



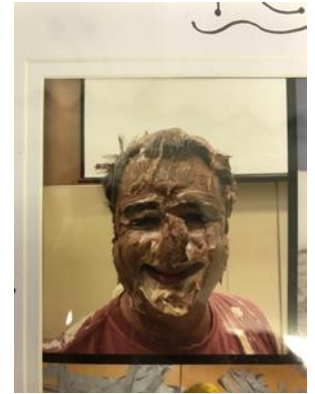
Irvine Elementary

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Here we go again...

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

October	21	Federal Election – polling will be in the gym
	21	TCBY PAC treat day
	22	Artstarts presentation – Motivational Magic with Steve Harmer 1:00pm in the gym
	22,29	Beyond the Bell – Indoor Soccer 2:45-3:45 in the gym
	24,31	Beyond the Bell – Science Nuts 2:45-3:45 in the gym
	24	Fruit/Vegetable/Milk Day (thanks to PAC for their work with this)
	25	Professional Development Day (provincial)
	28	Beyond the Bell – Let's Dance 2:45-3:45 in the gym
	31	Halloween Parade (1:00pm – 2:00pm) – throughout school
November	1	Pajama Day
	1	Coffee with the Principal (8:45-9:30) in the conference room
	1	Hot Lunch Day (PAC Sponsored) – Booster Juice
	4,18,25	Beyond the Bell – Let's Dance 2:45-3:45 in the gym
	5,12,19,26	Beyond the Bell – Indoor Soccer 2:45-3:45 in the gym
	7	Fruit/Vegetable/Milk Day (thanks to PAC for their work with this)
	8	Remembrance Day Assembly – 11:00am in the gym
	8,15,22,29	Music Adventure – Piano (2:55-3:55) in room #113
	11	Remembrance Day
	13	Student Photo Retakes

Principal's Message

Next Thursday (Oct. 24) we will be having our school assembly in which three students will get to pie me in the face! Students will be called down to the gym at 2:00pm and the assembly will start once everyone arrives. If you are free, you are welcome to join us in the gym. Thank you to all our families who donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. Your generosity made this possible. I can't wait to see how we will top this for next year....

Our value of the week for Oct. 21-24 will be HONESTY.

Great BC Shakeout

This past Thursday, we (Irvine Elementary) hosted an event to raise awareness and pay attention to the importance of emergency drills to prepare us for real life situations. Called the BC Shakeout (which takes place on the third Thursday of October), our school joined more than 1 million other participants in BC (a record setting number) and the more than 30,000,000 participants worldwide to practice the steps we would take should an earthquake occur. We had the media at our school as well as the Honorable Mike Farnworth (MLA), along with representatives from Fortis BC, the Insurance Bureau of Canada, and the BC Earthquake Alliance. Here is a news clip from twitter:

<https://twitter.com/NEWS1130/status/1185005315198259200>

All groups commented on what a great job our students did in the drill!! Way to go Irvine, particularly Division 5 (M. Stewart's class) who led the representatives in the drill.

Federal Election on Monday

Just a reminder that our school is a polling station for the federal election this Monday. Be sure to vote!

COBS bread

At our PAC meeting last week, Harald Siegemund (the owner of the COBS bakery on the Oxford Connector) presented a cheque to our PAC for \$247. If you buy anything from COBS bread at that location, all you need to do is let them know that you are, "Raising dough for Irvine" and our PAC receives a 5% kickback. Harald would like to do even more for our school and the community of Port Coquitlam, so please let the store know if you purchase anything there.

I'd like to thank Harald for his generosity and for working with the city of Port Coquitlam to build connections between business and schools.

Halloween

Halloween is just around the corner. We will be having a Halloween parade through the school on the afternoon of Oct. 31st. We ask that students not wear their costumes to school. Instead, they can bring their costumes to school and will have the opportunity to change into them at lunch time. Doing so means that the costumes won't get damaged or dirty during recess when kids are outside (and if the weather is bad, this only increases the likelihood of a wet, dirty costume and upset feelings). Also, please do not bring any accessories to school as these can get lost or damaged. Finally, I ask that you use good judgement when sending in costumes. No weapons (real or made up) should be brought to school and if you have to ask whether or not a costume is okay to wear, experience has told me that it isn't. Masks are ok, but please keep in mind that students will be going up and down stairs, so they may be asked to remove them if they severely hinder their vision (particularly on the stairs).

Holiday Concert

While it is still pretty early to be talking about the holiday concert in that will be happening in December one of our parents, Shawn Lam, has graciously offered to video the performance of each class. Being able to view your child in this performance is a keepsake that you will enjoy for years. I wanted to put this forward now to let you know that in order to do so, we will require permission for our parent to do

this. While we still need to iron out the details (regarding how you will receive the final product or whether or not a small fee is attached as a PAC fundraiser), I wanted to present this to you now. For those who have completed the necessary forms and have indicated that you are ok with your child being filmed or having his/her picture taken, this will suffice. For those who have not filled out the forms or who have indicated that they wish for their child to not have his/her picture taken, I will be following up to see if an exception can be made for the concert. Thank you to Shawn Lam for offering to do this for our school. As I mentioned earlier, this will be a keepsake that you will enjoy for years!

Staff Parking Lot

Parents, please remember that the staff parking lot should not be used to "drop off" students UNLESS you have an accessible parking permit. For those that have these displayed in their vehicles, you may use one of the two parking stalls at the front of the lot. Thank you.

Also, please refrain from walking through the parking lot with you children, or from having your children walk through the parking lot themselves, especially in the morning (but also in the afternoon as well). There are cars coming in and out of the parking lot and when the weather is bad, this can be a potential safety risk. Instead, if coming from the front of the school, use the sidewalk that runs along the front of the school. If coming from the intersection at Wellington and Renton, either use the sidewalk on Renton, or walk along the north side of the lot and then down the hill towards the portables or down the hill and then around to the sidewalk leading to the front of the school. By doing this, we minimize the risk of a potential hazard. Thank you.

PAC News

PAC meetings are held in the school library and begin at 6:30pm (usually on the third Wednesday of the month). Our PAC Meeting Schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019 6:30-8:00pm (library)
Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020 6:30-8:00pm (library)
Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020 6:30-8:00pm (library)
Wednesday, Apr. 15, 2020 6:30-8:00pm (library)
Wednesday, May 20, 2020 6:30-8:00pm (library)
Wednesday, June 17, 2020 7:00-10:00pm PAC Social - location TBD

District / Community News

Please feel free to check out the Publications and Community Listings and links on our district webpage at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Pages/publications.aspx>