

Irwin Park E-Bulletin - Fri Sept 26th 2025

Important Dates:

Mon Sept 29th	Orange Shirt Day – Wear Orange!
Tues Sept 30 th	National Truth and Reconciliation Day (Stat Holiday) -No School
Wed Oct 1 st	Kindergarten Parent Social – 2:50 pm
Fri Oct 3 rd	ELL Parent Orientation 1:50 – 2:50 PM
Fri Oct 3 rd	World Teachers’ Day
Wed / Thurs - Oct 8 & 9	IP Parent/Teacher Interviews – Early Dismissal 12:00 pm
Mon Oct 13 th	Thanksgiving Holiday – School not in Session

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

It has been a busy and rewarding week at Irwin Park with a focus on **physical literacy** and building our students’ confidence in athletics.

- Our Grade 4/5 students spent 2 days engaged with **Bike Hub**, an organization dedicated to Bike Safety and Handling. Students learned the rules of the road in

class and on their bikes outside, helping them build their confidence and keep our kids safe while riding. Unlike Mr. C! 😊👤🔪

- Our primary students worked with **Coach Dan** from the [WV Little League Baseball Association](#) and Ms. Daniels in the gym, developing the foundational skills of throwing and catching over three days this past week.
- The whole school came together for our annual **Terry Fox Run for the Cure**—a heartfelt thank you to the many families who donated generously both online and at school.

Research shows that healthy bodies and [active, confident kids thrive not only physically, but also in academics and social relationships](#). Thank you for supporting these important experiences.

Finally, I want to highlight an upcoming **English Language Learning Parent Information Session**, presented by our ELL team on **Friday, October 3rd at 1:50 pm**. All families are welcome—please see the details below. Look forward to seeing many of our families at this important event.

♥ **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 in a variety of locations, including London Drugs. Proceeds from these sales are usually directed to Indigenous foundations. Ms. Harrington, our Teacher Librarian, and classroom teachers have used the past week and this coming Monday to explore a variety of Indigenous education experiences to highlight First Peoples' culture as well as every Canadian's

role in understanding, healing, and celebrating the beauty and strength of Indigenous culture.

 **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.

 **ELL Parent Information Session – Fri Oct 3rd @ 1 :50 pm**

We invite all Irwin Park parents and guardians of **English Language Learners** to join us for an **ELL Information Meeting** on:

 **Friday, September 26**

 **3:30 – 4:30 pm**

 **Irwin Park Library**

At this session, you will:

-  Meet our amazing **ELL Specialist Teachers** and the **North Shore Impact Family Liaison Team**
-  Learn about the **English Language Learning program** at Irwin Park
-  Hear how we support students in building English skills for both school and social success
-  Ask questions and connect with other families

We hope you can join us for this helpful and welcoming session!

 **Panther P.R.I.D.E. Spirit Wear is here!**

Online Ordering Now Open!

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

Sale runs until **October 19th - go to →**

<https://irwinparkspiritwearstore.itemorder.com/shop/home/> **(if link is disabled, please paste the link into your browser)**

- Samples are on display in the **Grade 4/5 hallway in the coming week!**
- QR Codes are available there to order directly

Show your **Panther P.R.I.D.E.** and wear your school colours with P.R.I.D.E.! Hurry while supplies last – Makes a great holiday gift!

 **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 – click [here](#)

? Problems? Contact your child's teacher **or** go to

<https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code> and enter code:

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 **Cross Country Team –Next Races – Oct 7th**

Our **Grade 3–7 Cross Country Team** heads into its 3rd week but no race this week due to Stat Holiday.

- Next practice: **Monday Sept 29th at 8:15 am**
- District Meet: **Tues Oct 7th at Ambleside Park (after school)**

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🔔 PARENT NOTE: The Importance of Being On Time at Irwin Park

At Irwin Park, we want every child to start their day in the best way possible. **Arriving on time each morning** is key to helping students settle into important classroom routines, build self-regulation skills, and maximize their learning.

When students are late, not only do they miss valuable instructional time, but the disruption also affects the entire class. Over time, this can create academic and social-emotional challenges that are difficult to overcome.

We **ask families to make a consistent effort to ensure children arrive at school on time each day.**

Punctuality is more than just about the school schedule—it is an invaluable life skill that sets the foundation for future success. Let's work together to give our Panthers the best start to their day, every day!

■ 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)*

📱 Personal Digital Devices (PDD) – Policy Reminder for Parents (Cell Phone and Smart Watch Use)

Key expectations:

- **8:20–8:50 am:** No student cell phone /smart watch use on school grounds (no texting, 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 with teacher permission

 **Parents:** Please avoid calling or texting during school hours. For urgent matters, contact the school office. In addition, please be mindful of your smartphone use inside the building as well as on our school grounds during pick up and drop off. Let's try to set an example for our kids to ***Disconnect to Reconnect!***

Thank you for your continued support.

Aron Campbell

Principal

Irwin Park Elementary