



Irvine Elementary

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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

October	31	Halloween Parade (1:00pm – 2:00pm) – throughout school
	31	Beyond the Bell – Science Nuts 2:45-3:45 in the gym
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

Last Thursday, we had an assembly that was fueled with excitement over the principal getting pied in the face. While this was fun (for most people 😊) there was a message that went along with this. I wanted students to see that it is okay to periodically not take yourself so seriously. I wanted them to see that when there is a cause that is important and worth supporting, it is important to do what you can to motivate people and to have some fun. Mostly, I wanted them to see the benefits that often comes with generosity (on top of the intrinsic motivation for doing something well).

School Supplies

Thank you to those families that have purchased the school supplies that the school bought in bulk. If you have not yet paid for these, we ask that you please do so asap. If you require any special considerations, please let me know at dshannon@sd43.bc.ca or call 604 941-3408 to arrange an appointment. Thank you.

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).

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. We ask that you meet in the gym (no earlier than 12:30). All students will come through the gym and it will be the best way to see everyone!

Please see the attachment with this email regarding the appropriateness of costumes along with links to fire safety and general safety tips on Halloween.

Vandal Watch

With Halloween only a couple of days away, we ask that you please be vigilant around the school. Here is a link to the Vandal Watch program in Port Coquitlam: <https://www.portcoquitlam.ca/city-services/community-safety/vandal-watch/>. Signing up will give you access to the 24/7 tip line. If you see (or hear) activities happening on the school grounds later into the evening or you suspect or see any vandalism, please give them a call.

We Scare Hunger Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our food drive for SHARE. We will be collecting non-perishable food items until Friday, November 8th. Items can be placed on (or under) the table in the front foyer. Thank you once again for your generosity!

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!

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>