



IRWIN PARK ELEMENTARY  E-BULLETIN

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

**Thursday, Oct 31st, 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:**

Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	PJ Day at Irwin Park
Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	School Photo Re-Takes
Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	Diwali Celebration and Exhibition @ WV Community Ctr
Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	IP Remembrance Day Ceremony – 11:15 am
Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day – Stat Holiday – School not in Session
Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pro D Day – WVSD Indigenous Ed Focus
Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>	School Back in Session

## E Bulletin Highlights – see below

The Card Project Is Live – Order Online Now!

Halloween Highlights!

3 Treat Maximum Following Halloween!

Traffic Safety Reminders and Expectations at Irwin Park

Tree Planting Success – A WVSD and West Vancouver Municipality Partnership

We Scare Hunger Charity Food Drive – Thank You!

### Fri Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – PJ Day

A note to parents that Friday Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, the day following Halloween will be a school wide PJ Day at Irwin Park. Grab a couple of extra winks after a late night of ghouling and stay in those comfy PJs; Just pls remember to brush your teeth!

### The Card Project Closing Soon! Order Online By Sun Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> for Early Delivery!

By Friday all Irwin Park families will have been provided with a complimentary greeting card that is a representation of their child(ren)'s artistic creation. We hope that parents have taken the opportunity to view their child's art online at the [www.TheCardProject.ca](http://www.TheCardProject.ca) "**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** →Our Irwin Park school access code is **RK52**

This is a wonderful, creative fundraising initiative for our school. We receive 20% of each sale to re-invest in school programming for our students. 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://www.TheCardProject.ca) for more information or contact Marcelle at [Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca](mailto:Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca).

The **Priority Order deadline is this Sunday, November 3** with delivery November 25-29....Don't miss out on this fabulous holiday gift idea for family or friends.

## **HALLOWEEN Celebration @ Irwin Park**

We held our annual Irwin Park Halloween Assembly today! Thank you to the many parents who joined us in the gym to recognize and celebrate this fun event with some banana specific riddles, a *Thriller* dance routine, and of course our traditional Halloween Parade. Irwin Park students and staff were dressed up in a variety of amazing costumes that prompted laughs and smiles for all! Thank you to Ms. Bleim for her leadership in the Dance department as we all worked on our Zombie flinch and walk to perfection. We invite parents to check out some images in the coming week of Halloween memories at our [Irwin Park Instagram Feed](#). Make sure to turn the volume up for the full spooky effect!

### **3 TREAT MAXIMUM IN EFFECT @ IP Post Halloween**

In order to curb the sugar highs and lows that come with this time of year, as per tradition, Irwin Park will only permit students to bring a maximum of 3 Halloween Treats to school each school day. Therefore sugar intake and enjoyment of those Halloween treats is moderated and in check. (Unless of course, this includes **Kit Kat's** that must be turned in to the Principal on-site immediately ????) **But in all seriousness, we would ask parents to support our efforts for moderation and ensure that students follow this expectation by bringing a maximum of 3 treats if any... to be enjoyed over the course of the school day.** Thank you for your support.

## **Exciting Tree Planting Event at Irwin Park!**

On Wednesday of this week, we were joined by Irwin Park parents and representatives from the West Vancouver District and the WVSD Facilities team to join and support Division 3 students to plant 4 new [Persian Ironwood](#) trees at the front of Irwin Park Elementary. This was a special opportunity for students in Ms Roughley's Division 3 class to learn firsthand about the importance of trees, tree biology, and their role in environmental sustainability. These trees were selected for their beauty, hardiness, and drought tolerance. They will provide important shade when full grown keeping Irwin

Park classrooms cooler and more comfortable in the spring and summer months. A fifth tree, a [Pin Oak](#), was planted on the north side of the property. We are so grateful for the advocacy and initiative of a Gr 7 Irwin Park parent, Negar Majzub Agnew, to make this opportunity a reality. We look forward to sharing more pictures of the planting process via our Instagram Feed in the near future.

## **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!

## **"We Scare Hunger" Food Drive – A Success! Thank You!**

We want to extend our thanks to the many families who gave so generously to our Food Drive. The Leadership Club raised over 450 donations of non perishable food which will be picked up by the Harvest Project on Friday Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for considering the needs of those living with less.

## **Happy Diwali**

Happy early Diwali to those who celebrate! Diwali is one of the major religious festivals in Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism and is celebrated around the world, especially in South Asian cultures. We have books in the library and info on the TV screens to acknowledge this special time of year that celebrates the "... victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. We watched a video in our Halloween Assembly to learn more about this special time of year!

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

**Aron Campbell**

Principal

Irwin Park Elementary