

## **Irwin Park Elementary Family Newsletter E-Bulletin Update**

**Date: Fri, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 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/](https://www.instagram.com/irwin_park_elementary/)

#### **Important Dates:**

- **Fri June 20<sup>th</sup>** – Parent Volunteer Appreciation Tea 8:50 am
- **Fri June 20<sup>th</sup>** – Indigenous Artist, Jim Charlie, Visit to IP
- **Wed June 25<sup>th</sup>** – Gr 7 Leaving Ceremony
- **Thurs June 26<sup>th</sup>** – Farewell Assembly 9:30 am (Last Day of School) - 12 noon Dismissal!

### **Principal's Message**

#### **Farewell to Departing Staff at Irwin Park**

As we approach the end of another memorable school year, we want to recognize and express our heartfelt gratitude to several staff members who will be leaving Irwin Park. Each has left a meaningful mark on our school community, and we send them off with warm wishes for their next chapter.

#### **Mr. G. Raw**

A long-time and highly respected member of our Irwin Park teaching staff, Mr. Raw has been a cornerstone of the Primary team for over a decade. Known for his steady presence and deep care for his students and his craft, Mr. Raw will be dearly missed by colleagues, students, and families alike. He now steps into a well-earned retirement, where travel and pickleball await!

#### **Ms. M. Roughley**

A district leader in digital literacy and Indigenous education, Ms. Roughley will be leaving her cherished Grade 6/7 team to begin her administrative journey as the new Vice Principal at Ridgeview Elementary. Her insight,

positivity, and leadership have been pivotal to Irwin Park's growth, and she will be greatly missed.

### **Ms. E. Lane**

Since joining us four years ago, Ms. Lane has been an exceptional and passionate young educator. She will be taking a leave of absence to explore new opportunities outside of education. We thank her for her contributions and wish her all the best on this exciting new path.

### **Ms. C. Minions**

In just two short years, Ms. Minions made a lasting impact through her expertise in Early Years education. Her calm and thoughtful approach has been a gift to her students and colleagues. She returns to Vancouver Island to be closer to family and continue teaching there. We wish her continued success.

### **Ms. A. Hopp**

A true "Swiss Army Knife" educator, Ms. Hopp has supported Irwin Park in many ways—from Kindergarten to Grades 4/5, and most recently, as part of our Teacher Librarian team.

We are hopeful to see her again in our hallways as a TTOC in the future.

### **Ms. C. Armitage**

Originally joining us in September to provide short-term support, Ms. Armitage became a valued member of our primary team, guiding her Grade 3 class with care and dedication.

We thank her for her steady leadership and hope to see her again at Irwin Park as a TTOC.

### **Ms. J. De Paula**

Ms. De Paula joined us this year and immediately impressed with her strong Montessori background and deep connections with students.

We congratulate her on her new full-time role as Learning Support Teacher at Hollyburn Elementary!

### **Ms. O. Cameron**

Ms. Cameron joined us in January, stepping into Division 7 at the Grade 4/5 level as Ms. Kavanaugh began her maternity leave.

In a short time, she created a classroom grounded in connection and care. As she leaves us this June, Ms. Cameron plans to travel with family in the fall and we hope to welcome her back as a TTOC in the future.

### **Ms. K. Slivarich**

Although Ms. Slivarich time at Irwin Park as an Educational Assistant was just one school year, her positive impact was immediate. As her own child enters Kindergarten in WVSD this fall, we hope to welcome her back as a TTOC EA in the future.

### **Mr. M. Burgstaller**

Fondly known as “Mr. B”, Mr Burgstaller stepped in this past April to cover for Ms. Paquin during her maternity leave and quickly became a key member of our Grade 6/7 teaching team. We’re grateful for his contributions and hope to welcome him back in the fall as a TTOC.

## **E-Bulletin Highlights**

- Lost and Found!
- Shrek Video Available Online for Purchase!
- Parent's Guide to TikTok and Roblox
- Garden Watering Appeal to Families! We need YOU!
- School Supplies – Purchase Options for Sept 2025
- Community Connections 24/25 Bulletin – Click [here](#)

## **Irwin Park Lost and Found! Last call!**

Our Lost & Found tables are overflowing! Please stop by the front foyer to check for any missing clothing, water bottles, or other items. All unclaimed items will be donated to the Salvation Army after the last day of school. Don't miss your chance to reclaim your gear!

## **Parent's Guide to Roblox:**

As part of a new series on digital citizenship, we will be sharing best practices for parents/caregivers on popular social media platforms. **Roblox:** Check out the following link : <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/resources/parents/social-media-digital/> **A Parent Guide to Roblox** and learn how to help your child stay safe and informed online

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## **WVBC Basketball and West Van Volley Summer Camps**

The West Vancouver Basketball Club and West Van Volley are excited to offer 4 weeks of summer camps beginning on July 14th for students entering grades 2-12. All camps will be held at West Van Secondary School. Students that enrol in a basketball camp and a volleyball camp will receive a 10% discount off both registrations. For further information, please go to <https://www.wvbc.ca> and <https://www.westvanvolley.ca>.

## **Shrek Jr. Musical Video Now Available!**

We're excited to share that the **Shrek Jr. musical performance** by our amazing Irwin Park students is now available to enjoy at home! Relive the magic—or experience it for the first time—by downloading the full performance, beautifully captured by videographer **Marco Canlas**. Thank you to our organizing team of parent volunteers behind the scenes that made this recording opportunity come to life!

 **Watch here:** [Shrek Jr. Video Download – \\$6 Donation](#)

Your \$6 donation supports our **Music and Performance Program** at Irwin Park. A heartfelt thank you to the **Irwin Park Parent Group** for making this possible!

*\*\*\*Please note: Some scenes may appear dark due to stage lighting limitations. We appreciate your understanding and support!*

## **Help Keep Our Garden Growing This Summer!**

We're looking for **Irwin Park families** to help care for our beautiful school garden over the summer months. Volunteering is simple: just sign up for **one week** and plan to visit the garden **3–4 times** during your assigned week to water and check on the plants. It's a great way to spend time outdoors as a family and help keep our garden thriving for students to return to in the fall!

 **No experience needed** – clear instructions will be provided, and Ms. Bleim will offer a short tutorial in the last week of school.

☒ **Sign up here:** [Summer Garden Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

Thank you for supporting our school community and helping us grow something special!

## **School Supplies for 2025–2026**

Attached are the [school supply lists for Grades K and 7](#). All students are expected to have their supplies ready for the **first day of school** in September.

Families have **two easy options** for purchasing supplies:

1. **Buy on your own** using the attached grade-level list. (*Office Depot, Staples, London Drugs, etc*)
2. **Order online through Edupac** – a convenient and cost-effective option!

To order through Edupac:

- Visit: [edupac.ca/order-kit.php?transType=edupac](http://edupac.ca/order-kit.php?transType=edupac)
- Enter Passcode: **4507**
- Choose your child's **grade for next year** (2025–2026)
- You'll receive a confirmation email once your order is complete.

We require all families to secure the prescribed school supplies for their child to assist the teacher in their plans for the entire class. Please do your part in helping your child start the school year prepared and organized! **Financial Support is available. Please reach out to the Principal directly!**

## Construction Notice: Traffic Impacted – Dundarave

**Construction work scheduled for the stormwater main installation work (during month of June):**

- 25th Street between Marine Drive and Bellevue Avenue from Tuesday, June 10 to Monday, June 30
- work is scheduled to take place between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- on Saturday (only if necessary), between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- northbound 25th Street will be closed
- parking restrictions in effect as per attached traffic control plan
- vehicular traffic will be detoured via South Bellevue Avenue and 24th Street
- pedestrian, cyclist, and local access will be maintained
- signage and personnel will be on-site

**Construction work on Marine Drive is estimated to start on July 4th and is expected to be completed by July 16th. - See attachments.**

**Summer Holiday Plans? Please plan to return to school by Thurs Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 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 traveling over the summer ensure their children can return and be**

**present in classrooms by the latest on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.**

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!**

### **ParticipACTION Community Challenge: West Vancouver –**

Help us become the **Most Active Community in Canada!** The **ParticipACTION Community Challenge** is a national physical activity initiative that encourages Canadians to get active in search of Canada's Most Active Community. In 2021, the community of West Vancouver placed second in Canada. It is our goal to be the most active community in Canada. West Vancouver Schools will be participating in this initiative. Individuals can pledge to 'get active' throughout June in support of the community's efforts without having to track any movement minutes. To support West Vancouver in this initiative, we hope you will take the pledge to get active: <https://www.participaction.com/individual-pledge/>

Thank you for your support.

**Aron Campbell**

Principal

Irwin Park Elementary