



## IRWIN PARK ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

**Irwin Park Elementary Family Newsletter  
E-Bulletin Update  
Date: Fri Jan 31st**

### 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/](https://www.instagram.com/irwin_park_elementary/)

#### Important Dates:

- **Feb 7<sup>th</sup>:** Whistler Ski/Snowboard Trip – Gr 6/7
- **Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Feel Good February – See details below
- **Feb 6<sup>th</sup>:** IP Math Club Practice – After School
- **Feb 11:** 3rd Gr 7 Basketball League Game – Boys @ Home vs BICS; Girls Away
- **Feb 14<sup>th</sup>:** Reading Break Holiday
- **Feb 17<sup>th</sup>:** Family Day – Provincial Holiday

### Principal's Message

This week was filled with excitement as we prepared for our Irwin Park Lunar New Year Celebration, which took place on Thursday, January 30th. Students, staff, and community members were treated to an incredible showcase of cultural performances, including a mesmerizing Korean Fan Dance, a vibrant Chinese Lion Dance, and powerful drumming, along with several stunning solo performances that left the audience in awe.

As a principal, one of the most rewarding moments for me was witnessing our own students—representing so many diverse cultural backgrounds—participating with such enthusiasm. Their dedication to learning, practicing, and celebrating together truly reflected the spirit of our Irwin Park school community. A huge shoutout to the incredible volunteers who made this event such a success, with special appreciation for Amy Hwang and Mimi Lin for their outstanding efforts. On behalf of the staff and students at Irwin Park, we also want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the thoughtful Lunar New Year gifts shared with each class and our entire staff. If you missed the celebration, be sure to visit our Instagram channel to relive some of the special moments!

## E-Bulletin Highlights

- Pink Shirt Day is Coming!
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Neighbourhood Watermain Work - NOTICE
- Feel Good Fridays
- Hot Lunch Ordering – New Persian Menu Items on Mondays check it out at <https://www.munchalunch.com/schools/irwinpark/>

### **Pink Shirt Day is Coming!**

Each year, Canadians across the country come together on [Pink Shirt Day](#) to reflect on the power of kindness in our schools, workplaces, and communities. While it began as an anti-bullying initiative, this day has grown into a celebration of inclusion, respect, and empathy—values that align perfectly with our Panther P.R.I.D.E.! As part of this effort we will be hosting our traditional and always popular [PINK SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST](#)

As we prepare for our Pink Shirt Day celebration on **February 26th**, we invite Irwin Park families to join us by wearing an **IP Panther Pink T-Shirt** to show their support. Let's stand together in creating a culture of kindness and belonging.

**Click [here](#) for more information.**

### **Jump Rope for Heart is Coming! The IP Gr 6/7 Leadership Team Needs Your Support!**

We're excited to announce that our school is hosting Jump Rope for Heart on February 18, 2025! This event supports the Heart and Stroke Foundation, helping fund life-saving research and education on heart health. Our goal is to raise \$2,000, and we need your help! Donations can be made online, making it easy for family and friends to contribute. Every dollar makes a difference!

Jump Rope for Heart is not just about fundraising—it's also about having fun, getting active, and learning how to keep our hearts healthy. Let's jump together for a great cause! How to Donate: <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/89258>

Thank you for your support!

### **Feel Good Fridays**

In the month of February, as part of our focus on Healthy Minds (IP FESL 2022-2025) Irwin Park students and teachers are focusing on the [value of gratitude](#) in our lives. Gratitude has long been recognized for its profound impact on overall wellness and mental health. It is a mindset of abundance—shifting our focus to the comforts and blessings we have, rather than what we lack. What better gift for our children than to teach them the [scientifically proven value](#) of this incredible wellness tool.

As part of this initiative, a **Gratitude Tree** has blossomed on one of our hallway bulletin boards, adorned with colorful leaves of various shapes. Each leaf, created by our students, reflects something they are grateful for in their lives, serving as a vibrant reminder of the power of gratitude in our school community. In addition, every Friday in February will be **Feel Good Friday**, where we will share messages of gratitude during our Morning Announcements (with student permission, of course). Our hope is that these small moments of appreciation will inspire kindness and spread the power of gratitude throughout our school community. We encourage parents to consider raising the importance of gratitude at the dinner table or the next family time moment and how it can play a role in your household.

### **Public Works Notice: Neighbourhood Traffic Concern**

Please see the attached document to inform you of upcoming construction work to upgrade the watermain along Haywood Avenue, between 25th and 26th Street, near Irwin Park Elementary School. **Construction is scheduled to begin on Monday, February 3, 2025** and the expected duration is 7-weeks. Haywood Avenue will remain open with a single-lane alternating traffic and we do not anticipate significant impact on school traffic.

Please find the attached notice letter with further details on the project and potential impacts.

### **TREEHOUSE DAY CARE – SPRING BREAK CAMP**

See attached document!

Warm regards,

**Aron Campbell**

Principal

Irwin Park Elementary