

Irwin Park E-Bulletin - Fri Sept 19th 2025

Important Dates:

Sept 22 & 23	Bike Hub for Gr 4/5
Sept 25 th	Terry Fox Run for the Cure School-Wide Run
Sept 26 th	Professional Development Day: School Not in Session
Mon Sept 29 th	Orange Shirt Day
Tues Sept 30 th	National Truth and Reconciliation Day (Stat Holiday) -No School
Oct 8 & 9	IP Parent/Teacher Interviews – Early Dismissal 12:00 pm

Important Links for Parents :

- [Irwin Park School Calendar 25-26](#)
- [Online Policy & Procedures Permission Form – 25/26](#) – MUST BE COMPLETED ASAP
- [Munchalunch](#) Hot lunch orders
- [Term 1 After School Activities Registration](#)



A Message from the Principal

September is off to a strong start at Irwin Park as we wrapped up our second week of classroom community building. It was wonderful to see so many families at our **Inside Irwin Park** event on Thursday, and the **2025 IPPG Welcome Back BBQ** was a tremendous success. A **big thank-you to our IPPG Executive and Event Committee** for their outstanding leadership and organization of this event. It was terrific to gather, connect and build community after a summer apart! For those parents who may have missed the Parent Presentation from Mr. Campbell and Ms. Bleim **"Setting Students Up For Success this School Year,"** I have attached the slide deck from the event below.

We're excited to carry this positive momentum into the weeks ahead and look forward to more great learning and community connections this fall.

Setting Students Up for Success – Parent Presentation

On Thursday afternoon of this past week, Mr. Campbell and Ms. Bleim presented to a full gym of parents several strategies and tips to get your child off to a successful start in the new school year. Topics included:

- *Sleep and Nutrition – The Foundation of All Success*
- *School Attendance & Being On Time*
- *Screen Time vs Screen Content – 3 C's*
- *Modeling Healthy Screen Time Habits – The Parent's Role*
- *Mean Moments vs Bullying*
- *How to handle bullying – a parent's perspective*
- *Preparing the Child for the Road; Not the Road for the Child*

Click [here](#) for the slide deck shared or see attached PDF.

If any parent has further questions regarding the content or discussion, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Campbell at acampbell@wvschools.ca

Terry Fox Run – Thursday, Sept 25

Our annual **Terry Fox Run** will take place in the afternoon—please send students with running shoes and comfortable clothing.

- **Primary students** will run laps on school grounds
- **Intermediate students** will run around the block (*with completed P&P forms only*)

We're asking each student to bring a **"Toonie for Terry" (\$2)** to support cancer research, or donate online here: [Irwin Park Terry Fox Donation Page](#).

 Volunteers needed! If you can help in the afternoon, please email **Ms. Bleim** at ableim@wvschools.ca.

♥ Orange Shirt Day – Monday, Sept 29

Students are encouraged to wear **orange** in support of Indigenous communities and Truth and Reconciliation. Orange shirts are widely available, with proceeds going to Indigenous foundations. Mr. Campbell will be running his Orange T Shirt Design Contest and with winners walking home with their very own Orange Shirt!

✍ Truth & Reconciliation Day – Tuesday, Sept 30 – STAT HOLIDAY

Schools are closed. Families are encouraged to acknowledge the day by attending community events or learning together.

📖 Learn more: Orange Shirt Day Resources

👤 Parent Teacher Conferences – Wed Oct 8 & Thurs Oct 9

APPOINTMENT BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN ONLINE!

- Conferences will be held **in person** (10 minutes each) unless otherwise specified
- Students dismissed at **12:00 pm (noon)** on both days

📌 Book here: [School Interviews Booking Link](#)

? Problems? Contact your child's teacher.

🐾 Panther P.R.I.D.E. Spirit Wear is Coming! Stay tuned!

Our **2025 Spirit Wear** has returned with new items: T-shirts, hoodies, and baseball caps!

- Sale runs until **October 15 and our link will go live next week!**
- Samples on display in the **Grade 4/5 hallway in the coming week!**
- QR Codes available there to order directly

Show your **Panther P.R.I.D.E.** and wear your school colours with P.R.I.D.E.!

Cross Country Team –Week 2!

Our **Grade 3–7 Cross Country Team** heads into its 2nd week:

- Next practice: **Monday Sept 22nd at 8:15 am**
- District Meet: **Tuesday, Sept 23rd at Ambleside Park (after school)**


Revised Code of Conduct


Our updated **Irwin Park Code of Conduct** aligns with Ministry of Education and West Vancouver Schools standards, ensuring safety and belonging for all.

 Review here: [Irwin Park Code of Conduct](#)

Parents' Tech Teachable Moment

This week's resource from **Cari Wilson, District VP of Digital Literacy & Technology**:

 ***Understanding Snapchat*** - a guide for parents on this ever-present social media outlet for communication amongst teens; *(See attached document)*

 ***Understanding Discord*** — a guide for parents on this popular gaming/chat platform, outlining pitfalls and how to protect your child; *(See attached document)*

Hot Lunch Orders – Open Now!

Order Fall Term lunches through **MunchALunch**:

- Order up to 5 days before lunch day
- Customize orders each week
- New users must register at MunchALunch.com

✉ Questions? Email ippac@wvschools.ca

⚠ Reminder: please send cutlery or chopsticks with your child.

🧑‍🎓 **Term 1 After-School Activities – Registration Open**

Our after-school and lunch programs are back! Sports, yoga, art, theatre, and more.

📎 See attached program guide : After-School Programs Registration

✉ Contact program providers directly for questions.

📱 **Personal Digital Devices (PDD) – Policy Reminder**

All Grade 4–7 students attended Mr. Campbell's **BYOD & Digital Citizenship Assembly** on Sept 11. Key expectations:

- **8:20–8:50 am:** No cell phone use on school grounds (no social media, searches, or image sharing)
- **8:50 am–2:50 pm:** PDDs must remain off/in lockers or backpacks
- Students may not text/call home directly — all communication must go through the office

📎 Parents: Please avoid calling or texting during school hours. For urgent matters, contact the school office.

🤝 **Parent & Family Opportunities**

✱ **Special Olympics BC Programs** for children with intellectual disabilities & neurodivergence:

- *Active Start (Ages 2–6)*: Family-centered activities introducing movement, play, confidence, and social skills
- *FUNdamentals (Ages 7–11)*: Builds on Active Start, introducing sport skills in a fun, inclusive way

📄 See attached flyer for details & registration, or connect with Mr. Campbell for first-hand context.

Aron Campbell

Principal

Irwin Park Elementary