



# Irvine Elementary

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Here's wishing you all the very best for a happy holiday!

**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>	20	Pajama (PJ) Day
	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. 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>) - ENTHUSIASM**

**VALUE OF THE WEEK (Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>) - JOYFULNESS**

It is hard to believe that our Winter Concerts have concluded and that there is only one more week of school until the Winter Break! This week was the culmination of all the practices of singing and body movements that went into the different performances that you were able to see. Concerts such as this are special. They bring us together as a community and highlight not only the importance of working together but also show us some of the many magical possibilities that exist when we work and support each other. We are thrilled and excited to have performed for you. We hope you liked it. ☺

We have also (almost) reached the natural break at the end of the first term and like many things in life, a little time to reflect is always something good for us to practice (for ourselves) and to model (for our children). One of the important pieces to the report cards is the "Student Perspective" section. It is in this section when we can see how well our students / your children are able to reflect on the things they have done well and the things they need to work on and / or practice. I always let students know that every one of us has things that we can and should work on to better ourselves. This is a process through which students become more active participants in their learning and who they are as individuals. Having our students recognize and reflect on this, beginning at a young age, will only benefit them as they mature.

As we enter the last week of school before the break, it is also an opportunity to look forward at what the new year will bring. From all of us at Irvine to all of you, here's wishing you a happy, healthy winter break with family and friends, and all the very best for 2020 (and beyond).

Dennis

## Winter Concert(s)

Thank you to all parents and family members who were able to come and see the winter concerts. Our students did a great job with the several performances that took place. A special thank you to everyone who played a part in the success of the performances: our Winter Concert Committee - Mme. Gladue, Mr. Oun, M. Stewart, M. Escueta, Ms. Wells, Ms. MacKenney, and Ms. Faulks; classrooms for the decorations on the walls; staff members who were able to help set up the gym/decorate for the concert; Mr. Oun and Mr. Lam - for taking care of the lighting; Ms. Trumpour - music, the programs, running around to ensure everything was in order; Ms. Faulks - runners, emcees, and for organizing the tickets through EventBrite; Mr. Lam for videotaping the Wednesday afternoon performance; parents who volunteered to take tickets, who worked at the bake sale, who sold tickets for the 50/50 draw, and those who coordinated the parents each day; our student emcee's - Lea Stevens, Audrie Perrie Liam Harrison, and Chayne Reynolds; our runners - Ava Torabi, Allistair Joy, Keyan Dewji, Dani Tick, Annabelle Su, Josh Kang; our door holders - Tara Shahabi, Ana Aguiar, Mia Bourget, Josh Kang, Brittney Wilson; our parents and family members for attending; and finally our students for all the work they put in to practicing the songs and actions.

Concerts like these are great opportunities for us all to get together as a community and celebrate our school! Thank you once again for joining us for the concerts.

## Video of the Winter Concert

A huge thank you for the work that Mr. Shawn Lam did for us to videotape our Wednesday afternoon performance. Mr. Lam has requested that while there isn't a cost to see or download the video(s), he has requested that donations to the school would be welcomed. We are in the process of seeing if we can do this through the cash online system, but if not, donations can be dropped off at the school. All proceeds from the donations will go to our Breakfast Club Program. If there are specific instructions / directions about donating through the cash online system, I will forward this information to everyone.

You can view / download the Winter Concert videos at: <https://vimeopro.com/vancouvervideo/2019irvine> (the password is: 2019irvine)

Some technical notes about downloading the video(s):

The video was filmed and edited in 4K Ultra High Definition. When viewing online the video player will automatically select the highest resolution that your monitor and internet speed will allow. Do be careful when viewing the videos repeatedly online using your cell phone data.

You can also download the videos so that you have a local copy. Below is what the drop-down looks like when you click the download button below the video. There are 8 different resolution, file size, and codec options.

I am going to suggest that the majority of you will want to download the HD 1080P version or the UHD 4K versions. These use the H.264 codec and are MP4 video files that you can playback on pretty much any device that accepts video files.

The other option is the 'Original' version, which is the master HEVC H.265 video file. This version has a smaller bitrate as it uses a more efficient codec but it does not play back on as many devices.

## Book Fair

The Book Fair was a great success again this year! Thank you to everyone for your support. The Book Fair raises funds to purchase books for our library. It enables our great kids to have access to more great books. During our Book Fair this year, there were several fun contests. The winners of these were: Neveah, Kareem, Keon, Sofia, Makaela, and Samantha. Our Grand Prize winner was Alex in Mme Daoud-Hebert's class. Congratulations to all of our winners!

The Book Fair also had the help of many terrific volunteer parents this year: Grace Mah, Lindsay Hay, Maniya Bastami, Bonnie Weston, Jennifer Zurba and Genelle Oliver. Their cheerful and invaluable help is much appreciated!

A big thank you to Ms. Faulks for organizing the Book Fair and for coming in for Santa's Breakfast to open the Boo Fair to all our families!!

## Santa's Breakfast



On Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, we had an excellent showing of our community at our Santa's Breakfast. Going through this process for the first time was a special treat for me. Like our Winter Concert, having the community into the school to come together and to support a worthy cause is very commendable. We were able to raise over \$2500 which will go directly towards our Vulnerable Children's Fund. Thank you all for taking part!!

## Pajama Day

We will be having a PJ day on the last day of school, Friday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Winter Food Drive

Our food Drive will continue until Tuesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. This will give us time to sort and package it before the break. A big thank you to Mrs. Flood and the grade 5 students who helped with the organization of the food drive, the posters, and the collection of food. Well Done!! Proceeds from the Food Drive will be donated to SHARE. Thank you for your generosity.

## KidsCAN Theatre

Registration for KidsCAN theatre will take place tomorrow, Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

To register, please go to [www.kidscantheatre.com](http://www.kidscantheatre.com) and see the video for registration instructions.

## 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"!

### **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).

## 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.

## 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>