



Irvine Elementary

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Be careful out there...

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	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
	17,20,24, 31	KidsCAN Theatre (TANGLED) – 12:05 – 12:45 in the gym
	20	Piano – Introductory program for beginners; room #113 – 2:55pm – 3:55pm
	22, 29	Beyond the Bell – Paper Innovations – 2:50pm – 4:20pm; room TBD
	24	PAC Movie Night – 6:00pm – 8:00pm
	27	Professional Development Day (school based)
	30	Fruit and Vegetable Day (PAC)

Principal's Message

VALUE OF THE WEEK (Jan. 13th- 17th) - SERVICE



Well hello snow!! Students had a blast throwing snowballs (in a specific area of the school - the grass field) as well as sliding down the hills (in their snow attire). With more snow on the horizon, we will see if we can have more snowball fun in the upcoming days. The idea behind allowing snowballs is to provide opportunities for students to have some fun and to show them how they can have fun within a set of rules - rules that are in place to best ensure to lessen the chance of an injury and to allow for opportunities for fun, without things getting carried away. Students are told that the idea behind throwing snowballs is to have fun. As such, facewashes, close range head shots, putting snow down someone's back or in their clothes, and ganging up on one person are not to happen. I have found that when students are given an opportunity with expectations in place, they will often raise to the level of the expectations that are provided. If this is difficult, there are consequences to remind them about what they need to do to correct their behavior. While we were only able to throw snowballs on Monday (the snow turned into ice by Tuesday), hopefully we will be able to have more fun outside.

Have a great week everyone!

Dennis

Drop off in the morning / traffic

Renton Avenue is for drop off only. I realize that this can become more of a challenge when the weather is less than ideal. Please remember to move forward as far as you can (and not to stop simply at the stairs near the portable) and once you have dropped off your child, please move out of the area so that others can drop off their children. Hanging around or parking backs everything up and this creates more congestion on Wellington. Thank you to the vast majority who follow this practice. Doing so means working together to benefit everyone. When an individual or group of people fail to follow this practice, it hinders things for everyone. As mentioned above, I am pleased with how the vast majority of parents navigate through Renton and the care and concern that is given with respect to vehicles going up and down the hill.

Reminder that 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, especially when the weather is bad (rainy, snow/ice, dark) please walk around the parking lot rather than through it and / or discuss this with your child so that they know not to walk through it. Following this will minimize the risk of any accident happening (the parking lot can be a very busy place, especially in the morning). Thank you to everyone who is doing their part to ensure greater traffic safety around the school.

Lacrosse visit and lessons



Last Wednesday and Thursday, we had members from the Port Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse Association in to teach our students about lacrosse. The students were very engaged with the drills they were taught and by all accounts had a great time. Please see the attachments with this newsletter for information about Box Lacrosse Registration

Kindergarten Registration / cross catchment information

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.

If parents wish to transfer to another school, they have to complete an online cross catchment form. Schools accepting students through the cross-catchment process do so only if they have available space. The cross-catchment process begins on Feb. 6th (at 9:00am) and runs until Feb. 12 (4:00pm)

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 Port Coquitlam Box Lacrosse Registration