



IRWIN PARK ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

Irwin Park Elementary Family Newsletter E-Bulletin Update

Date: Friday, November 29th, 2024

Dear Irwin Park Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well as we approach the festive season. We are grateful for your continued partnership and support.

Important Announcements

Stay Connected with Us!

Check out what's happening at our school on social media:

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/irwin_park_elementary/

Important Dates:

- **Dec 2nd:** Winter Term After School Activities Sign Up Opens Online
- **Dec 6th:** Gr 6 Immunization Clinic at Irwin Park Library
- **Dec 11th:** Irwin Park Winter Performance Concert – Gr 6 & 7 Band, Intermediate Choir
- **Dec 13th:** IPPG Santa's Workshop Event in the Gym
- **Dec 13th:** Term 1 Learning Updates Released on My Ed
- **Dec 19th:** Charity Hot Chocolate Sale – Gr 6 & 7 Leadership Team
- **Dec 20th:** Last Day of School Before Winter Break - 12 Noon Dismissal

Principal's Message

A huge thank you this week to the many parent volunteers who helped our teacher librarian, Ms. Gratton, make our Scholastic Book Fair a success. Because of the generous support of our student and parent community, we purchased 'wish list' books for each of our 17 classrooms! Additionally, we acquired 100 new books for our Irwin Park library. This could not have been possible without the commitment and energy of our Book Fair volunteers.

On Friday evening, we enjoyed another fantastic family event hosted by our IPPG. Family Movie Night brought over 250 guests together in our school gym. Thanks to our parent volunteers who made this event a success by working the ticket booth, pizza station, and ensuring the movie was shown with excellent sound and visuals. All the funds raised go back into supporting our school, and we appreciate the many families who joined us to enjoy *Home Alone 2*.

Lastly, thank you to all our families who supported our Card Project fundraiser. Products were delivered to students and families this week, and we look forward to running this event again next year. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please reach out to us at irwinpark@wvschools.ca.

E-Bulletin Highlights

- **Gr 7 Volleyball District Tournament Results – Champions in our midst!**
- **Ms. Gratton Retirement Announcement**
- **IP After School Activities Open for Registration: Monday**
- **Irwin Park Winter Concert Date – Dec 11th at 5:00 pm**
- **Santa’s Workshop Dec 13th – Donations and Volunteers Needed!**
- **Purdy’s Chocolate Fundraiser for IPPG – Check it out and cross items off your list!**
- **Winter Weather Protocols at Irwin Park and in WVSD**

Recognition from the Week

Girls Volleyball Champs!

Congratulations to our Gr 7 Girls Volleyball Team, who came home with the District Championship trophy! Their impressive 9-1 record led them to victory, and the trophy now proudly sits in our main office for all to see. Today a crowd of students came to gaze at glory as they dreamed of one day getting their chance on the court wearing the Panther Blue and showing their P.R.I.D.E. in competition. A huge shoutout to Ms. Kozak, who provided last-minute coaching to help bring the win home for the girls.

Our **Gr 7 Boys Volleyball** Team also performed admirably, finishing 3rd overall in the District with a record of 7-3. Coach Gaby and Coach Campbell could not be more proud of how the boys came together and rebounded after losing some tough games where unforced errors lead to our demise. The boys Panther P.R.I.D.E. values of Determination and Positivity shone brightly as we pulled off 3 straight wins against rival schools Ridgeview, Westcot and Cedardale, the eventual tournament champs.

Ms Gratton is RETIRING?!

Retirement Announcement for Ms. Gratton

As we approach the end of December, we would like to take a moment to celebrate Ms. Gratton, who is retiring after 32 wonderful years of teaching. We have been incredibly fortunate to have Ms. Gratton as our teacher librarian. Her love of literacy and passion for equity, diversity, and inclusion have touched the lives of countless students.

We are immensely grateful for her dedication and inspiration throughout the years. We encourage all community members to stop by the Library on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays while she is at school to wish her well in her new chapter. Thank you, Ms. Gratton, for all you have done! You will be greatly missed

Additional Information

Winter Concert at Irwin Park

Mark your calendars for our Winter Concert on **Wed, Dec 11th at 5:00 pm!** Ms. King and her students have been working hard and are excited to share their progress. Guests are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Harvest Food Project. **This early evening event will involve our Concert Bands and our Intermediate Choir, who will be showcasing their talents and raising holiday cheer.** This year's concert will only involve our concert band, beginner band and Intermediate Choir.

Santa's Workshop Needs Donations!

Our beloved Santa's Workshop is returning! We need donations of new or 'like new' items for students to purchase as gifts for their families. Please drop off donations at the front entrance until December 13th. 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. 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 13, in the boxes that have been placed at the front entrance outside the office.**

Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser

Get your holiday chocolates while supporting IPPG and our students! Orders can be placed until **Dec 2nd**, with pickup on **Dec 12-13th**. Link to order - <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1983715-121087>
Questions? Email <mailto:ippgwestvan@gmail.com>

Winter Weather Protocols: Pls Read!

With the weather forecast indicating a drop in temperature and the potential of flurries, we wanted to remind everyone in the Irwin Park Community of the West Vancouver Schools ***Winter Weather*** protocols.

West Vancouver Schools endeavours to keep schools open on regular instructional days, including those with accumulating snowfall ([Weather Closures and Procedures](#)). The Superintendent will make any decision to close schools based on the safety of students and staff. We aim to communicate any decision to close schools by 6:00 a.m.

As part of our ongoing effort to keep parents informed and aware of any school emergency, **such as closure, power outages or severe weather or safety alerts we offer an SMS/Text Message option for all parents.** Please text a "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 to ensure you are on the list.

Please be sure to check the [school district website](#) for the most current information on school closures.

Thank you for your ongoing support and flexibility. Should you have any questions please reach out to our office.

As we enter the holiday season, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing support. Thank you for being a vital part of our school community. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Warm regards,

Aron Campbell

Principal, Irwin Park Elementary