



Principal's Message

The time just flies! Everyone at the school is busy with a lot of different learning opportunities. I'd like to share my appreciation for our PAC who continuously show up to the school with positive energy and ideas to help infuse school spirit. Their efforts have been vital in providing our 1st Family Movie Night, coordinating the Raffle Baskets and the Purdy's Fundraiser, and organizing an upcoming Christmas Dance for the students! *Maria Telford*



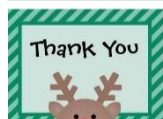
Week of Winter Festivities

This year Mile 108 is changing up the traditional Thursday evening Christmas Concert. The focus this year will be on reducing the stressors that the holiday season can bring and infusing togetherness and school spirit. A team decision was made that we will not be hosting a traditional Christmas Concert this year and we have put together alternative activities that we think the students will enjoy. In the afternoon of Thursday, December 21st at 1:00 pm, the school will come together in the gym for caroling and hot chocolate. Each classroom will practice a song for the event, and all can sing along as we celebrate the season. Parents are invited to join in the fun and enjoy the festive atmosphere!!

Please reach out to your child(ren)'s teacher regarding questions about classroom performances or activities you can join in with. We will share out a detailed outline of festive activities happening at the school later next week.

Volleyball

Students have been practicing diligently over the last 5 weeks and are ready to represent our school. Our grade 6 team will be travelling to Horse Lake Elementary this Thursday for their tournament and our school will be hosting the Gr. 7 tournament on Dec. 8th. Congratulations to all participants and good luck at your tournaments!! Thank you to Ms. Sepkowski and Ms. Craig for coaching!



BIG Thank you!

We would like to say a very BIG Thank You to the 108 Lions Club for hosting a pancake breakfast with Special Guest on Dec. 14th! Breakfast will be served from 8:30 – 9:30.

Report Cards

The first report card of the year will be going home on Dec. 13th!



Foundation Skills Assessment

We are proud of the effort that our grade 4 and 7 students made toward completing the Foundation Skills Assessment. This year our staff emphasis on taking a team approach to making sure that our students were supported through the process. A huge team of local teachers met on Saturday to mark south-end elementary booklets and have gained valuable professional development through the process. Parents, look for booklets and online results in backpacks. Individual teachers should give you a heads-up on the day the booklets will be sent home. More information about Foundation Skills Assessments can be found at [Foundation Skills Assessment Support for Parents and Caregivers \(EN\) \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov2/education/learning_centers/foundation_skills_assessment_support_for_parents_and_caregivers)



Social Media Awareness Session

For Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sexortion. Some of the most prominent concerns surrounding use of social media platforms/smartphones/artificial intelligence will be discussed.

To register for this session please click on the link - [Social Media Awareness Session](#)

Other supporting resources on this topic can be found at Safer Schools Together - [Raising Digitally Responsible Youth](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 14	Lions Pancake Breakfast
Dec. 14	Holiday Dance @ lunch
Dec. 21	Xmas Sing-Along @ 1:00 pm
Dec. 22	Last Day before Break
Dec. 25 - Jan 5	Winter Break – No School
Jan. 8	First day back

