

# Irwin Park Elementary Family Newsletter

## E-Bulletin Update

Date: Friday April 11th – TERM 3

### 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 remind your child that prior to morning admission at 8:50, our grounds are unsupervised and safe choices are all that more important

### 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:

- **April 15<sup>th</sup>:** 1<sup>st</sup> Gr 7 Ultimate Frisbee Game – Ridgeview
- **April 15:** IPPG Exec Meeting 6:30 pm
- **April 18<sup>th</sup>** – Good Friday Holiday
- **April 21<sup>st</sup>** – Easter Monday Holiday
- **Wed May 7<sup>th</sup>** – Student Led Conferences – Early Dismissal at 1:30 pm
- **Wed May 14<sup>th</sup>** – Afternoon School Musical Performance – **Shrek ...the Musical!**
- **Thurs May 15<sup>th</sup>** – Evening School Musical Performance – **Shrek ...the Musical!**
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### Principal's Message

This week, our Ultimate team showed great spirit, taking to the field in rain or shine (mostly rain!) for games and practices. Our in-house **WVML Reading Challenge** competition brought excitement to our library, as a winning Gr 4/5 team was declared after an sudden death overtime battle to the finish. In addition, students participated in an engaging and informative **Autism Acceptance Assembly** on Thursday. It's been a busy and meaningful week of learning and connection across the school.

Our assembly on Thursday was very meaningful as we explored themes of **acceptance, inclusion, and the strengths in our differences**. Students engaged in interactive games and stories that helped them understand that everyone thinks, feels, and communicates in their own unique way. They learned that while autism may make some things more challenging, it also comes with incredible strengths—like deep focus and strong interests. The session emphasized how important it is to be **patient, inclusive, and respectful—reflecting our Panther P.R.I.D.E. values of Inclusion, Respect, and Empathy**. We encourage parents to continue the conversation at home by asking what their child learned, encouraging discussions around differences, and reinforcing the importance of kindness toward all classmates. Together, we are all building a more inclusive school community at Irwin Park. #thrivingnotsurviving

## E-Bulletin Highlights

- New School Supply Process for Irwin Park – Sept 2025
- Shrek – Spring Musical K-7 – Save the Date!
- Summer Learning in West Vancouver Schools – Registration Opens Soon
- West Vancouver Schools – Academy Deadlines for Registration
- Community Connections 24/25 Bulletin – Click [here](#)

## School Supplies for Sept 2025 – Online Ordering Coming Soon!

Beginning this spring, Irwin Park will be moving away from our previous method of bulk-purchasing school supplies. In previous years, we have purchased supplies on behalf of teachers and families and charged each family a \$60.00 flat rate across the grades. In alignment with **District Policy** and the approach taken by other elementary schools in the district, we will now be working with **EDU PAC**, a trusted online school supply provider serving Canadian families for many years.

Each teaching team at Irwin Park has thoughtfully reviewed and refined their grade-level supply lists **to ensure all items are purposeful, non-redundant, and aligned** with classroom learning goals. While supply package costs across the District can range from \$60 to \$120 per student, Irwin Park teachers have been asked to keep their lists under \$70—and we're pleased to share that this has been achieved. Once ordered online through the [EDU PAC website](#), individual student supply kits will be delivered directly to the school in **late August**, ready and waiting for students on their first day in September. We will share the supply lists and purchasing link in the coming week! Stay tuned!

Please note that families are responsible for purchasing their child's school supply kit to ensure every student is set up for success from day one. This process **allows teachers to begin the year with a consistent and complete set of materials** for each student, helping to streamline classroom routines and maximize instructional time.


## Coming This Week – ELEVATE Ultimate Frisbee Clinic Gr 6/7 & IP Community Garden Classroom Workshops


This week, we're excited to welcome instructors from [Elevate Ultimate](#) to Irwin Park. They'll be working with our Grade 6 and 7 students to develop their Ultimate Frisbee skills, with a focus on physical literacy, fitness, strategy, and team play. We're also pleased to have **Imogen and Jenna** from [Victory Gardens](#) returning to support our garden-based learning program. Thanks to the ongoing support of our [Irwin Park Parent Group \(IPPG\)](#), students are **actively engaged in planting, observing, and caring** for our school garden. Drop by and take a look—many of our seeds are beginning to sprout!

## Shrek ...The School Musical! K-7!

Students and teachers are hard at work preparing for this year's **Spring School Musical**—the ever-popular **Shrek**! Join us as we follow the journey of a grumpy ogre who, with the help of a loyal donkey and a crew of beloved fairy tale characters, discovers the true meaning of **friendship and love**.

Our talented cast and crew are rehearsing diligently to bring this magical story to life in **two school-wide performances:**

 **Afternoon Matinee – Wednesday, May 14th**

 **Evening Performance – Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** ✦ **Save the date!** Tickets and invitations will be shared later this month—we can't wait to welcome you to the swamp!

## 2025 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools

Are you interested in learning during the summer? West Vancouver Schools will be offering a robust Summer Learning Program for both elementary and secondary students during July 2025. Online registration for both the elementary and secondary Summer Learning programs opens on Monday, April 7 at 8:00 AM. **Elementary registration closes on May 9.** Secondary registration closes on June 13.

More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or on the [Summer Learning Website](#).

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