



IRWIN PARK ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

E-Bulletin Update of School Information For Irwin Park Parents and Guardians

Sunday, Nov 24, 2024

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

Instagram: [@irwin_park_elementary](#)

Important Dates:

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| Nov 25-26 th , 28 th | Scholastic Book Fair OPEN for sales! |
| Nov 29 th | IPPG Movie Night |
| Dec 11 th | Irwin Park Winter Performance Concert – Gr 6 & 7 Band, Intermediate Choir |
| Dec 13 th | IPPG Santa’s Workshop Event in the Gym |

Principal’s Message

Parents are reminded that at Irwin Park, we prioritize protecting all children and their families from unnecessary stress, which can sometimes arise from misunderstandings or assumptions. We kindly ask parents to approach situations that arise with patience and understanding, keeping in mind the unique circumstances of each situation and the young age of the children involved.

By responding thoughtfully rather than emotionally, we can work together to resolve conflicts or challenges in a positive and supportive way. Seek first to understand with calm conversations with your child's teacher and if necessary the school leadership team. This approach not only helps create a safe and supportive environment for everyone, but also sets a valuable example of thoughtful self-regulation and problem-solving for our children to learn from. Thank you for helping us create a caring and respectful school community!

Thank you to the many parents who wished **Ms. Teale** well in her last week at Irwin Park. We are grateful for all of the time and energy she invested and the relationships with families, students, and staff. We wish her the best of luck in the next stage of her journey with her family. Irwin Park welcomes **Ms. Tracey Gardiner** who joined us last week in the front office with Ms. V and Ms Tracey will be a terrific addition to our community. She has already met many students and parents in her work and looks forward to becoming a member of the Irwin Park Family!

E Bulletin Highlights – see below

The Card Project – Cards Arrive this Mon/Tues

Scholastic Book Fair – Info

IPPG Movie Night – Fri

Irwin Park Winter Concert Date –

Santa's Workshop Dec – Donations and Volunteers Needed!

Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser for IPPG – Check it out and Cross items off the list!

The Scholastic Book Fair is OPEN! Mon-Thur This Week!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Irwin Park School on Monday November 25th, Tuesday November 26th, and Thursday November 28th. Your child will be able to purchase books during their library time on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday to shop for books. **The Book Fair will also be open Monday and Tuesday afternoon from 3:00-4:30 pm for a 'family' shopping time.**

The Scholastic Book Fair is an annual event that motivates children to keep reading, which in turn fosters reading and comprehension strategies. The Scholastic Book Fair is a major fundraiser for library resources. **For every \$10 dollars spent at the Fair, up to \$5 dollars goes back to our school to buy books and educational resources.** Proceeds from this year's Fair will go towards purchasing books to support student interest and curriculum needs. Students will visit the Book Fair with their class on their Library day, which falls either on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. They will be able to purchase books with cash, debit or credit card so please discuss how much your child is able to spend at the Book Fair. As we have done for a number of years now, this year there will be only Books and some writing tools for purchase, no plastic toys. Families are encouraged to purchase a book to donate to their child's classroom library. Please ask your child to look for the Teacher's Classroom Wish List for these suggested books when they visit the Fair.

Each student was sent home with a Scholastic flyer this week. The flyer features just a few of the hundreds of books available at the Book Fair. Please discuss with your child what kinds of books they might shop for and how much money they can spend. Students are not required to purchase books, but are encouraged to browse for books, and let Ms Gratton know which books we could purchase for the library.

Thank you for supporting this year's Scholastic Book Fair, a literacy event and fundraiser for our Library! Ms. Doni Gratton dgratton@wvschools.ca

The Card Project – They have ARRIVED!

Early this week we are anticipating the delivery of the many card sets and other items that were ordered by families in time for the holidays. Once again we want to thank our school community for the support of this project as it was the first time that our Irwin Park Community engaged in it. Once cards are delivered to the school they will be passed along to teachers to distribute in their classes so children can take them home to parents. Contact our office if you have any questions.

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!](#)

- 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](#) to guarantee availability. Orders are taken through [MUNCH A LUNCH](#)...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: Wed Dec 11th 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 ask 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 13th - 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 12, 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:ippqwestvan@gmail.com>

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

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**. 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.** The office cannot hand out cutlery.

Community Events

Click [here](#) to learn more about the many exciting opportunities in our West Vancouver Community Events Bulletin.

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Principal

Irwin Park Elementary