

Irwin Park E-Bulletin – Fri Oct 31st 2025

Important Dates:

Mon Nov 3 rd – 5 th	3 Treat Maximum In Effect at Irwin Park – see below for details; no treats after Nov 5 th
Wed Nov 5 th	Student Portrait Picture Retakes
Monday Nov 10 th	Remembrance Day Assembly 11:15 AM
Tuesday, Nov 11 th	Remembrance Day – Statutory Holiday
Monday Nov 17 th	Scholastic Book Fair @ IP

Important Links for Parents :

- [What is an appropriate age for a child to have a cell phone?](#)
- **Irwin Park School Calendar 25-26**
- **Online Policy & Procedures Permission Form – 25/26 – MUST BE COMPLETED**
- **Munchalunch Hot lunch orders**
- Term 1 After School Activities Registration



A Message from the Principal - Thank You, IPPG!



What an *amazing* night we had at the **2025 IPPG Halloween Dance** on Thursday, October 30th!  
The Irwin Park Gym was alive with music, laughter, and

some incredible costumes and dance moves from our goblins and ghouls! 🎃

A huge **thank-you** to our **IPPG Event Team** and the many **parent volunteers** who made this event such a success. Your creativity, organization, and commitment brought so much joy to our students and families.

Highlights included:

🎧 An awesome live set from **DJ Hamid** (one of our very own IP parents!)

👤 A fun-filled **costume contest**

🎃 A colourful **pumpkin decorating contest**

💃 And, of course, some unforgettable dance performances from our Panthers!

Thank you as well to all the families who purchased tickets and supported this important **IPPG fundraiser**. Your continued involvement makes events like this possible — and memorable! Be sure to check out the highlights from the contests on our Instagram channel.

E Bulletin Highlights:

- *Halloween 3 Treat Maximum for 3 Days*
- *Parent Education Opportunity – Cellphones – What's Healthy & What's Not*
- *Physical Literacy Visit at IP – Reminders!*
- *West Van Little League Registration – Now Open*
- *Hot Lunch Reminders – Changing Orders & Pack Cutlery*
- *Parenting Questions – We want to know!!*
- *We Scare Hunger - Halloween Food Drive*

🔔 **3-Treat Maximum @ Irwin Park – A Post-Halloween School Tradition!**

To help keep energy levels steady (and the sugar rushes in check!), Irwin Park will continue our annual 3-Treat Maximum following Halloween.

Students may bring up to 3 treats per day for 3 school days only. After that, Halloween candy should stay at home to be enjoyed there.

And yes — *if those treats happen to be **Kit Kats**, they must, of course, be turned in to the Principal immediately for "safety reasons."* 😊 *Reasons recently verified by the **P.R.F.P.R.** (Principal Research for Personal Reasons) Foundation* 😊

Thank you, families, for supporting moderation and helping our Panthers stay focused, healthy, and happy!

😊 Reminder: **As of Wednesday, November 5, Halloween treats are to be enjoyed at home.**

💬 Parent Education Opportunity – Cellphones & Kids

The **IPPG** and **Mr. Campbell** are pleased to share an invitation from our neighbours at **PJ PAC** to a valuable **Parent Education Evening** with best-selling author **Hannah Beach**.

📅 **Wednesday, November 13 | 6:30 p.m.**

💻 **Virtual Presentation (via Zoom)**

 Topic: *Cellphones – What's Healthy, What's Not, and How We Can Support Our Kids*

Many of today's children are anxious, distracted, or disconnected as they navigate the constant pull of technology. In this warm and conversational session, Hannah Beach will share **practical strategies** for parents to help children manage device use, strengthen relationships, and find balance in a digital world.

 **Best for parents of K–7 students**, but all are welcome!

 **Register here:** [Zoom Registration Link](#)

After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email with the meeting details.

Special thanks to the **PJ PAC** and Principal Robyn Evans for sponsoring this important event! 

 What is Physical Literacy & Why Does It Matter?

This week, we once again welcomed WVSD Physical Literacy Experts and Mentors, **Amber Pasqual and Erin Crawford** to Irwin Park to work with our students to remind them the importance of moving their bodies every day. Physical literacy isn't just about being active—it's about giving kids the **motivation, confidence, and skills** to enjoy movement for life.

Why It Matters:

When children develop physical literacy early, they're more likely to:  Stay active into adulthood  Build confidence in their abilities  Improve focus and school performance  Boost mood and emotional wellbeing  Make meaningful friendships

The Building Blocks:

- **Movement Competence** – Learning how to move
- **Confidence** – Believing they can do it
- **Motivation** – Wanting to participate
- **Knowledge** – Understanding why it matters

Remember:

Every move counts! It doesn't have to be perfect—it just needs to be **FUN**. 🦋 Try dancing, exploring parks, playing with friends, or trying something totally new. The goal? Help kids find activities they LOVE. **Aim for:** 60+ minutes of active play daily



🏈 West Vancouver Little League Registration

West Vancouver Little League recently visited Irwin Park to deliver a fun and energetic **“Introduction to Baseball Throwing Workshop”** for our primary students — and the feedback was fantastic! 🙌

🌟 **Registration is now open for T-Ball and Baseball** programs for **boys and girls ages 5–15**.

📅 **Spring Season:** Early April – Mid-June

★ **Summer:** All-Star Season

🍂 **Fall:** Fall Ball (September – October)

👧 Check out programs for:

- Girls Only 🏈
- T-Ball | Farm | Minors | Majors

👉 **Join Us!** Register here: West Vancouver Little League Registration

PARENT CORNER: **Your Questions Matter!**

Parenting today brings both joys and challenges, and we know that many families are navigating similar questions about children's learning, friendships, technology, and well-being. We'd love to hear from you!

If there's a **"burning question"** you've been wondering about — something you'd like to understand better or a topic you'd like more guidance on — please take a moment to share it with us using the short form below.

We have received minimal interest thus far in this opportunity and would like to ensure that we use our time wisely. Please reach out at the link below. Your input will help us better understand **what kinds of supports, conversations, or resources** might be most helpful for our Irwin Park parent community.

Click [here](#) to fill out an anonymous form to help us learn more!

If we measure sufficient interest and similar questions being generated, we will consider establishing a meaningful forum where we can provide support and research-based information to parents. We appreciate your patience as we collect this information and measure momentum in our community.

☺ **We Scare Hunger! – Food Drive Reminder** 🎃 **Thank you to those families who have donated!**

As we head toward Halloween, our **Grade 6/7 Leadership Club** is once again leading Irwin Park's **We Scare Hunger Food Drive** 💖 in support of local families in need.

We encourage all families to **stock up on non-perishable food items** this week and send them to school 🏫 to help fill our collection bins. Your donation will make a real difference in the lives of those living with less across the Lower Mainland.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us live our **Panther P.R.I.D.E.** values of **Empathy** and **Inclusion** 💖. Together, we can make this Halloween season one that's about caring and community — not just candy! 🍬

🍴 **Hot Lunch Reminders**

Please take note of the following guidelines for our Hot Lunch Program:

- **Please remember to pack cutlery on your child's hot lunch day(s)**
- The order cycle runs from Tuesday to the following Monday.
- Changes or cancellations can be made until Sunday at 5:00 pm (before the new week begins).

- After the Sunday 5:00 pm deadline, no modifications or cancellations can be accepted.
- Please avoid ordering hot lunch on your child's field trip day.
- If your child is absent on a day you've ordered lunch, please email the school office. If office capacity allows, we can sometimes arrange to have your child's lunch picked up at the end of the school day.
- Any credits will be applied automatically to your Munchalunch account for future purchases.
- For questions or feedback, please contact ippgtr@gmail.com.
- Please do not contact vendors directly, as all orders are managed through the school's system to ensure accuracy and smooth coordination.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Aron Campbell
Principal**

Irwin Park Elementary