



Irvine Elementary

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Let's enjoy it while we can!

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Our Mission Statement at Irvine Elementary is, "Working together to create a safe and nurturing environment that challenges and motivates our students and promotes a lifelong joy of learning."

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

March	8	Kindergarten field trip to the VSO - 8:45-12:15
	8	Hot Lunch (PAC Sponsored) - Little Caesars
	11	Young Performers Workshop 3:00-4:15 in the library
	12	Classroom and Panorama Photos
	12	TCBY - after school (by the cage outside) 2:45-3:15
	13	Term 2 reports home
	13	School traffic safety presentation (sponsored by SD43 DPAC): 7:00-8:30pm in the Gallery Room at Winslow Centre (1100 Winslow Ave., Coquitlam); see information below
	14	Early dismissal (1:43)
	15	Last day of school before Spring Break
	18-29	Spring Break
April	1	School Reopens

Principal's Message

Communication between school and home is an extremely important element for successful schools. Doing so lets us know important information that is happening in the lives of your children, and similarly, we can tell you about your child's successes and challenges that we are seeing at school.

When a mistake or poor choice happens at school, we will do our best to deal with the problem. We expect kids to make mistakes and our goal is to help students learn from them. If your child comes home and tells you something that happened at school, please contact your child's teacher first. By giving us a heads up, we can deal with situations when they are small. In this way, we are able to address the problem and then move on from it.

When students make a mistake or poor choice, it is an opportunity to teach them about how they can better the situation and the relationship that has been affected. This is what our goal is for your children. Learning these lessons early is crucial to developing success and resiliency.

Sometimes there is a tendency for parents to want to talk to other parents about a situation (perhaps a friend to get their input, or the parent of another student that might have been involved in the situation). Getting more parents involved often only makes the problem much larger and more complicated. The result is that it then takes much longer to resolve the problem. By working together, we can be better able to address problems and challenges early when they are small and not let them become much bigger.

Thank you

D. Shannon

Student Drop off

We have been noticing that some students are being dropped off really early in the mornings. When students arrive early, there is no supervision for them and this is a safety issue. Breakfast club begins at 8:15. Students who arrive a few minutes earlier may sit at the office (not wander the school) and wait until 8:15. Outside supervision does not begin until 8:25. We ask that you please be aware of these times and that you drop off your children accordingly.

Traffic Concerns and Safety around Irvine

I wanted to include this message again, but also wanted to add some other information about traffic safety. Students are making their way to the front doors of the school by walking through the parking lot. Please let your children know to walk around the parking lot rather than through it. Traffic can get busy in the mornings and we do not want to see any accidents. This is also true for students riding bikes.

On both Wellington and on Renton, there is signage that is clearly visible that lets you know where you are not allowed to stop or park. On Wellington, this extends from the lower parking lot to Renton Ave. (on both sides of the road) and on Renton, the signage is in several places along the entire Avenue. On Wellington, stopping near the crosswalk to let your children out to come down the steps into the front doors of the school may just, "take a second," but when you do this, you obstruct the view of other drivers along Wellington and put anyone trying to cross the street at risk (because drivers may not see them). Add to this that cars are often speeding along Wellington (PLEASE WATCH YOUR SPEED IN ALL SCHOOL ZONES) and it makes things even more dangerous.

Traffic safety is (likely) an issue in all schools. I know that the vast majority of people obey the traffic signs. I also know that there are some days when, for whatever reason, we are in a hurry, late, etc. I ask that you take the extra time necessary to ensure the safety of your own children as well as the safety of the rest of the children that attend Irvine.

Two final notes: please do not park on any of the streets and block driveways. I know that this is something that should be straightforward, but it happens. **Also please remember that the upper parking lot is for staff only. The only exception to this are the two spaces for those with parking permits. Please do not park in either of these spaces unless you have an appropriate permit. The staff parking lot is not a drop off area.** Thank you.

Traffic safety meeting

On this same topic, the SD43 DPAC (District Parent Advisory Council) is having a school traffic safety session on March 13th at Winslow Center. It should be a good opportunity to see what DPAC, SD43 and the RCMP might have to offer.

TOPICS FOR THE SESSION WILL INCLUDE:

Driving today
Road rule refresher
Police reporting
Personal safety
Pedestrian safety (walking to school)
Transit safety

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Gallery Room, Winslow Centre, 1100 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam

Register: The event is FREE, but they ask that you please register.

Full information is here:

<https://dpac43.ca/school-traffic-safety-free-parent-information-session-for-all-parents-of/>

PAC News

PAC meetings are held in the school library and begin at 6:30pm. Our PAC Meeting Schedule is as follows:

April 17, 2019 (6:30pm-8:00pm)

May 15, 2019 (6:30pm-8:00pm)

June 19, 2019 (PAC Social 7:00pm-10:00pm)

District / Community News

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