

Irwin Park Elementary Family Newsletter E-Bulletin Update

Date: Fri May 2nd

PARENT REMINDERS:

- Thanks to our parents for slowing down and driving carefully at pick-up and drop-off times. Keep our kids safe!
- 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:

- **Friday May 2nd** – Shrek Musical Tickets Go on Sale!
- **Monday May 5th** – IPPG Silent Auction Goes Live Online!
- **Tues and Thurs** – 8:00 am Track Team Practice – IP Gravel Field
- **Wed May 7th** – Student Led Conferences – Early Dismissal at 1:30 pm & IPPG Silent Auction Items on Display
- **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!**
- **Sunday May 25th** – IPPG Garage Sale
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Principal's Message

Our Grade 7 Ultimate team lit up the District Tournament, finishing **2nd overall** while playing with unmistakable Panther P.R.I.D.E. Their sharp skills and sportsmanship reflect not only their hard work but also the guidance of our dedicated coaching staff and this year's ELEVATE ULTIMATE workshops that our entire Gr 6/7 cohort participated in as part of our Physical Literacy focus. Congratulations to every athlete and our coaches on this outstanding result. Check out some highlights at our [Instagram Channel](#)

Equally inspiring was the generosity of our school community during the **Do 1 Give Sock Drive**. Together, students and families donated **482 pairs of socks** to the Outreach Shelter and North Shore Family Services—

an impressive demonstration of our monthly focus on ***Empathy***. Your willingness to “do one small thing” is already making a positive difference for neighbours living with less. Thank you for cheering on our Panthers and for giving so generously. [Irwin Park continues to shine because of your support and spirit.](#)

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our school community to the building on Wednesday, May 7th, as we open up the doors for our **Student Learning Conferences** from 1:30 – 3:30. Details are below, just in case you have yet to schedule your time with your child and their teacher. And don't forget to drop by the gym to check out the 17 different Silent Auction baskets that will be available to win in addition to countless other prizes. Bid to win the honour of being “Principal For a Day” with Mr. Campbell, Student Lunch in the Staff Room (we put the Ice Cream Sundae station away on that day! 😊); 20 mins of extra recess; etc. Again all of the money raised from bids will be going back into school programming and supporting students! The IPPG will be releasing Online Bidding information soon!

E-Bulletin Highlights

- May 7th Student Led Conferences – Sign Up Now Online!
- IP Family Sense of Belonging Survey – Now Open Online!
- Shrek – Spring Musical K-7 – Tickets on sale today!
- Gr 7 Legacy Fund Kettle Corn Fundraiser – Order Soon!
- IPPG Garage Sale – May 25th Save the Date
- Community Connections 24/25 Bulletin – Click [here](#)

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 Learning 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 “**Lunch in the Staff Room!**” 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 Irwin Park Parent Advisory Council. We hope to see you there!

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!](#)

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 go on sale on Friday May 2nd** with a limit of two tickets per family being allowed at this time. A School Cash Online Ticket offer was sent home this morning by Ms Verdicchio.

***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.

The IPPG has generously confirmed that a professional video recording of the Shrek Jr. production will be commissioned for our May 15th show and will be available to families hoping to preserve this memorable event by donation to the IPPG. **Our audience members are reminded that filming will of this event will not be permitted in order to allow all in attendance to enjoy the musical and be mindful of the occasion.**

Gr 7 Legacy Gift Fundraiser: Cravings Kettle Corn: Order By Thursday, May 22

Back by popular demand! The Grade 7's are holding a sale of Cravings Kettle Corn to support their Legacy Gift Fund – it is a tradition that the Grade 7 students leave a gift behind as a thank you for their time spent at Irwin Park. Previous Legacy Gifts include *new water fountains, sports jerseys, the logo on the gym floor and the panther den mural in the undercover area.*

This sale was very popular last year and all the products got rave reviews. Popcorn is on sale through MunchALunch website. **Sales end on Thursday, May 22.** The popcorn will be delivered on **Friday, May 30** and will be available for pick up in the undercover area at the front of the school from 2:45-3:15. Please bring your Munch-A-Lunch confirmation number with you to pick up your popcorn. Cravings Kettle Corn will also be on site during the pickup time on Friday May 30 and will have fresh sweet and salty kettle corn available for purchase. All other flavours must be purchased through pre-orders. Thank you for your support!

Irwin Park & Neighbourhood-Wide Garage Sale – Save the Date! **Sunday, May 25, 2025 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Undercover Area**

Spring is here—time to clear out those closets and tidy up your home! Join our Garage Sale:

- Reserve a table for \$30 each on Munchalunch.com. You can book as many tables as you need—but hurry, space is limited!
- Set-up begins at 9:20 AM. Please have your table ready by 10:00 AM.
- Enjoy a fun morning selling your goods alongside your child(ren). All profits are yours to keep!

Not planning to sell?

- Come shop! Discover great deals and hidden treasures while supporting Irwin Park families. It's a fun way to spend your Sunday morning and maybe find something you didn't know you needed! **Popular sale items include:**

Clothing, books, games, toys, fashion jewelry, bags, kitchenware, sports equipment, and stationery.

Prohibited items:

Prescription or medical products, personal undergarments, hazardous materials, weapons, and perishable food.

Thank you for your support.

Aron Campbell

Principal

Irwin Park Elementary