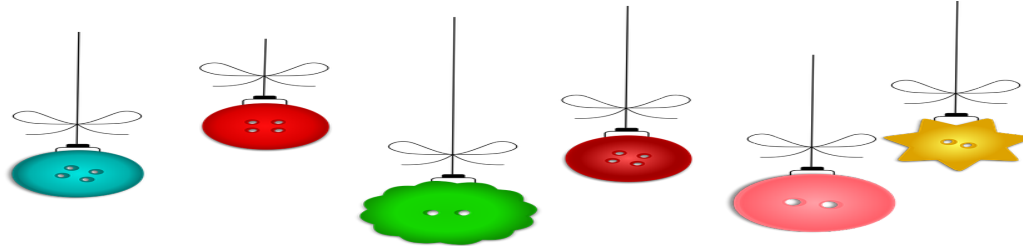


Charlie Lake Elementary School December 2016 Newsletter



This past week marked the end of first term report cards and parent-teacher interviews. Many thanks to all parents for supporting all the work our staff do in their continuing efforts to foster a successful learning environment for our school. As parent partners in education, your role is very important in supporting what is done in classrooms. If you are interested in volunteering at the school either in your child's classroom or in other ways, please do contact the school. All volunteers are required to complete a criminal records check through the school district. If you are interested, we can give you more information in the office. As the image above indicates, December and the holidays are fast approaching. December is going to be an incredibly busy month for our school. Any updates/changes will be posted on our website. Newsletters are being emailed home to parents who have submitted their email addresses. If you are not receiving the newsletter, please contact the office.

The PAC is sponsoring its annual Santa's Gift Shop for our students in the gym from November 29th through to December 1st. Information has already been sent home to parents in paper format. A reminder to parents that the PAC fundraising items will be available for pick up in the gym on December 1st and 2nd. Please check the PAC website for the most up-to-date information about pick up.

Our annual holiday dance residency will be taking place with Mrs. Pomeroy the week of December 5th through December 9th. Mrs. Pomeroy works with all of our 17 classes throughout the week. This year, we are organizing two dances for families rather than one. We will divide up classrooms between the afternoons of December 8th and 9th so parents can attend on the designated day their child will be dancing from 1:00 to 2:30 pm each day. Please RSVP if you have a preferred day on the slip below and return it to the school no later than **December 5th**. We will do our best to divide up classes to suit families, but understand we may not be able to adjust for everyone. A final schedule will be sent home and posted online once the schedule is set. Any parents interested in helping decorate the gym for our dances this year are asked to contact PAC at geilan66@yahoo.ca.

Pyjama Drive:

This year we are kicking off our annual pyjama drive that supports local children in need on Friday, December 2nd. To support this start, we are holding a school-wide "wear your PJ's to school day" as well as having a PAC-sponsored pancake breakfast for the school. The donation box for the

pyjamas will be located near the office in the hallway. If you have pyjamas to donate, please stop by. Notices have already gone home regarding the drive. Many thanks to our parent, Mrs. Shelley Miller, for organizing the drive and our PAC executive and parents for sponsorship of the breakfast.

Christmas Food Drive:

Mrs. Hick's grade 6 class is organizing a food drive as part of their Social Studies curriculum in support of the Women's Resource Society. Non-perishable foods can be dropped off at the school outside of the office starting December 2nd through to December 15th.

Christmas Carol Week:

During the last week of school in December, we will be holding carolling in the gym with all classes. Parents are most welcome to come out and sing along with us. Mrs. Bontron will be on piano again this year to help guide us along! Dates are as follows:

December 13th, 14th, 15th at 1:15 pm and the 16th at 9:30 am.

Term 1 Awards for intermediate students will take place as part of our Values Assembly already scheduled for December 12th at 9:00 am. All parents are welcome and encouraged to come out and join us. Mr. Koop's grade 5 class will be making a presentation on "responsibility".

Other Important Dates:

December 2nd	PJ Drive/PJ Day & Pancake Breakfast
December 8th/9th	Afternoon Family Dances
December 12th	Values Assembly & Term 1 Awards @ 9 am
December 14th	Christmas/Winter Sweater Day
December 16th	Last day of school
January 3/17	Schools reopen after Christmas vacation

Hot Lunch Dates:

December 7th	Hot Dog Day
December 9th	Booster Juice Day

January 2017 Hot Lunch Dates:

Jan 06 soup
Jan 09 pizza
Jan 12 hot dog day
Jan 17 booster juice
Jan 19 subway
Jan 23 pizza
Jan 25 taco in a bag
Jan 26 menchie's
Jan 31 hot dog day

Bus Ramp & Frontage Road

As you are aware, the mornings and after schools at our building are quite frenetic given the volume of cars and parents picking up children in addition to our district busses. We are reminding all

drivers that the turnaround area on the frontage road is to be left clear at all times as well as parking in front of either end of the loop. Our busses are having a difficult time turning as several cars continue to park in these areas. Further, please ensure that when walking your children across the street or the bus ramp that you give ample time for buses to move out of the way prior to crossing. If you require more space to park, please use the parent parking lot located behind the school. Thanks very much for your understanding in this matter as we wish to ensure everyone's safety during these busy times.

News from our PAC President:

There is no PAC meeting in December. Thank you to everyone who has purchased from our fundraisers. The money raised from these go towards fantastic programs within our school. PAC would like to wish everyone a happy holiday and enjoy your Christmas break. We look forward to hosting a BCTF Parent presentation in January at our next PAC meeting. Watch for details coming soon.

Student Leadership News:

This year as in past years, each classroom has two representatives as part of the leadership team. This group of students works to support school spirit activities throughout the year. It also helps support our school house teams. We have recently met for the first time this week and students have planned a spirit day for December 14, 2016. The theme is "wear a Christmas/winter sweater day". Students can earn points for their house team. The teams are as follows:

RED	YELLOW	GREEN	BLUE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cocola's class - Jones' class - Ranger's class - Alexander's class - Office Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hollman's class - Myhre's class - Tong's class - Hicks' class - Support Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lo's class - McColm's class - Riediger's class - Haddrell's class - Bauer's class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Polnik's class - Allen's class - McCabe's class - Koop's class

 Family Christmas Dance 2016
 Please check which day works best for your family.

Student Name(s): _____

Teacher Name: _____

____ December 8th @ 1:00 pm

____ No preference

____ December 9th @ 1:00 pm

Parent Signature: _____

Please return to the school as soon as possible and no later than December 3rd. A final schedule will be sent home prior to the dance.

Wishing all families in our community a wonderful holiday season. School re-opens on January 3rd, 2017 and is a regular full day.

Mrs. Chretien

Mrs. Neuls

Santa's Gift Shop Schedule

Time	November 29	November 30	December 1
9:15-10:00	McCabe	McColm	Polnik
10:00-10:30	Tong	Koop	Bauer
10:50-11:30	Coccola	Ranger	Allen
12:45-1:15	Lo	Hollman	Haddrell
1:15-1:45	Jones	Hicks	Alexander
1:45-2:15	Riediger	Myhre	

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