



# École Nesika Elementary School

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## **DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

December 1, 2023.

Principal: Holly Zurak

Vice-Principal: Doug Brown

### **Find us on Facebook/Retrouvez-nous sur Facebook:**

**@EcoleNesikaElementary** Check us out on Facebook for updates, reminders and celebrations!

### **Learning Updates/Bulletins:**

First term learning updates (report cards) will be available in the MyEducation parent portal on **December 20<sup>th</sup>**. If you are having difficulties getting onto the portal please contact the school. This learning update is a summary of progress for the first term, strengths, and ways to support learning. Please contact your classroom teacher if you have any questions related to your child's progress this term, or to set up an appointment.

### **Cold Weather/Le temps froid:**

Wintery weather has arrived. Please ensure your child has a warm jacket and footwear as recess and lunch breaks are outside unless the temperature is deemed too cold by administration (wind chill is taken into consideration). Generally, if it is colder than -15, students are permitted to stay inside. When there is enough snow, children are permitted to bring their crazy carpets and foam sliders. Hard plastic sliders are not permitted. Students must have snow pants, boots and mitts to slide. **Please label sliders and clothing items.**

### **Scholastic ENGLISH Book Fair/Salon du livre Scholastic:**

Thank you Ms. Vander Laan for organizing a Scholastic Book Fair. Proceeds from the book fair will be used to purchase new books for the Library.

### **Holiday Concert/Le spectacle du temps des fêtes:**

This year we will celebrate the winter holidays with a special concert in the gym on **December 14, 2023, at 11:15 am (Group 1) and 1:15 pm (Group 2)**. Please watch for a message in your child's agenda next week for an indication if they are performing in Group 1 or Group 2. Teachers may share their own class's contribution to parents digitally, as privacy allows. Parents are welcome to join us, but space will be limited. Thank you to our generous PAC for donating \$500 towards this production, and our music teacher Mrs. Neufeld for putting it all together!



### **Safer Schools Together/Ensemble...Créons des écoles saufes:**

Parenting is hard, and the rapid rise of technology and social media use in the lives of their kids makes it harder. To help, we're extending complimentary access to download ["Raising Digitally Responsible Youth – A Parent's Guide"](#) from [Safer Schools Together](#). The guide was designed to help introduce Parents and Caregivers to leading social media platforms, video games, and relevant trends that are either being used already or have the potential to be used by their children.

### **Star Fish Backpack Program/ Le programme de sac à dos Star Fish:**

This Rotary sponsored program aims to provide families with food on weekends. Children in the program receive a backpack with food in it on Fridays and are asked to return the emptied BAGS on Mondays. If you, or anyone you know, could benefit from this program, please contact the office.

STARFISH PACK



### **Holiday Craft-er-noon!/Après-midi bricolage:**

On December 11<sup>th</sup> our big buddy / little buddy class pairs will team up for a buddy "craft-er-noon!" We always look forward to this fun event. Thank you to PAC for supporting this school event.

### **Purdys Chocolates/Chocolats Purdys:**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Purdys Christmas Fundraiser. We raised over \$655.00 for student activities. Orders will arrive the week Of December 4 – 8. **Please watch the Nesika Facebook page as we will post when the orders are ready for pick up** 😊



**Student Leadership Presents - Spirit Week/ Leadership étudiant - Semaine de l'esprit:**

Student Leadership invited all students and staff to participate in a fun holiday spirit week to put us all in the mood for winter vacation. No purchasing required; we encourage creative homemade dress-up!

*Monday Dec. 18:* "Baby It's Cold Outside": Wear a toque and/or scarf

*Tuesday Dec. 19:* "Fa la la la Flannel": Wear plaid/flannel

*Wednesday Dec. 20:* "What Not to Wear Wednesday": Wear an ugly sweater or xmas accessories

*Thursday Dec. 21:* "Holly Jolly Christmas": Wear red, white or green

*Friday Dec. 22:* "Night Before Christmas": PJ and stuffy day

**Red Tomato Pie Student of the Week/L'élève de la semaine:**

Congratulations to the following students who received a "Red Tomato Pie Coupon" for being nominated as student of the week

October 27: Archer F. - nominated by Ms. Frost

November 6: Elora N. - nominated by Mme Campbell

November 13: Tiara G. - nominated by Ms. Hamilton

November 20: Adaleigh H. - nominated by M Routtu

November 27: Zairah E. - nominated by Mme Vachon



For more details on the Nesika Student of the Week Program check out our Facebook page.

**PAC NEWS/Nouvelles de PAC**

**Find us on Facebook/Retrouvez-nous sur Facebook @ Nesika P.A.C.**

for news, updates, reminders and opportunities to get involved at Nesika

**Parent-led Hot Lunch/Dîner chaud:**

December 6: Tacos

December 13: Soup and a bun

December 20: Breakfast for lunch

If you are able to volunteer on a Wednesday morning to help prepare or serve hot lunch, please contact Pepper at [pepper.silvester@sd27.bc.ca](mailto:pepper.silvester@sd27.bc.ca). Many hands make light work! If you or a family member or neighbour have a recipe or cultural cuisine to share with our school please contact us! Expanding our students' exposure to new foods is a goal of our program 😊

If your child is sick or away from school, lunches will automatically be donated back into our lunch program. No need to contact the school, thank you!

**Popcorn is a PAC Fundraiser!**

PAC Popcorn Dates: Dec. 1 / Dec. 8 / Dec. 15

**PAC Meeting/Réunion du PAC:**

All parents/guardians are invited to attend our next PAC meeting held on **January 19, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.** in the school Library.





## **Columnneetza/Nesika Bus Lane Expectations**

1. Students will stand behind the yellow line.
2. One supervisor will monitor the cross-walk.
3. Students will **wait behind the yellow line** for the bus doors to open.
4. Columnneetza/Nesika students will allow any **students to exit** the bus.
5. Students will wait to be **invited** on board by the driver.
6. Students will take care of each other by **allowing younger students** on to the bus first.
7. Students will look after and manage their own belongings.
8. Students will engage in **respectful behaviour** with other students and supervisors.