



Christmas Activities This Year

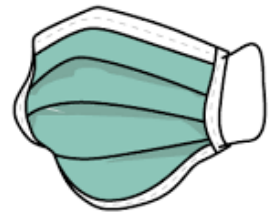


Unfortunately, due to our COVID-19 restrictions we will not be putting on a Christmas Concert for the public again this year. Instead, our classes will be doing a variety of other things to celebrate Christmas. Our two Primary classes (Ms. Reed's and Ms. Dahl's classes) will be doing short performances in the gym. Ms Reed's class will be doing a snowflake song and Ms. Dahl's class will be performing with "Boom Whackers." Ms. Babicky's class will be making crafts and Christmas cards. They will also be singing Christmas carols in the afternoon. Ms. Minato's class will be making Christmas cards for local seniors at

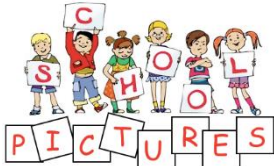
Carefree Manor, Fisher Place and Mill Site Lodge. All of our classes will have individual parties to celebrate with their classmates in the afternoon and I want to thank our CPAC in advance, for providing snacks for the afternoon. There is also a good chance that students will do some outdoor activities, including sledding on that day. Another unfortunate loss due to COVID-19 is that Santa will not be stopping by our school this year to hear your child's Christmas wish list. However, Santa has let us know that he will find a way to drop off candy canes for us to give to each of our students. We are hopeful that circumstances next year will allow us to invite Santa back and to hold a public Christmas concert.

Face Mask Supply Problems

We need your support in providing your children with re-useable masks, please. Our school district has given out thousands of disposable masks this year to students who come to school without them or have lost them. Not only is this costly and wasteful, but we are finding it challenging to keep a supply of these masks, as our supply chain is bogging down. While some students have mask exemptions for when they are in the school, **every student riding a school bus must wear a mask.** We are asking families to please take an active role in ensuring that your child comes to school with a re-useable mask every day. Thank you for your consideration.



School Photos have been delayed



Our school photographer, Erin Henderson, has informed us that our photos are in transit. However, she has been told that the delivery will be delayed as a result of the recent road closures. She is still optimistic that the photos will arrive in time for us to get them out to families before Christmas. Fingers crossed!

CPAC News

- 1) CPAC would like to thank you for making this year's **Purdy's Fundraiser** our best yet! We purchased a total of \$5545 in chocolate treats, earning our CPAC \$1455.56! Another exceptional fundraiser for our ongoing Foods program - many thanks to all who participated! I would like to thank Jess Drennan for organizing this fundraiser and seeing to it that all of the goodies were distributed earlier this week.



- 2) Our next **Hot Lunch** will be on Wednesday, December 15th. A "Christmas dinner" is planned, but we may have to adjust due to the supply chain issues that are occurring as a result of the highway closures around our province. We will keep you informed to the best of our ability, but please check student planners for updates as December 16th



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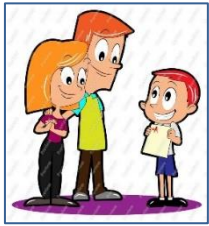
- 3) CPAC will also be providing classroom snacks for the afternoon of Friday, December 17th. We would like to thank them in advance for this effort!
- 4) Finally, we would like to thank our CPAC for putting up Christmas decorations in our school again this year. Your support is invaluable and much appreciated by students and staff!

Friday, Dec. 17th is School Spirit Day (PJ Day)

We will be celebrating Christmas throughout the day, but we have chosen our traditional theme of wearing Pyjamas on the last day of school before Christmas. Our PAC committee is providing snacks for the afternoon to support our classroom celebrations. Classes will celebrate in their classrooms and, depending on the weather, some may choose to spend part of the afternoon outside playing games or on our sledding hill.



Report Cards



Report cards are scheduled to go home on **Wednesday, December 8th**. We would like to remind parents and guardians of the grading scale for all students in grades K through 7. We will be following the education Ministry of Education's four-point scale that was introduced last year.

EMERGING Initial understanding of the concepts and competencies in relation to the expected learning.	DEVELOPING Partial understanding of the concepts and competencies in relation to the expected learning.	PROFICIENT Complete understanding of the concepts and competencies in relation to the expected learning.	EXTENDING Sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies in relation to the expected learning.
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This scale aligns closely with teaching practice and current literacy and numeracy assessments, and allows teachers to provide an authentic reflection of your child's progress through these grade levels. As always, please contact the classroom teacher if you have any questions about your student's report card.

Bus Students and extreme winter weather

For students new to our area, school buses run every day unless the road conditions make it unsafe to operate and transport students. In addition, buses have traditionally been cancelled when the temperature reaches -32° Celsius (at the school bus garage.) When temperatures drop to extreme lows, or when we have unusually drastic weather changes, it is a good idea to listen to the local radio station or check the **school district website** at <https://www.sd27.bc.ca/> for bus cancellations. Urgent notices will always appear on the school district home page. The district works hard to ensure that these notices appear on the website between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m.

Christmas Break

Friday, December 17th will be the last day of school for 2021. School will be back in session starting **Tuesday**, January 4th, 2021. Please note that Monday, January 1st is a Statutory holiday and school will be closed on that day.

Best wishes for a happy December and a wonderful Christmas holiday season!

Mark Doolan (Principal)

December 2021				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
6 PAC Meeting (5:30 PM)	7	8 Report Cards home today	9	10
13	14	15 Hot Lunch Christmas dinner * tentative *	16	17 Spirit Day (PJ Day) Last day of school before Christmas

January 2022	
Mon January 3 rd	STAT Holiday (school closed)
Tues January 4 th	First day back after Christmas Break
Mon January 10 th	CPAC Meeting (5:30 PM)
Wed January 19 th	Hot Lunch

Parents, please note that we have two additional early dismissal days this school year
On each of these days school will close (and buses will pick students up) one hour earlier than usual.

April 2022	
Wed April 13 th	Early Dismissal Day (dismissal at 1:15 PM)
Thurs April 14 th	Early Dismissal Day (dismissal at 1:15 PM)



Wishing you a **Merry Christmas** and **Happy New Year**

