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**December Newsletter**

**A Message from your Principal:** December is a time of Cheer, Joy, Love and Family but, it can also be a time of Hardship, S.A.D, and Loneliness. Please share your Joy and Love with others throughout this time. May we walk together strengthening each other this Christmas Season.

Mr. Doug Brown, Principal

**Big Thank You:**

**Thank you** to The Staff and Volunteers at Chilcotin Road for all their hard work in the production of the Christmas play. Also, a special shout out to our District Custodial team for their help with the stage. The next BIG thank you goes to Tom Gebauer for his hard work and amazing structure at the head of our community trail! It looks Fantastic.

**Communication & Reminders:**

**Student of the Week at Chilcotin Road:** We have changed things up this year and we are celebrating students a little differently!Everyadult that is connected to our building has a week that they are asked to pick one student that they feel goes above and beyond or, they feel the student is trying hard both with academics and behaviour. This does not replace all the good celebrations in the classroom, it only helps build and strengthen it. The student receives a certificate for a small pizza from Panago, a $10 gift card to open book and a picture with a write up of why the adult picked them. This picture is then displayed on our student of the week board and celebrated at the end of each month.

**District Plan for Learner Success:**

The District Plan has been approved by the Board and posted to the school district website [Home page ---Our District --- District Plan for Learner Success]. There is a page for how staff, students, parents and caregivers, and community members can engage with and support the work of the plan.

**Safe Arrival Program:** Chilcotin Road will continue to use the student absence reporting system called **“Safe Arrival”.** If you need help with the program, please call our office. Please have clear communication with your child’s teacher about absences and other classroom issues. This helps us cut down on calls to the office.

**Code of Conduct:** Families should review the Code of Conduct and the Family Handbook located on our school website. Both documents have been sent out via email as well. Hard copies are available in the office as needed. Our revised Code of Conduct frames all behaviour as communication, with the Circle of Courage at the center. This is a strength based, resilience-focused approach rooted in the principle that to be emotionally healthy, all youth need a sense of belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity. Please review at home with your whole family. Common language supports our collective good work.

**School Food Program:** We are pleased to continue to offer a school food program for students who need it. Every classroom receives a “Brain Food Bin” each morning with some grab and go food items. It is important that students who need this program self-advocate and sign up each day as needed. There is **no cost** to this program, and **no need to contact** the school office. If you’re interested in helping with our program or have any questions, please contact Doug Brown in the office. If kids are hungry, we will feed them.

**Munchalunch:** Thank you to our secretary Brandy for her work in coordinating this.

**Mark your Calendars / Events:**

**PAC Meeting:** Dec 5th 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Staffroom – all parents/guardian’s welcome!

**Dec 9:** Wear Red and Green

**Dec 11: Learning updates posted.**

**Dec 12: Gingerbread Day**

**Dec 16: Dress rehearsal 12:30-2 (Student viewing, parents only if emergency please)**

**Dec 17: Christmas Concert 9:30-11am / 12:30-2pm** (**Please only pick 1 viewing time)**

**Dec 18:** Dress Christmassy!

**Dec 20: Pajama day**

**Dec 23-Jan 3:** Winter Break, see you in the New Year

**You can also find our Chilcotin Road PAC on Facebook: “**Chilcotin Road PAC” - This is a good resource to check for new or updated school celebrations of school community and culture. We ask that only parents of Chilcotin Road Elementary join this page.