

## Irwin Park E-Bulletin – Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### 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:

- **Mon - Fri March 9th - 13th** - IP Dance In Schools Week!
- **Fri March 13<sup>th</sup>** – Student Final Dance Performance
- **Fri March 13th** - Term 2 Learning Updates Published Online
- **Fri March 13th** - Last Day of Term 2 - Prior to Spring Break
- **Mon March 23<sup>rd</sup> 30th** - First Day Back to School - Term 3 Begins!

#### Important Links for Parents :

- [Irwin Park School Calendar 25-26](#)
- [Munchalunch](#) Hot lunch orders
- [Winter Term IP After School Extra Curricular Activities – Sign Up](#)



### A Message from the Principal

We have had a busy week as we near the end of the term with 6 classes involved in Victory Garden Workshops on Tuesday and Wednesday, thanks to the generous support of our amazing IPPG funding. In addition, all four of our Gr 4/5 Classrooms travelled to Chinatown in Downtown Vancouver to experience a step back in time to visit the [Chinatown Storytelling Center](#), the [Chinese Canadian Museum](#) and the famous and [beautiful Sun Yet Sen Chinese Garden](#). A big thank you to our Gr 4/5 Parent Volunteers who were so generous with their time and make these experiences for our students possible.

Before closing, I want to take a moment to speak directly to families who may be experiencing worry, sadness, or uncertainty due to current events in different parts of the world — particularly in Iran and the broader Middle East. Many in our school community have personal connections, loved ones, and deep cultural roots in regions that are facing instability and hardship. Regardless of personal perspectives or backgrounds, I want to acknowledge that these events can bring up a wide range of emotions — concern, fear, frustration, uncertainty, and longing for those who may be far away and difficult to reach at this time.

Please know that our hearts and thoughts are with all families who are impacted, directly or indirectly. In times like these, what matters most is our shared commitment to empathy, understanding, and the care we show one another here at school. At Irwin Park, our goal is to ensure that every child and every family feels seen, respected, and supported. While our efforts are far from perfect, we work hard to provide a safe and welcoming environment where all students can learn, celebrate their identities, and feel a sense of belonging — especially during moments that may be difficult beyond our school walls.

If your child needs additional support, or if there is anything you feel the school team should be aware of as your family navigates this time, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your continued trust in our

school and for the strength, kindness, and cultural richness our families bring to our community.

— Mr. Campbell

## **E Bulletin Highlights:**

- *Dance Week at Irwin Park is here!! Student Performances March 13th*
- *The Card Project Returns – Online Sales Start March 30th!*
- *Nowruz Recognition at Irwin Park – Haft Seen Table*
- *Term 2 Learning Updates – Access via the MyED Family Portal*
- *Summer Learning Registration Information for Families*
- *Important Parent and Student Safety Reminder! – **STAFF PARKING LOTS OUT OF BOUNDS***

### **Dance Week at Irwin Park – March 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>**

With the generous support of IPPG Funding, we are excited to have the multi talented and amazing, Vice Principal Bleim back teaching dance to the whole school next week!

This is a terrific Physical Literacy opportunity for our students as they spend a week learning choreography and performance skills. A huge thank you to the IPPG for their support to make this happen. Each class will spend time in the gym learning and practicing their routines throughout the week. On Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> , we will host a very informal showcase at which families are welcome to attend if they are available (note space is limited) and therefore due to our large student population we will be hosting two shows at 1:30 pm and 2:00 pm. Please see

your child's division performance time and pencil it in to your calendar to come and enjoy their hard work.

**1:30 – 2:00pm – Divisions: 16, 15, 12, 11, 8, 6, 3, 2**

**2:00 – 2:30pm – Divisions: 14, 13, 10, 9, 7, 5, 4, 1a**

### **The Card Project Returns to Irwin Park – Online Sales Open Mon March 30th**

We are excited to bring back **The Card Project** at Irwin Park! This year, every student from Kindergarten to Grade 7 has created a unique artwork that can be turned into high-quality keepsakes. **Online ordering opens Monday, March 30, 2026.** Families will be able to purchase greeting cards, mugs, calendars, tote bags, canvas prints, and more—each featuring your child's art. With **20% of every purchase from the Card Project going back to the school**, all funds raised will support new **student iPads and school modernization efforts**. Your purchases help enhance learning while celebrating our students' creativity.

Samples of available products will be displayed soon on the Card Project Bulletin Board outside the school office. Stay tuned for our school access code and more details next week! Thank you for supporting Irwin Park and our young artists! Please see the attached PDF for more information!

### **Nowruz Recognition at Irwin Park**

This week, parent volunteers created a beautiful Haft-Seen table in our front foyer, complete with the seven symbolic items that represent renewal, rebirth, and the arrival of spring. Throughout the school, we have also been sharing Nowruz traditions from around the world and exploring the many cultural practices connected to this special time of year. Several classrooms are marking the occasion with learning activities and displays that highlight the richness of this celebration.

A heartfelt thank-you to the parent volunteers from our Persian community who have generously given their time to make this special time of year meaningful at Irwin Park. While Nowruz may be celebrated amidst uncertainty in some parts of the world, the beauty and significance of this cultural tradition remain enduring and appreciated.

**Term 2 Learning Updates – Published Fri March 13<sup>th</sup> via the MyED BC Family Portal-**

Then take some time to familiarize yourself with the Family Portal. The district has provided a great deal of useful information and answered frequently asked questions about the Family Portal at this link:

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/family-portal>

Please note that families who already have set up their Family Portal (through a different district or have an older child at a secondary school) will use their current log in information and password to gain access to your child's Term 2 Learning Update.

Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, Communicating Student Learning Reports will be posted on this portal. NO PAPER COPIES OF REPORTS WILL BE SENT HOME. Be ready by setting up your MyEd BC Family Portal now. If you have any questions in how to access your child's Learning Update be sure to reach out to Ms. Verdicchio in our school office prior to the March 13<sup>th</sup> publication date.

### 2026 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools

Save the date! **Summer Learning registration for current West Vancouver Schools students begins the week of April 8, 2026**, with staggered opening times by grade.

This summer, West Vancouver Schools will offer a refreshed selection of **Summer Learning courses for elementary and secondary students**, delivered at the following sites:

- **Ridgeview Elementary**
- **Irwin Park Elementary**
- **West Vancouver Secondary School**

### Important Registration Updates

Summer Learning registration procedures have changed. Families should be aware of the following:

- **Students may register for only one course.**
- Registration for current WVS students occurs through **SchoolCash Online**.
- A **\$100 deposit** is required for each course. Placement is determined by the **date and time** the registration item is submitted and deposit paid.

- Students must attend the program as scheduled; attendance expectations apply to qualify for deposit refunds.

## **Registration Opens (by grade level): Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 8:00 AM**

- Current Grade 11
- Current Grades K–6

## **Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 8:00 AM**

- Current Grade 10

## **Friday, April 10, 2026 at 8:00 AM**

- Current Grades 7, 8, and 9

For more information, including course offerings and program details, please visit:

 <https://westvancouver schools.ca/summer-learning/>

### **STAFF PARKING LOTS ARE NOT FOR PEOPLE**

Please remember that **student drop-off is not permitted in any staff parking lot. In addition, families are asked not to walk through the Staff Parking area. Instead, use the established sidewalk to enter school grounds.** Parents should **never** drive into staff lots for drop-off or pick-up, and pedestrians should **not** walk through them.

Should repeated safety concerns arise, **parents are reminded to conduct themselves respectfully and**

**calmly,** and to notify staff in a timely manner at [irwinpark@wvschools.ca](mailto:irwinpark@wvschools.ca)

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**Aron Campbell**

Principal

Irwin Park Elementary