

Irwin Park Elementary Family Newsletter E-Bulletin Update

Date: Thurs May 22, 2025

PARENT REMINDERS:

- **Be sure to plan your summer holiday to confirm a return to school by the Sept 4th deadline. More details about registration acceptance are below.**

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:

- **Fri May 23rd** – WVSS Band Performance
- **Sunday May 25th** – IPPG Garage Sale 10- 12 pm @ Irwin Park Sports Court
- **Wed May 28th** – Gr 7 Tour at WVSS - Gr 8 Orientation 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **Wed May 28th** – Gr 6/7 Field Meet @ Westcot 3:30 – 5 pm
- **Thurs May 29th** – Gr 4/5 Field Meet @ Westcot 3:30 – 5 pm
- **Thu May 29th** – Welcome to Kindergarten Event 1:30 -2:15 pm
- **Fri May 30th** – Gr 7 Legacy Popcorn Fundraiser Sales and Delivery
- **Thu June 5th** – Read and Run – Welcome to Kindergarten Event #2
- **Thu June 5th** – District Track Meet at Simon Fraser University

Principal's Message

Late May and June are shaping up to be **very busy months at Irwin Park**, and I couldn't be prouder of the energy our students, staff, and families are bringing to every event. **Our Grade 4–7 Track Team**, led by Mr. Hamelin, is out on the field bright and early every Tuesday and Thursday honing their sprints and distance running. We can't wait to cheer them on when they represent Irwin Park at the **District Track Meet on Thursday, June 5, at Terry Fox Field, SFU**. We're also excited to open our doors to new families at the **Welcome to Kindergarten afternoon on Thursday, May 29, at 1:30 p.m.** This gathering helps our youngest Panthers—and their parents—feel at home well before the first bell rings in September. Finally, a big shout-out to our parent volunteers for organizing the **IPPG Community Garage Sale this Sunday, May 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. right here at the school**. With **more than 25 tables of gently used and nearly-new treasures**, there's bound to be

something for everyone. If you'd like to host a table, a few spots are still available—just contact the IPPG team.

And finally, this week's E Bulletin includes a short primer on **Snapchat**—still one of the most popular (and least understood) social-media platforms among pre-teens. The attached PDF outlines how Snaps disappear (or don't), how "Snap Map" shares a user's live location, and why features such as "My AI" and group chats can expose children to unwanted content or pressure. Please take a moment to read this section so you know exactly how the app works and can set clear expectations for safe, respectful use; [informed parents are the best line of defense against misuse or over-sharing online.](#)

E-Bulletin Highlights

- Classroom Placement – Parent Input Opportunity - May 29th – June 5th
- SnapChat - Parent Need To Know
- Summer Holiday Plans _ Return to School Deadlines!!
- Gr 7 Legacy Fund Kettle Corn Fundraiser – Orders Close Thursday at Midnight!
- Car Wash and Max Fruit Freezie Fundraisers!
- IPPG Garage Sale – May 25th Save the Date
- Band Registration at IP – click [here](#)
- Community Connections 24/25 Bulletin – Click [here](#)

Classroom Placement Input — May 29th – June 5th

Each school year our Irwin Park staff of educators, specialist teachers, and administrators, work collaboratively to create classes that are balanced and will provide an inclusive culture for learners to thrive in. Please know that teachers begin this tentative process in the late Spring and invest a great deal of thought and effort into making the best educational decisions for organizing and placing students into classes. While our placements are not finalized until September, we take into consideration a wide range of criteria, including:

- *Student social-emotional well-being and coping*
- *Diversity of learning needs and balancing classes*
- *Workable instructional groups*
- *Positive social groupings*
- *Possibilities for new and fresh friendships and leadership opportunities*
- *School-Based Team recommendations*
- *Ministry class size and composition requirements*
- *District enrollment pressures*

Families who wish to share student-specific information to add to the factors above for next year's class placements, will be able to provide their input electronically this year between **May 29th and June 7th** ***Pls Note - Our staff spend many hours balancing classes for social-emotional well-being, diverse learning needs, class size/composition rules, and fresh friendship opportunities. Input forms are one of several factors and cannot guarantee a particular placement. Out of respect to our staff and the professional code of ethics, any input submitted **containing staff names in the form of teacher requests will not be used in the class configuration process.** We also remind parents that teacher assignments are tentative and subject to change – please do not request a specific teacher.

- Parent input is optional and not a requirement
- Input must focus on your child's needs (e.g., learning style, social-emotional factors, etc)

Note on multi-grade classes: Owing to district enrolment patterns, combined grades will continue at Irwin Park. Research shows these groupings provide strong academic and social benefits, and teachers differentiate instruction for every learner. Parents can learn more about the effectiveness of multi-aged classrooms at our District [webpage](#).

Summer Holiday Plans? Please plan to return to school by Thurs Sept 4th at the latest!

With the ever-increasing enrollment pressures that our school continues to face, space in classrooms continues to be tight. We ask that all families who are travelling over the summer to ensure that their children can return and be present in classrooms by the latest Thurs Sept 4th. Saving student spots can be very challenging, and we want to avoid family disappointment but to satisfy student enrollment needs district-wide, we require parents to communicate and confirm their plans clearly with schools. Questions? Contact your school office! **Pls note a separate email was delivered to all parents with the District Policy around September registration and arrival deadlines.**

Digital Citizenship – A Parent's Guide

As part of a new series on digital citizenship, we will be sharing best practices for parents/caregivers on popular social media platforms.

First up: **Snapchat.** Check out the attached resource to learn how to help your child stay safe and informed online.

Max Fruit Freezie Sale – Friday, May 23

Kick-off the long weekend with a cool treat and support our grads at the same time!

- **What:** Max Fruit Freezies — \$3 (healthy alternative) Coins and cash only
- **When:** Friday, May 23 (after school)
- **Where:** Sales table beside the sports court
- **Why:** All proceeds go toward the Grade 7 Leaving-Ceremony Reception on June 25.

Two more Freezie sales are coming next month—don't miss this first chance to chill out for a good cause!

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.

Grade 6 Band Program – Registration Now Open! Click [here](#)

Current Grade 5 students and new Grade 6 students at Irwin Park can now register for the 2025–26 Band Program and learn a symphonic instrument—no prior experience needed! Band helps develop musical skills, focus, and teamwork. Families will select top 3 instrument preferences during registration, and placements will be based on need and availability. The \$390 annual fee can be paid online or via cheque, with payment plans available. Instrument demos will be shown in class, and rental options are recommended. For full details and to register, visit the school website or contact Ms. King.

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Thank you for your support.

Aron Campbell

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