

Irwin Park Elementary Family Newsletter

E-Bulletin Update

Date: Fri April 25th

PARENT REMINDERS:

- Thanks to our parents for slowing down and driving carefully at pick-up and drop-off times. Keep our kids safe!!
- Pls remind your child that before morning admission at 8:50, our grounds are unsupervised and safe choices are all that more important
- A reminder that our school grounds are device free spaces before and after school. We encourage parents to put their phones away and 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:

- **April 29th** – Guest Author Grant Lawrence of CBC Radio One come to IP!
- **May 1st** – Gr 7 Ultimate Tournament – Hugo Ray Park - 1:30 – 4:30 pm
- **Friday May 2nd** – Shrek Musical Tickets Go on Sale!
- **Wed May 7th** – Student Led Conferences – Early Dismissal at 1:30 pm
- **Wed May 14th** – Afternoon School Musical Performance – 1:10 pm **Shrek ...the Musical!**
- **Thurs May 15th** – Evening School Musical Performance – 6:00 pm **Shrek ...the Musical!**

Principal's Message

This week's E-Bulletin is packed with important updates about all the exciting things happening at our school. Be sure to check out the highlights below, including details on our **Sense of Belonging Parent Survey**, **Shrek Musical ticket sale dates**, and a **reminder to sign up for Student Learning Conferences on May 7th!**

E-Bulletin Highlights

- Do 1 Give: School Wide Sock Drive on Now!
- IP Family Sense of Belonging Survey – Now Open Online!
- May 7th Student Led Conferences – Sign Up Now Online!
- SMS – SD45 Emergency Alerts
- Shrek – Spring Musical K-7 – Tickets go on sale Fri May 2nd!
- New School Supply Process for Irwin Park – Sept 2025

- West Vancouver Schools – Summer Learning
- Community Connections 24/25 Bulletin – Click [here](#)

Do 1 Give – School Wide Sock Drive – Pls give generously!

As part of our Term 3 focus on the **Panther P.R.I.D.E.** value of **Empathy**, Irwin Park is launching a school-wide **Do 1 Give** project—and we invite all students and families to take part! We're asking each student to donate at least one pair of new or gently used adult socks to support local homeless shelters. Even small acts of kindness can make a big difference!

Families are encouraged to donate a gently used pair of adult socks or pick up a pair of socks from a favourite store (even Dollar Stores carry them!) and send them to school. Each classroom has a donation box for this collection! The sock drive runs this week and next, leading up to our final Do 1 Give Day on Thursday, May 1st, when our Grade 6/7 Leadership Team will tally and share the results. Thank you for helping us build empathy and make a difference in our community for those living with less!

Irwin Park Sense of Belonging Parent/Family Survey – We want to hear from you - click [here](#)!

To help us strengthen the **sense of community and belonging at Irwin Park**, we've created a short [survey](#) for families to share their experiences. Your feedback—whether it's positive or offers suggestions for improvement—helps us reflect and grow. The survey is quick to complete and can be submitted online anonymously or with your name. As a thank you, one participating family will be entered to win a Delany's Coffee gift card.

Please consider sharing your thoughts as we continue working to make Irwin Park a welcoming, connected place for all students and families. [Click here to complete the survey!](#)

Wed May 7th - Irwin Park Student-Led Conferences: Book Online Now!

Our upcoming **Student Led Conferences** are scheduled for **Wednesday, May 7th**, between 1:30 and 3:30 pm at Irwin Park Elementary School. Families are invited to sign up for a 20-minute classroom visit with a maximum of 4-5 spaces available per 20-minute session. We encourage parents to sign up for a session with your child(ren)'s teacher sooner than later to select a time preferable for your family.

Visit <https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/sgrxu> to book your scheduled visit. Or go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/> and enter the Irwin Park school code: **sgrxu**

*****Please note:** students will be dismissed early on **May 7th at 1:30 pm** to accommodate classroom spaces for families to visit their child's learning environment. A Student Led Conference is an opportunity for the parent/guardian to be led by their child on a tour of their learning experience, both within the classroom but also inside our school community. We look forward to seeing families together, connecting and building further community, inside our building.

Join the Fun at Our Silent Auction – May 7th!

In partnership with our upcoming Student Learning Conferences, the Irwin Park Parent Group (IPPG) will be hosting a **Silent Auction** in the IP gym—featuring an exciting array of prizes! Families will have the chance to bid on special student experiences like “**Principal for a Day**” or “**Library Lunch with Your Favourite Teacher**,” along with over **15 beautifully themed gift baskets** created by each division with our families in mind. Come be part of the excitement on **May 7** and help support the amazing work of our Parent Advisory Council. We hope to see you there!

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**. We can't wait to share our talent with you all!

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 1:10 PM Start!**

 **Evening Performance – Thursday, May 15th 6:00 pm Start!**

✦ **Save the date! Tickets will go on sale on Friday May 2nd** with a limit of two tickets per family being allowed at this time.

***Please note: Due to our large student body of over 430 students, we must limit ticket availability to ensure compliance with WV District Fire Regulations and to allow all families the opportunity to see their child perform. Currently, tickets are limited to **two per family**. We hope to accommodate additional ticket requests in the future if space allows. Thank you for your understanding and support.

EDUPAC School Supplies for Sept 2025 – Online Ordering Available Now!

Starting this spring, Irwin Park is moving to an individual school supply ordering system through **EDU PAC**, a trusted Canadian provider. In past years, supplies were bulk-purchased with a flat fee; moving forward, families will order personalized kits online. Each grade team has carefully refined their supply lists to keep costs purposeful and under \$70. Kits will be delivered directly to the school and ready for students on the first day of school in September. **Supply lists and the online ordering link and school password was shared this past week by Ms. Verdicchio with all returning families via email.**

Please note: families are responsible for purchasing their child's kit to help ensure every student is fully prepared for the start of the school year helping teachers to streamline classroom routines and maximize instructional time.

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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Principal

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