

Irwin Park Elementary Family Newsletter

E-Bulletin Update

Date: Friday March 7th, 2025

PARENT REMINDERS:

- Thanks to our parents for being mindful of cell phone use on school grounds. We are device free space b/w 8:30 – 3:00 pm.
- Pls send cutlery on Hot Lunch days as our office is unable to provide cutlery continuously. Thank you for doing your part to protect the environment!

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:

- **March 10th** – Gr 7 Boys Basketball Tournament at WVSS 12:30 – 3:45 pm
- **March 10-11th** - Saleema Noon Body Science Classroom Sessions
- **March 11th** – Staff Student Basketball Showdown!
- **March 10-14th** – Spirit Week Starts at IP
- **Mar 13th**: Nowruz Celebration in the IP Gym
- **Mar 14th**: Term 2 Learning Updates Published Online
- **March 17-28** : Spring Break Holiday – School Closed

Principal's Message

It's been a **busy week at Irwin Park!** Students have had enriching learning experiences, including in-school workshops with facilitators from **Victory Gardens** and the **Invictus Games Sit Volleyball** program.

- **Victory Gardens:** Representatives Jenna and Imogen guided students through hands-on **gardening activities**, teaching them about the **spring growth cycle** after a long winter. This initiative is made possible by support from **IPPG** and a **School Garden Grant** and we are grateful!. Check out the post on our Instagram Account [here](#)
- **Invictus Sit Volleyball:** Students also had the chance to learn how **disabled veterans** compete **internationally** in **sit volleyball**, practicing **empathy** and developing their **physical literacy skills**. A special thanks to **Ms. Bleim and Ms. Daniels** for organizing these experiences

Wishing everyone a great final week before the **Spring Break!**

E-Bulletin Highlights

- KidsSport North Shore – Used Sports Equipment Collection
- Sense of Belonging & School Culture Parent Survey Open Now!
- Gr 6/7 Leadership Team – Spirit Week – March 10-14th
- Saleema Noon – Body Science Presentations

- Staff vs Student Bball Game!
- Term 2 Learning Updates
- Community Connections 24/25 Bulletin – Click [here](#)

KidSport North Shore –Sports Equipment Collection Box @ IP – March 10-14

Clear out your cupboards, closets, and garage by donating **gently used sporting goods** (balls, cleats, protective gear, jerseys, sticks, and more) to [KidSport North Shore](#). This charity helps ensure all children, regardless of financial barriers, can participate in sports by providing support for **registration fees, equipment, and transportation costs**. Your donation can help a child join a team, build confidence, and stay active. **Consider giving today!**

A donation box will be in the IP Front Foyer from March 10-14. Thank you in advance! See attached PDF for more info!

Staff Farewells - Not Forever!!

The **Irwin Park team** will be saying **farewell** to two beloved staff members as they embark on an exciting new chapter! Both **Ms. Stephanie Starnes** (Grade 4/5 Educational Assistant) and **Ms. Paquin** (Grade 6/7 team) will soon be **welcoming new additions to their families** and will be starting their **maternity leaves** shortly after **Spring Break**. We are thrilled for them and wish them all the best as they take this special time to focus on their growing families. While we hope to see them back in the **IP hallways** in the future, we know they will be busy with their **new little ones!**

Please join us in **congratulating** them both! 🎉💖

Staff vs Student Basketball Showdown – Tues March 11th

We're excited to continue our **Staff vs. Student Basketball Game** tradition on **Tuesday, 12:45 – 1:15 PM**.

Weather permitting, we'll play outdoors so students from **K-6** can watch the action. Last year, the staff claimed a narrow victory—will the students turn the tables this time? Come cheer them on!

Best of luck to our **Grade 7 Boys Basketball Team** as they compete at the **District Tournament at WVSS on Monday, March 11**.

Gr 6/7 Spirit Week – March 10-14th

The Gr 6/7 leadership team is keen to spearhead some **Panther P.R.I.D.E. spirit** in our last week before the Spring Break.

Please get your gear in hand as we plan to change up the routine in the last week before the holiday!

- March 10, Monday - **PJ Day**

- March 11, Tuesday - **Neon/Tie-Dye Day**
- March 12, Wednesday - **Sports Team Day**
- March 13, Thursday - **Backwards Day**
- March 14, Friday - **Panther PRIDE Spirit Wear Day**

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

On March 10 and 11th, IP students in Gr K-7 will participate in Saleema Noon's Body Science program - program delivered widely across the province and 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. This is a program that is made possible by funding from the IPPG.

Last Monday as announced we had a number of parents attend an online orientation event 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](#)

Term 3 After School Extra Curricular Registration is OPEN— See attachment

2025 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools

Save the date! Summer Learning registration opens on **Monday, April 7 at 8:00 a.m.** For more information, please refer to the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or the [Summer Learning Website](#).

Term 2 Learning Updates Go Home March 14th Via the MyED BC Family Portal!

You will need to be able to get into MyED BC Family Portal to view and download your children's Term 2 Reports which will be delivered to your inbox on March 14th. This must be done on a **COMPUTER** and will **not** work on a phone or tablet. Take some time to familiarize yourself with the Family Portal. The district has provided a great deal of useful information and answered frequently asked questions about the Family Portal at this link:

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/family-portal> **NO PAPER COPIES OF REPORTS WILL BE SENT HOME.** We ask families to be prepared by setting up your MyEd BC Family Portal now. If you are struggling pls refer to the link above and if you still require support call Ms. Verdicchio

Warm regards,

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Principal

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