QmBGh0dHBzOi8vY2FuMDEuc2FmZWxpbmtzLnByb3RlY3Rpb24ub3V0bG9vay5jb20vP3VybD1odHRwJTNBJTJGJTJGdHJhY2suc3BlLnNjaG9vbG1lc3Nlbmdlci5jb20lMkZmJTJGYSUyRjFLWnAwWEZabUFmTl9DX2FheVJ3TEF-fiUyRkFBQUFBUUF--JmRhdGE9MDUlN0MwMiU3Q2FjYW1wYmVsbCU0MHd2c2Nob29scy5jYSU3Q2MzYWRjYmU1ZDU1NjQ0ZTlmODdkMDhkY2Y0OGNlZjVlJTdDZDgwMTMzNjJhMzllNDU4Yjk0NTc2NzRjZjA5MWE3OTclN0MwJTdDMCU3QzYzODY1NDEzMzM4NjQxMzA5MiU3Q1Vua25vd24lN0NUV0ZwYkdac2IzZDhleUpXSWpvaU1DNHdMakF3TURBaUxDSlFJam9pVjJsdU16SWlMQ0pCVGlJNklrMWhhV3dpTENKWFZDSTZNbjAlM0QlN0MwJTdDJTdDJTdDJnNkYXRhPTdFMjljdDhNQzRvU0pXQXcyZjFENFNrRzlwWjlMT2taWTdqSkRaaEkzOVUlM0QmcmVzZXJ2ZWQ9MFcHc2Nob29sbUIKZxu3IiRn9bp4flIUdHJpbmhsa2h1dUBnbWFpbC5jb21YBAAAAAI~) for more information or contact Marcelle at [Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca](mailto:Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca).

**IPPG Movie Night – Home Alone 2 – Fri Nov 29th @ IP Gym**

IPPG Movie Night is back for a 3rd year! It will be held on **Friday, November 29th at 5.30 pm** in the school gym. We will be showing that holiday classic Home Alone 2. Check out a parent-friendly movie review [here](https://www.commonsensemedia.org/movie-reviews/home-alone-2-lost-in-new-york)!

* Students voted for their preferred movie to be shown over the past two weeks – the overall winner gaining 62% of the votes was - Home Alone 2
* This is an **IPPG fundraising event**: **tickets will be $5 and are available online at Munch A Lunch.**
* Kids in grade 3 and below will require an adult chaperone
* **Yes, there will be pizza!** You will be able to pre-order your slices on [Munch-a-Lunch](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/5pGv0mO8oMWKwKB058lr9w~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRnN_TcP4SfA2h0dHA6Ly90cmFjay5zcGUuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9mL2EvR3JJVkUwc0R2cm5WOEh3Mk1qY1djQX5-L0FBQUFBUUF-~~) to guarantee availability. Orders are taken through [MUNCH A LUNCH](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/JoDxteQohNCIjYDc6Ir9Ow~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRnN_TcP0TDaHR0cDovL3RyYWNrLnNwZS5zY2hvb2xtZXNzZW5nZXIuY29tL2YvYS9hdHNjblpqWlIzWk5BTUZmWG5LcldBfn4vQUFBQUFRQX4vUmdSbkx1TFNQMFFkYUhSMGNITTZMeTl0ZFc1amFHRnNkVzVqYUM1amIyMHZiRzluYVc1WEIzTmphRzl2YkcxQ0NtVkJVcTlOWmIxenVmaFNGbXBoYldWemMzbHNZWFZBYUc5MGJXRnBiQzVqYjIxWUJBQUFBQUl-VwdzY2hvb2xtQgplVVzBVmUUxDvJUhZhY2FtcGJlbGxAd3ZzY2hvb2xzLmNhWAQAAAAC)…just log in!
* **Yes, there will be a concession with Bubly and candy** to purchase from our Gr 7 Legacy team

**WINTER CONCERT AT IRWIN PARK: Friday DEC 13th Mark your Calendars!**

Ms. King and her students have been working hard over the first term and are keen to share their progress with our community. We will be hosting a **Winter Concert on Wed Dec 11th. This early evening event will involve** our **Concert Bands and our Intermediate Choir, who** will be showcasing their talents and raising holiday cheer. In addition, we will have student performances from our Grades K-5 classes. We look forward to welcoming our community into the gym and will be asking guests to bring **a non-perishable food item to donate to the Harvest Food Project**. More details on times and tickets will be provided in the coming weeks.

**Santa’s Workshop is Coming! Fri Dec 15th - New and 'Like New' Gift Donations Needed!**

It's one of the most loved traditions at IP and the IPPG is thrilled to bring this back for the students. Santa’s Workshop needs donations of new or 'like new items' that will be offered for sale to students at a discounted price to give as gifts to their family.

Remember all that Amazon impulse buying that you never really got around to using? Do you have items that no longer bring you joy? Are your cupboards overflowing and making you feel overwhelmed? We can help! **Donations for Santa's Workshop are being collected now, and through to December 14, in the boxes that have been placed at the front entrance outside the office.** New and gently used items only please - **no broken, worn out, dirty or tired goods.** Thank you for your generosity and supporting your IPPG and making our students’ holiday shopping a little easier!

**HOW DOES SANTA’S WORKSHOP WORK??**

Kids in each grade, most especially our primary classes, will be invited to the gym on Dec 15th to have the opportunity to make discounted purchases of gift items that are donated by our community. It’s not only a great environmental choice (REUSE/REDUCE/RECYCLE) but it will mean some special gifts under the tree. The event even provides wrapping services for our students’ purchases!

**PURDY’S CHOCOLATE IPPG FUNDRAISER IS BACK!**

* Get your holiday chocolates while supporting our IPPG and our students!
* Flyers coming next week
* **Order deadline – Dec 2nd, pick up Dec 12-13th.**
* Link to order - <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1983715-121087>
* Questions? Email <mailto:ippgwestvan@gmail.com>

**Drop-Off and Pick-Up Safety Reminder – All Parents Pls Read!**

Following last week’s Safety Blitz, we’d like to remind families to **not** stop in the middle of crosswalks to drop off your children for the safety of all students and families. It is essential to follow all road and parking signage around the school. We are having a number of parents share concerns about the impatience and disrespect being shown in the morning drop off. I encourage all parents to take a deep breath, slow down and PAUSE. For the safety of all community members, be patient, be mindful and be compassionate to the needs of all of our families. **Respect our DROP OFF AREAS**! Do not park in these designated Drop ‘N Go areas. For the sake of the example we set for all of our students, treat all families with respect when communicating during pick-up and drop-off interactions. The **West Vancouver Police Department** and bylaw officers will be returning to follow up and ensure compliance. Let's work together to keep everyone safe! Thank you!

**HOT LUNCH – OPEN AND TAKING ORDERS – SUNDAY is the Deadline for Next Week’s Lunches –**

The IPPG is pleased to announce that the [MunchALunch websitew](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/4-bQnGJhDof7YWtlxF3Qgw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRpBVY3P4REEGh0dHBzOi8vY2FuMDEuc2FmZWxpbmtzLnByb3RlY3Rpb24ub3V0bG9vay5jb20vP3VybD1odHRwJTNBJTJGJTJGdHJhY2suc3BlLnNjaG9vbG1lc3Nlbmdlci5jb20lMkZmJTJGYSUyRlZ6QUlpUi03S2EtZVllem1LMGxPSmd-fiUyRkFBQUFBUUF-~) 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**. Orders are made directly through the [**MunchALunch website**.](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/uDQkWi1QhAIkgSB5Zc2AhA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRpBVY3P4RSEGh0dHBzOi8vY2FuMDEuc2FmZWxpbmtzLnByb3RlY3Rpb24ub3V0bG9vay5jb20vP3VybD1odHRwJTNBJTJGJTJGdHJhY2suc3BlLnNjaG9vbG1lc3Nlbmdlci5jb20lMkZmJTJGYSUyRmdIOVhfb0FIWmZHaGFUb2E4N0oxSlF-fiUyRkFBQUFBUUF--UhR0cmluaGxraHV1QGdtYWlsLmNvbVgEAAAAAg~~) 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. The office cannot hand out cutlery.

**Community Events**

Click [here](https://westvancouverschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/2425-Community-Connections-Ebulletins-Oct-31.pdf) to learn more about the many exciting opportunities in our West Vancouver Community Events Bulletin.

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