

Irwin Park Elementary Family Newsletter E-Bulletin Update

Date: Thurs Feb 20th

PARENT REMINDERS:

PARENT USE OF PDDs: We are asking parents to please not use PDD (Personal Digital Devices) when inside our school or outside before or after school waiting for your child. Thank you for your support in this effort. **"Disconnect to reconnect."**

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:

- **Feb 21st** : Feel Good Friday – Wear your Panther P.R.I.D.E. Spirit Wear!
- **Feb 26th** : PINK SHIRT DAY
- **Feb 26th**: Gr 7 Girls Basketball Tournament @ WVSS 12:45 – 4:00 pm
- **Feb 27th**: Gr 7 Boys Basketball Tournament @ WVSS 12:45 – 4:00 pm
- **Feb 28th**: IPPG Family BINGO NIGHT – Bingo Cards on sale at <https://www.munchalunch.com/schools/irwinpark/>
- **Mar 3rd**: Saleema Noon Body Science Parent Session – Online @ 6:30 pm
- **Mar 13th**: Nowruz Celebration in the IP Gym

Principal's Message

We are still hoping to collect last minute donations for our **Jump Rope for Heart** charity campaign that kicked off on Tuesday of this past week. You can see some images from the event [here](#). Our Gr 6/7 Leadership Team did a great job inspiring and sharing with students the importance of physical activity and how it keeps our hearts healthy. Contributions go to the Heart and Stroke Fund in Canada and our goal of 2K is still a shade from being met. **Every dollar makes a difference and tax receipts are provided.** How to Donate: <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/89258>

This Wednesday we will be recognizing **PINK SHIRT DAY at Irwin Park**. This is most significant this year as our school goal revolves around **Healthy Relationships and Healthy Minds** and how they impact our overall wellbeing. Our Panther P.R.I.D.E. values of **Inclusion, Respect and Empathy** are perfect examples of these themes. Pink Shirt day is a day to recognize the impact of bullying and teaching kids the difference between **"mean moments"** and **"bullying"**. On Thursday we launched our PINK T-SHIRT Design contest and will be giving away 6 official PINK SHIRTS to the winners who are chosen by our panel of judges. Join us and wear Pink on Wed Feb 26th and stand up to Bullying.

E-Bulletin Highlights

- Bingo Night is Next Fri! Purchase your cards [online!](#)
- Pink Shirt Day is Coming! Get Your IP Pink Shirt!
- **After School Activity Parent Survey – click [here](#)**
- Saleema Noon – Body Science Presentations
- Treehouse Child Care Employment Opportunity

IPPG's Bingo Night! - Fri Feb 28th – Bingo cards and pizza **NOW AVAILABLE** for purchase online!

Get your ears open to hear if your lucky number and letter are called! Enjoy a fun Friday Night of Bingo, Prizes, Pizza, and Treats!

- **Bingo Night is Friday, Feb 28th**, doors open at 5:30 pm
- Purchase your bingo cards online at munchalunch.com ; **\$6 for 1 card, \$15 for 3 cards**
- Order your pizza ahead of time online at munchalunch.com
- Gr 3s and under – **REQUIRE AN ADULT CHAPERONE**
- Bring your loonies and toonies for Gr 6/7 Leadership Concession Stand (TBC)
- All ages are welcome.
- See what prizes you can win in the foyer windows at Irwin Park – BINGO PRIZE PREVIEW!!

Currently looking for donations of brand new items as prizes such as **toys, electronics, gift cards, decorations, wine** etc. Anything that you think would be good prizes for both adults and kids!

Drop off at the front lobby of the school starting this week!

Thank you to our IPPG and to our parent community for their continued support in creating a sense of belonging and connection at Irwin Park Elementary.

Pink Shirt Day is Wed Feb 26th

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](#).

Unfortunately, the online ordering timeline of an **IP Panther Pink T-Shirt** has now closed. However, we will still be encouraging everyone to stand together in creating a culture of kindness and belonging by wearing pink on Feb 26th. If you still wish to order this year's edition of the official PINKSHIRTDAY.CA t-shirt you can click [here](#) to see this year's design. Or you can purchase an Indigenous-inspired Pink Shirt by clicking [here](#)!

Saleema Noon: Body Science Parent Information Evening Session: Mon March 3rd 6:30

On March 10 and 11th, IP K-7 students will participate in Saleema Noon's Body Science program – a program delivered widely across the province and sponsored by PACs across our West Vancouver School District. Saleema will be delivering the program personally this year and we are grateful for her experience and expertise.

We are pleased to offer a **VIRTUAL parent information session** with '**Saleema Noon**' on **Mon March 3 at 6:30 pm**. A virtual meeting link will be sent out shortly. We encourage all of our parents to attend this event online to learn more about the content and context of the program. Sexual Health topics are presented each school year as part of a developmental continuum as part of the [BC Curriculum in Physical Health and Education](#). Saleema Noon's Body Science program is widely provided part of this learning throughout our province.

Thank you to the IPPG for sponsoring this important learning opportunity. Please see the attached letters for more information and stay tuned for the parent meeting link.

Saleema Noon: [Context and Curriculum](#)

Share Your Feedback on Extracurricular Programs at Irwin Park

At **IP**, we have worked over the past few years to provide **extracurricular programming that supports the growth of our students** in a variety of areas, including athletics, the arts, STEM, and academic enrichment. We value the role these activities play in fostering new skills, friendships, and a sense of belonging within our school community. To ensure we continue to offer meaningful and engaging programs, we have created a [short survey](#) to gather feedback from **both parents and students**. Your input will help shape our future offerings. Click [here](#) for survey.

Please know that the information collected will be considered but it is not possible to act on every request. Thank you for your understanding.

Term 3 Extra Curricular Options being considered:

- Chess Club
- Farsi Language Instruction
- PCC Multi Sport
- And others....

Stay tuned to the E bulletin to learn what's in store!

Treehouse Child Care Employment Opportunity

Part-time Office Administrator (10-12 hrs weekly)

- *accounting/bookkeeping experience*
- *accounts payable and receivable (including invoicing), payroll, bank reconciliation*
- *manage financial aspects of BC Gov't programs and funding reporting, grant applications preparation and submission*

Please email resume or contact Diana Elligott for further information at
irwinparktreehouse@gmail.com

Warm regards,

Aron Campbell

Principal

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