



IRWIN PARK ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

Irwin Park Elementary Family Newsletter

E-Bulletin Update

Date: Thurs Jan 16th

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:

- **Jan 21st** : First Gr 7 Basketball League Game – Boys @ home vs WB
- **Jan 21st**: January IPPG Meeting - ONLINE
- **Jan 23rd**: Julia Robinson Math Festival – Family Evening! 5:00 – 6:30 pm
- **Jan 30th** : Lunar New Year Celebration @ Irwin Park – 11:30 & 1:30

Principal's Message

Last week, I spoke about our use of **Personal Digital Devices (PDDs)** from as adults, especially in the presence of our children and encouraging parents to reflect on their own device use while on the school grounds, especially when students are present. In the days between that message, I have encountered a number of different media outlets discussing culture's complex relationship with our phones and paths we can take to consider shifting those relationships for the better. In addition to the resources below, I have included the District Messaging around PPD use in schools.

Article:

- This [Time Magazine article](#) is a quick read that dives into the complexities of our relationship with phones and offers practical suggestions for making more conscious decisions.

Podcast:

- If you're into podcasts, check out this episode on [Apple Podcast](#) which explores the impact of phones on our connections with others and the world around us.

Video:

- Prefer videos? Take a look at this [Global News BC](#) clip from today, which highlights the growing conversation around phone use and its effects on daily life.

Finally, we are encouraging all IP parents to consider joining us this coming **Thursday Jan 23rd from 5:00 pm – 6:30pm** in the Gym as we celebrate a **Family Math Festival with Julie Robinson Math Festivals**. This is a terrific time to have some interactive, engaging, device free time with your kids exploring a variety of math challenges that prove to be fun and enlightening. You can learn more about this IPPG sponsored event below.

E-Bulletin Highlights

- **Save the Date:** Jan 23rd Family Math Festival Evening 5-6:30 pm IP Gym
- WV Little League Academy Thurs After School Reg spots open!
- District **Digital Use Expectation** Reminder and Refresher
- **Parent Education Ops:** Youth Vaping & Keeping Kids Safe Online.

Save The Date: Thurs Jan 23rd – Family Math Festival @ IP Returns!

Back by popular demand, Irwin Park Elementary is excited to **host the Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival on Thursday, Jan 23rd**. With activities taking place throughout the day in the school gym and a **Family Math Night from 5:00 – 6:30 PM**. The festival, organized in partnership with the JRMF, aims to create joyful and engaging math experiences that build problem-solving and critical-thinking skills while fostering a growth mindset towards mathematics. During Family Math Night, parents and children from Kindergarten to Grade 7 are invited to explore puzzles and games in a collaborative atmosphere, supported by Grade 6/7 leadership students. This event provides an excellent opportunity for families to celebrate numeracy and transform traditional attitudes about math, making it fun, accessible, and meaningful for all. Mark your calendars and join us for an evening of learning and laughter!

IP After School Activity - WV Little League Academy - SPACE STILL AVAILABLE on Thurs!**Program Details:**

- Ages: 5-8 years old
- Dates: **January 9th - March 13th (No session Jan. 23) can be pro-rated!**
- Day: Thursdays
- Time: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
- Location: School Gymnasium
- Cost \$225 and Registration : Visit <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/462230>

Program Features:

- Professional WVLL coaches - Basic baseball skills development - Eye-hand coordination training - Team play fundamentals - Game rules and techniques- Safe learning environment

Building on the success of our Fall 2024 in-school baseball program at IP, this after-school academy offers students an excellent opportunity to develop their baseball skills and love for the game!

Keeping Kids Safe Online: Educational Webinar Series

Foundry North Shore invites you to a virtual webinar, “**Keeping Kids Safe Online**,” with keynote speaker **Courtney Liem**, program facilitator from PLEA’s Children of the Street Program. Join us as we explore how to protect children and youth in today’s digital world.

- **When:** Wednesday, January 29, 2025, **from 6:30–7:45 PM**
- **Where:** Virtual (Zoom)
- **What You'll Learn:**
 - **Part 1:** Overview of online sexual exploitation.
 - **Part 2:** App literacy—understanding today’s most popular apps among youth.
 - **Part 3:** Practical tips for having meaningful conversations about online safety.

Register here: [Keeping Kids Safe Online](#) **Don’t miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights on keeping your kids safe in the digital world!**

Parent Webinar: Supporting Youth to Quit Vaping

Are you concerned about vaping and want to learn how to support your child in making healthy choices? Join us for a **free webinar hosted by QuitNow** on **January 20th from 7:00–7:30 PM**. This session will provide an overview of vaping, its impacts, and practical tools to help parents support youth in quitting. Learn how to use QuitNow services as a valuable resource.

Register now: [Click here to register.](#)

For more details, check out the flyer here: Download the PDF attached

Don’t miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights and resources to help your child make positive changes.

Personal Digital Device Expectations for the New Year – West Vancouver Schools

As we begin a new term, we’d like to remind students and families of our **Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations**, which have been key to fostering focused and engaging learning environments.

Students are expected to use personal digital devices only with the explicit permission of a teacher or administrator, ensuring their use is intentional and supports learning.

Families can continue to support this by:

- Encouraging balanced screen time at home.

- Avoiding calls or texts to students during school hours.
- Modeling mindful device use when on school property and at home.

Let's keep building on the success of this initiative and continue supporting safe, focused learning for all!

Warm regards,

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