



# Irvine Elementary

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See you Tuesday...

**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>February</b>	<b>3-5</b>	<b>Kindergarten Registration 8:00am-3:30pm</b>
	3,7,10,21,24	KidsCAN Theatre (TANGLED) – 12:05 – 12:45 in the gym (there will be make up days/times for those that are missed)
	3,10,24	Piano – Introduction for beginners; Room #113; 2:55pm-3:55pm
	3,10,24	Beyond the Bell – Indoor Floor Hockey – 2:50pm – 4:20pm; gym
	3,10,24	Young Performers Workshop (grs. 1-5) – Basement classroom (French Immersion kindergarten class last year) – pick up from the outside door on the south west side of the building
	<b>4</b>	<b>STUDENT LED CONFERENCES / EARLY DISMISSAL (1:48)</b>
	5,12,19,26	Beyond the Bell – Paper Innovations – 2:50pm – 4:20pm in the library
	<b>6-12</b>	<b>Cross Catchment applications – to be completed online</b> <a href="http://www.sd43.bc.ca">www.sd43.bc.ca</a>
	6-20	Tennis is Fun – throughout the day in the gym
	7	Coffee with admin 9:00am-10:00am
	7	Hot Lunch (PAC Sponsored) - Freshii
	9 - 15	Real Acts of Caring (RAC) Week
	10	TCBY delivery (PAC sponsored)
	13	Fruit and Vegetable delivery (PAC Sponsored)
	14	School Not in Session
	17	Family Day – School not in Session
	19	PAC Meeting 6:30pm – 8:00pm in the library
	20	Kindergarten Vision and Hearing Screening

## Principal's Message

**VALUE OF THE WEEK (Feb. 3-7) – revisiting SELF CONTROL**

## Kindergarten Registration / cross catchment information

Kindergarten registration takes place from February 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. 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. **The cross-catchment form is completed on line and will be available from Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> (9:00am) to Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> (4:00pm).** Please feel free to pass this information on to any parents who do not currently have children already in school, but who have children that will be starting kindergarten in September.

## **Student Led Conferences / Early Dismissal**

On Tuesday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our student led conferences. This is an early dismissal day (students will be dismissed at 1:48). It is important during the student led conferences that you let your child lead this event. They will have an agenda to follow. This is their opportunity to show you what they have done and what they are learning. Please allow them to do this. Student led conferences are not the time to talk with the classroom teacher about how your child is doing. This can be arranged at a future date. Allowing your child to lead gives them an opportunity to build their confidence and to take an active role in their learning. More information will be provided by your child's teacher.

**Mr. Liew has sent out a link to arrange an interview with the parents from his class (Division 2). If you cannot make a meeting at the available times, please contact him to set up another meeting. This time will allow him to provide you with the progress your child has shown over the past month. It will also allow the parents to ask any questions about their child's progress.**

## **Tennis is Fun program**

The Tennis is Fun Program will be returning to Irvine. Our PAC has generously provided money which will subsidize the cost. Each classroom will get five lessons for a total of \$6. We will have this up on our school cash on-line system in the next day or two. This program has been to our school before and our students have greatly enjoyed the experience of playing tennis!

## **Bikes and Scooters on the School Grounds**

We know that as the weather gets nicer out, more of our students will ride their scooters and / or bikes to school. Recently, there have been a couple of accidents that have happened while on the school grounds. Please remind your child - we will too - that when riding bikes or scooters to school, they should not be ridden while on school property. Rather, dismounting and walking them while on the school grounds is the expectation. Thank you.

## **Traffic - afternoon expectations**

Thank you to all of you who have tried to make the morning drop off procedures go as smoothly as possible. As the expectations for the morning are becoming clearer to more and more people, I feel it necessary to talk about the expectations at the end of the day (for pick up).

Please understand that I am one person and there are days when I cannot make it outside (because of meetings at the school or away from the school, or because there are other things that I have to deal with). I appreciate the efforts that people are making to make things run smoothly and I am also aware that with changes, time is necessary when changing the expectations or when we have to learn new expectations. My hope is that people will remember this and will make the right choices regardless of whether I am outside or not.

To clarify, dropping off a child means simply that: pulling over and letting your child out of the car. For those with young children, I have no problem with you exiting your car to let your child out. The key piece here is that you cannot leave with them to their classroom. Once they have exited the car, you can say your goodbyes and then enter back into your car to continue to move so that others can do the same thing. PLEASE NOTE: when you leave your car, even just to let your child out, please turn off the engine (there was an accident in Ontario in January 2018 in which a car that was unoccupied and running fatally injured a young student. [Story here](#)).

In the afternoon, there are some parents who make their way to Renton before the bell. If you are "parked" on Renton, you **MUST** stay in your vehicle (and again, please turn your engine off). Do not leave your vehicle to meet your child. Instead, let your child know ahead of time that you will be there and have them come to meet you at your car. If you believe your child is too small to do this then you should be parking somewhere else (which will allow you to come to your child's classroom and meet him/her). It is also crucial that when you are on Renton, that you move, legally, as far forward as you can. I say legally because it has come to my attention that some vehicles park at the bottom of the hill which makes the turn around area less easy to navigate. Finally, under no circumstances is anyone to double park or to stop next to an already stopped car and then encourage their child to come out to the vehicle. This is simply an accident waiting to happen.

Please be careful driving up and down the hill on Renton. While things can get quite busy, I have found (in the mornings) that the "busy" time does not last for a particularly long time. By practicing what I have outlined, things can and will go more smoothly and more importantly, more safely.

## **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, 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

## **Grade 5 Fundraiser**

### **Come out to a Leap Year Pub Night at the Cat and Fiddle in Port Coquitlam on February 29th, 2020**

The grade 5 leaving committee is raising funds for the year end celebration and field trip. All parents are welcome from any grade, any class and any school! Come out on Feb 29<sup>th</sup> and enjoy a burger and beverage for only \$20 per ticket. Purchase your tickets through Munchalunch and your ticket will be waiting for you at the pub on Feb 29<sup>th</sup>.

There are a limited number of tickets available through the school office. Please contact Colleen Morel at [irvine2019grade5@gmail.com](mailto:irvine2019grade5@gmail.com). There will be a 50/50 raffle as well as door prizes and the 100 Square bottle game. Can't make it to the pub night but want to help out? We are looking for bottled wine donations (please no homemade wine, apologies to the awesome homebrewers out there!)

**Alternatively: *for Grade 5 families only***

It takes a lot of money, time and energy to put together event such as this. Recognizing that not everyone has the time to volunteer or come out to events, the committee would like to offer an alternative to parents. A number of parents indicated that they cannot donate time and thus would like to make a monetary contribution. If this appeals to you, you can send in your contribution labeled Grade 5 Leaving committee. It can be sent to the following email address:

[irvine2019grade5@gmail.com](mailto:irvine2019grade5@gmail.com).

Thanks, and hope to see you there!

Grade 5 Leaving Committee