



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

January	7	School visit from Mme. Blackburn to speak to our English grade 5 students about Late French Immersion (10:55-11:15)
	9	Early Montessori Parent Information Meeting – Winslow Centre (Gallery Room - 1100 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam) – two times are available – parents can attend either from 4:00pm-5:00pm or 7:00pm-8:00pm
	13, 20	Piano – Introductory program for beginners; room #113 – 2:55pm – 3:55pm
	13	Early French Immersion Parent Information Meeting – Como Lake Middle School – 7:00pm-9:00pm
	14	Artstarts performance – Hip Hop Hoop Dance Production – 9:00am
	14	Reggio Parent Information Meeting – Meadowbrook Elementary – 6:00pm-7:00pm
	14	Late French Immersion Parent Information Meeting – Montgomery Middle – 7:00pm – 9:00pm
	15	Mandarin Parent Information Meeting – Walton Elementary – 6:00pm – 7:00pm
	15	PAC Meeting – library – 6:30pm – 8:00pm
	15	Late Montessori Parent Information Meeting – Scott Creek Middle – 7:00pm – 9:00pm
	16	Inquiry Hub Secondary (IHUB) Parent Information Meeting – IHUB - 7:00pm – 8:30pm
	16 - 22	Program of Choice Applications (online) - Elementary
	17 - 23	Program of Choice Applications (online) - Middle
	17	Hot Lunch (PAC Sponsored) - Sushi
	24	PAC Movie Night – 6:00pm – 8:00pm
	27	Professional Development Day
	30	Fruit and Vegetable Day

Principal's Message

VALUE OF THE WEEK (Jan. 6th- 10th) - SELF CONTROL

Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year! We hope that you were able to spend time with family, friends, and loved ones over the break. We are excited to get started and we have hit the ground running. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce and welcome Mr. Shaun Liew who will be in for Mr. Betts for the duration of the 2019/20 school year. Mr. Liew joins us with experience at both the secondary and middle school levels and he is happy to be joining our team at Irvine.

Each week, we focus on a different value. We highlight this value each day in the morning announcements to remind students of the importance of how this value (and all values) help us become better friends and citizens. We have also added another element to the morning announcements and that is recognizing each student on their birthday. If their birthday takes place on a weekend, it will be acknowledged at the beginning of the following week. We will also acknowledge birthdays that take place over the summer months. Finally, because it is the first year that we have done this, any grade 5 student whose birthday falls between July and December will be acknowledged before they leave Irvine in June. This way we can be sure that we have not missed anyone. On their birthday, students are to come to the office to pick up a small gift from the staff and students of the school. This is intended to be a way of building connections between students and their school (as well as highlighting their special day 😊).

With the new year upon us, things will be happening quickly around the application / registration for the various Programs of Choice offered in our school district. Programs of Choice at the elementary level include French Immersion, Montessori, Reggio, and Mandarin, and at the middle school level the Programs of Choice include Late French Immersion and Late Montessori. There are parent information meetings for all of these programs and these are listed above (and have been added to our school calendar). Parents are encouraged to attend these information sessions. **PLEASE NOTE:** to be considered for a Program of Choice, an online application **MUST** be completed - this is a must for all students (even for those who have siblings already registered in a Program of Choice)

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Kindergarten Registration (it'll be here before you know it!)

Kindergarten registration will take place from February 3rd to 5th. Please be sure to register your children at this time. Parents need to register their child at their catchment school (based on their home address). If you wish to request a transfer to a different school, you'll need to complete a cross catchment application form. This form is completed on line and will be available from Feb. 6th to Feb. 12th. Please feel free to pass this information on to any parents who do not have children already in school.

Drop off in the morning / traffic

Just a reminder that there is to be no parking Renton Avenue. This area is for drop off only. Parking creates a backup that extends to Wellington. Please also be sure to move as far forward as you can. This will limit congestion along the street and will allow others easier access to drop off their children.

Also, no one should be driving in the staff parking lot unless they have the appropriate parking permit that allows them access to the specialized parking spaces. Students are not to be dropped off in the parking lot.

Finally, please walk around the parking lot rather than through it. Doing so minimizes the risk of any accident happening, especially during these times when the weather is less than ideal and it is darker outside. Thank you to everyone who is doing their part to ensure greater safety around the school.

Students arriving at school early

Please 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. Students that arrive around 8:15 can wait quietly in the front foyer.

KidsCAN Theatre

KidsCAN theatre begins next week and will run at lunch on Mondays and Fridays (any days that are missed because of professional development days or holidays will be made up on a different day at lunchtime). Performances will happen on Feb. 27th at 11:00am (for the school) and at 7:30pm (for parents and families).

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.schoolcashionline.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 28th.**

Thanks everyone for your "KINDNESS!"

School Closure due to Inclement Weather

With the possibility of snow happening later this week, it's 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) by 7:00am (at the latest). I will also do my best to provide updates to parents to let them know what the conditions are like around the school.

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 so please be careful.

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

Please see the attachment included for information about the Tri City Eagles Field Hockey registration for the 2020 season.