

Irwin Park E-Bulletin – Friday, November 28th

Important Dates:

- **Fri Dec 5th** – Term 1 Learning Updates Published on MyEd Family Portal
- **Thurs Dec 11th**: Winter Concert – Primary 1:30 – 2:30; Intermediate Bands & Choir 5:30 – 6:30 pm
- **Fri Dec 12th**: Santa's Workshop in the IP GYM
- **Mon Dec 15th**: IPPG Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Important Links for Parents :

- [WVSD Parent/Caregiver Digital Guides – How to Keep Your Child Safe Online](#)
- [What is an appropriate age for a child to have a cell phone?](#)
- **Irwin Park School Calendar 25-26**
- **Munchalunch Hot lunch orders**
- Term 1 After School Activities Registration



A Message from the Principal –

A sincere thank you to our outstanding **Irwin Park Panther Parent Volunteers** for making this year's **Scholastic Book Fair** such a success. Ms. Harrington, our Teacher-Librarian, was so appreciative of their energy and support, as her team welcomed students and families into the library throughout the week to explore a wonderful assortment of reading treasures. With **over \$7,000 in sales**, we are pleased to share that the

proceeds will be reinvested directly into our library, allowing us to add even more current and engaging titles to support our students' love of reading and strengthen one of the most important lifelong skills.

Another heartfelt thank you goes to our exceptional **IPPG Event Committee** for organizing this evening's **IPPGFamily Movie Night**. Despite all being in order and every detail taken care of, no one could prevent the unpredictable triggering of not 1, but 2 fire alarms, which eventually meant we had to cancel our event. However, we are **hosting a re-screening for all students who are interested to join this Fri Nov 28th at 2:50 pm** in the IP GYM. More details below.

A huge shout out to our amazing Gr 7 Volleyball Teams. While our Gr 7 Boys team didn't place in the top 3 they demonstrated strong sportsmanship and determination in their courtside battle at Rockridge Secondary this past week. Mr. Heale and Ms. Kozak were very pleased. However, our Gr 7 Girls Volleyball team, demonstrated amazing skill and teamwork bringing home the **Gr 7 Girls Volleyball District Championship Trophy** for the 2nd year in a row. We can't say enough thanks to our amazing coaches Ms. King and Ms. Sullivan, and our parent volunteer coaches, including Coach Gaby, Coach Niloufar and Ms. Tracey. Our Panthers are shining!

And finally, we are reaching out to our parent community to consider getting involved with the IPPG, as our core group of volunteers is running thin. We have had several

wonderful events already this year and want to ensure that we can sustain this positive energy throughout the months ahead. Research shows that student success and esteem increases when there is direct parent involvement at school, and we would love to hear how you might be able to lend a hand—whether it is an hour here or an hour there. **Your time, energy, and connection make a difference.**

Our Santa's Workshop event is fast approaching. Please consider how you can support this special tradition and consider signing up here!

E Bulletin Highlights:

- *IPPG Movie Afternoon – FRI Nov 28th at 2:50 pm*
- *Santa's Workshop Donations Needed Now!!*
- *How to ACCESS your Child's Term 1 Learning Update*
- *Staff Appreciation Luncheon – Pls Donate Your Culinary Skills*
- *Become a Class Parent*
- *Winter Weather Protocols – Pls Read.*



IPPG MOVIE NIGHT AFTERNOON– Friday Nov 28th

Due to a mechanical malfunction in our fire alarm system, our original event last Friday evening had to be cancelled. The IPPG wanted to make it up to all who came out to support by hosting a re-screening in the gym this Friday after school. Details are below:

Date: Friday, November 28

Location: Irwin Park Gym at 2:50 pm

Schedule

- **2:50 p.m.** – Grade 7 students will open the concession stand (cash only)
- **3:10 p.m. (sharp)** – Movie begins – *Night at the Museum*
- **4:45 p.m.** – Movie ends
- **4:50 pm** – Parent/Guardian Pick Up
- **5:00 pm** – Parent Pick Up is complete

Who May Attend

- All students in Gr 1-7 can attend. **Pls see the Supervision notes below.** Tickets Not Required
- KG students will require parent/adult supervision to be present at the movie.
- All students must be picked up at 5:00 pm deadline.
- For adults, only those who already had tickets for the original Movie Night may attend this make-up showing.

Supervision and Volunteers

Select members of our IPPG Executive will oversee the setup and playing of the movie.

However, this event **will** be largely unsupervised. Of course, while we will have IPPG members in the gym

during the showing, the IPPG or the school cannot provide individual supervision for students who attend this event.

The IPPG is seeking a few additional parent volunteers to assist with clean-up and putting equipment away at the end of the event, as we will need to leave the school by about 5:00 p.m. If you can help, please plan to stay for a few minutes after the movie.

Santa's Workshop – Friday, December 12 (all day!) 🧑‍🎄

Our beloved IP tradition is back! Students will shop for gently used treasures for their family in the school gym during school hours.

We need your help -- donate, Donate, DONATE!!!

- We need **enough items for the 410 students** to purchase anywhere between **3-4 gifts!**
- Please donate gently used items (books, toys, jewelry, bags, cups, etc.)
- **Drop-off:** At the school's front doors or in the classrooms
- **Please do NOT bring:** Clothes, shoes, or opened and used products

More details coming soon—stay tuned! 😊

👉 **Volunteer for Santa's Workshop** (*Assist with setup, sales, or cleanup!*)

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UraPQK6KV059mfGvjSkvZe4mTofw1pyCmvL9oM_hEC8/edit?usp=sharing

Term One Learning Updates – Coming December 5th, 2025

On Friday, December 5th, 2025, students will receive their Term One Learning Update (Report Card). This document is delivered electronically via the MyEducation BC Family Portal.

For families who may be less familiar with the format, the Learning Update can sometimes be a bit challenging to interpret. To support parents in understanding how their child's progress is communicated, our **Vice Principal, Ms. Bleim**, has created two short and easy-to-follow videos:

 **Understanding the Proficiency Scale**
Watch here

 **How to Read Your Child's Learning Update**
Watch here

We encourage all parents to review these helpful resources. They explain how your child is assessed using the Ministry of Education Proficiency Scale and what each level of proficiency represents based on their learning to this point in the school year.

If you have questions about how to access your child's Learning Update through the MyEducation BC Family Portal, West Vancouver Schools has also created updated guides and videos to make the process easier.

Staff Appreciation Lunch – Monday Dec. 15 (12:30-1:10 pm) 📍

Calling all amazing cooks! Do you have a signature dish? This is your chance to show appreciation to our incredible staff.

More info will follow—get ready to share your culinary talents! 😊

 **Volunteer for Staff Lunch** (*Bring a dish or help organize!*)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13BSwwGpVKJn2FZz58hjLLHxcCmfgyxHZL2sVzss8sQo/edit?usp=sharing>

♣ **Become a Class Parent!**

We currently have **8 divisions without class parents**, and we need YOU!

Class parents play a key role in:

- Keeping families informed about upcoming events
- Organizing parent volunteers when needed

The commitment is minimal but **essential for building a strong school community**.

If you're interested or want more info, **please connect with your classroom teacher**

Winter Weather Protocols: Pls Read!

With the weather forecast indicating a drop in temperature and the potential of flurries, we wanted to remind everyone in the Irwin Park Community of the West Vancouver Schools ***Winter Weather*** protocols.

West Vancouver Schools endeavours to keep schools open on regular instructional days, including those with accumulating snowfall ([Weather Closures and Procedures](#)). The Superintendent will make any decision to close schools based on the safety of students and staff. We aim to communicate any decision to close schools by 6:00 a.m.

As part of our ongoing effort to keep parents informed and aware of any school emergency, **such as closure, power outages or severe weather or safety alerts we offer an SMS/Text Message option for all parents.** Please text a "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 to ensure you are on the list.

Please be sure to check the [school district website](#) for the most current information on school closures.

Thank you for your ongoing support and flexibility. Should you have any questions, please reach out to our office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Aron Campbell
Principal

Irwin Park Elementary