



# Irvine Elementary

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It's almost here...

**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

<b>December</b>	6	First term reports home
	7	Santa's breakfast 8:30-10:30am
	9	Holiday Concert – Dress Rehearsal 1:00-2:15pm
	10	Holiday Concert – Performances – 9:00-10:15am; 1:00-2:15pm
	11	Holiday Concert – Performance – 1:00-2:15pm
	20	Last day before Winter Break
	23-Jan. 3	Winter Break
<b>January</b>	6	School reopens

## Principal's Message

**VALUE OF THE WEEK (Dec. 2nd-6th) - JUSTICE**

## Holiday Concert

Our Holiday concert is one week away! For those who have not yet done so, tickets to either of the three performances, can be attained by going to the following Eventbrite webpage:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ecole-irvine-elementary-school-winter-concert-2019-tickets-82285228333>

Each person that logs in to Eventbrite, will have the opportunity to get 2 tickets for either of the three performances. The performances will take place on the following days and times:

Tuesday, Dec. 10 - 9:00am-10:15ish and 1:00pm-2:15ish

Wednesday, Dec. 11 - 1:00pm - 2:15ish

We will be asking parents to please line up outside at the gym doors (closest to Wellington Street). Please do not enter the gym from the inside of the school. The doors will be opened approximately 30 minutes before the performance.

**FINALLY, IF ANY PARENTS HAVE SOME SPARE TIME, WE REQUIRE 1-2 PARENTS TO VOLUNTEER FOR EACH OF THE CONCERTS TO CHECK THE TICKETS FOR THE PARENTS COMING IN. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO CHECK TICKETS (IT'S VERY EASY AND STRAIGHTFORWARD) PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHICH OF THE THREE CONCERTS YOU CAN CHECK TICKETS FOR. THANK YOU!**

## **Santa's Breakfast**

Santa's breakfast is happening this Saturday! We hope to see many families here to take part. The breakfast runs from 8:30-10:30 am. This breakfast is a cash only fundraising initiative. Prices will be the same as last year: \$3/child, \$5/adult and \$15/family. You can always donate more! Small bills to pay are very much appreciated!

Your child ticket will get you 1 turkey sausage, 1 pancake and juice. Your adult ticket will get you 2 turkey sausages, 2 pancakes and juice/coffee/tea. Hope to see you here!!

## **Winter Food Drive**

We will begin collecting food for our winter food drive. Students will be creating posters and putting them up around the school and we will have a table set up in the front foyer (similar to the "We Scare Hunger" food drive we did). There will also be opportunities to bring non perishable food items to each of the winter concerts. There will be an area at the back of the gym (where you enter) where you can place your food items. Proceeds from the Food Drive will be donated to SHARE. Thank you for your generosity.

## **KidsCAN Theatre**

KidsCAN theatre is experiencing some problems with their website and online registration system. This will impact the starting date for registration for the Theatre Noon Hour Program, but not the running of the program itself.

As a result, the date for registration has been changed. It was originally scheduled to open at 11:00am this Saturday (Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>). It is hoped that a delay of one week will be all that is needed to correct the problem. The anticipated date for registration is now Saturday, Dec. 14 at 11:00am. If there are any further delays, I will let you know.

KidsCAN apologizes for this delay.

## **School Closure due to Inclement Weather**

With next week currently showing that we may get snow (on my weather app anyways), it seems like a good time to remind parents about the process of school closures when the weather gets bad. As a general expectation, schools will remain open. If extreme weather conditions cause you to be unsure or if local conditions are unsafe, you may keep your child at home or arrange for an early dismissal. If schools are to be closed before morning classes begin, an announcement will be made on local radio stations (CKWX news 1130; CKNW 980) early in the morning. If schools in the district are closed for the day, you will be able to find out on our district webpage ([www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)) by 7:00am (at the latest).

If there is an accumulation of snow, please remember to dress students in clothing suitable for playing in the snow, to avoid disappointment and cold fingers. Snow pants and boots are always a great idea and don't forget an extra pair of gloves or mitts. Please be sure that even on those wet days (when schools

are not closed) that you make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather as we will be outside as often as possible. We want students to come to school prepared for the outdoors in much the same way we expect them to be prepared to learn indoors.

While we do our best to make sure that salt is on the ground on these colder days, please remind your children to be careful in the mornings as it can be very slippery, especially on wood and leaves. Cement can also be misleading, especially at the back of the school, where less sunlight gets through (especially in the early morning hours).

## Kindness T-shirts - "Kind is the New Cool"



### Anti-Bullying Shirts are on sale now!!!

Terry Fox Secondary Leadership classes have designed new black (with pink text) or pink (with black text) anti-bullying shirts, "KIND IS THE NEW COOL", with the hope of raising awareness and money to provide needed funds to "Kidsport Tri Cities" to help youth get involved in organized sports. Proceeds from the sale of the T-shirts go to Tri-Cities Kidsport. The cost of the shirts is \$10. Staying active through sports creates a positive atmosphere for our youth in the Tri Cities. Let's make a difference that lasts!

Please order yours through School cash online: <https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/>  
Order forms also available for pick up at the office if online payment is not an option for you.

\*Please be sure to specify your colour and size! Orders need to be in by Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks everyone for your "KINDNESS"!

## FSA Results

Results from the FSA's will be coming home this week with your child's report cards. Please note that the FSA is a snapshot of where your child is in terms of reading, writing, and numeracy. Please also note that the topics that are covered in the classroom during first term might be different from the topic(s) and types of questions that are asked on the FSA. Furthermore, in numeracy, there may be some questions asked that students have not yet reviewed this year (and have to rely on what they learned last year in order to answer the question(s)).

## Students Arriving Late

Thank you to everyone who checks into the office when their child arrives late to school. This is essential because if your child arrives late and does not report to the office and the attendance has already been posted or handed in, they will show up as being absent. This will result in a phone call home

indicating that they are not at school and the stress that results from a phone call like this is one that we want to avoid at all costs.

## **Drop off in the morning**

Thank you to those who are using the drop off on Renton. We are still seeing parents dropping off their students on Wellington St., just in front of the school. Please use Renton as the drop off for your children. As I've mentioned several times, dropping your children off on Wellington is not safe. It impacts the view of the crosswalk for drivers travelling in the opposite direction, and also puts you at risk for anyone who is travelling north along Wellington who does not see you. This is one of the reasons for the drop off area - to eliminate Wellington as a drop off option.

Please also note that students should not be arriving early to school. Some students are arriving prior to 8:00am and there is no supervision at this time.

## **Book Fair**

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

Set the example. Let children see you read.

Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.

Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates:

\*Saturday, Dec 7 - 8:30-10:30 during Breakfast with Santa

\*Tuesday, Dec 10 - 2:45-3:30 after the Christmas Concert

\*Wednesday, Dec 11 - 2:45-3:30 after the Christmas Concert

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

## **Address / phone number changes**

Please be sure to contact the office (604 941-3408) if you move or your phone number changes. It is critical that we have this updated information in case we need to reach you. Thank you.

## **School Calendar**

The SD#43 School Board has approved the next three upcoming school year calendars. There were some minor changes from the proposed calendars as result of the feedback that the district received

during the consultation process. The most notable of the changes from the proposed calendars was the moving back of Spring Break by one week for the 2020-21 school year.

They can be viewed at: [https://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/AMyCalendar/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/AMyCalendar/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

## School Supplies

Please ensure that you have paid for your child's school supplies (if you opted to purchase them through the school). If you require any special considerations, please let me know at [dshannon@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dshannon@sd43.bc.ca) or call 604 941-3408 to arrange an appointment. 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, 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

Below is the link to the latest approved SD43 community organization information listings:

<https://my432016.sd43.bc.ca/Departments/CommunityRelations/cid/default.aspx>