



# Cedar Elementary News

## November

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is almost the end of November already - this year is passing so quickly.

As we enter our winter season, please make sure your children are prepared for the weather when they leave home in the morning. Many students are just wearing a hoodie or sweatshirt with no hood as a jacket. We go outside so please dress appropriately and send a change of clothes that can be kept in a locker or backpack. A change of shoes or boots for outside will keep feet dry and students will be more comfortable and ready to learn for the rest of the day. Mittens make a big difference on cold mornings.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas craft fair - if you have not been before, it is a great family event. Please see the notice about Christmas concert and watch for the letter coming home regarding tickets - we look forward to another successful performance.



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Here are some dates to remember:

- Nov 19 Grade 4s to symphony
- Nov 22 Exploratories
- Nov 26 Food drive starts
- Nov 27 Spot Vision screening 4s, 7s
- Nov 29 Exploratories  
Hot lunch
- Nov 30 PAC Christmas Craft fair
  
- Dec 3 Code Mobile
- Dec 4 Tinkering around
- Dec 6 Hot lunch
- Dec 12 Christmas concert  
Food drive ends
- Dec 17-21 Carol sing - all invited
- Dec 20 Hot lunch
- Dec 21 Last day before holidays  
Strong Start closed
- Dec 22-Jan 6 Christmas Vacation
  
- Jan 17 Hot lunch
- Jan 21-25 Literacy Week
- Jan 22 Kindergarten screening
- Jan 31 Hot lunch

### PHONING IN ABSENCES

Cold and flu season is upon us! In order to prevent the spread of germs, please remind your children to wash their hands regularly. Vancouver Island Health Authority also recommends keeping your child at home for 48 hours after symptoms subside if they have been vomiting. If your child is ill and going to be away from school, just phone the office and we'll be sure to excuse them for the day. Voice mail is available all day so parents can call any time to report students who will be absent or late. This program is for the safety of your child. *All absences and lates need to be called in.*



### FOOD DRIVE

Our **Food Drive** starts Monday, Nov. 26 in each classroom. Grade 7 volunteers will collect the food from each room and keep track of donations, as they will throw a pizza party for the class with the most donations! We are looking for non-perishables. We will collect donations at the craft fair and the concert. All of our donations stay in our community and all donations, big or small, are appreciated.

### SCHOOL CLOSURES

If schools are closed due to snow, or any other weather-related problems, announcements will be made on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM, WAVE 102.3 FM, and 91.7 COAST FM) by 7 a.m. on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station - tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis.

In addition, the district will post the information on the district's website, Twitter, Facebook, and mobile app. Please keep in mind, however, that there may be situations where this is not always possible, for example, power outages or technical problems. The most reliable method is to listen to the local radio stations.



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## LIBRARY

Our library is open on Tuesday and Thursday. Students are reminded to bring their books back on their library day in order to take out more. Our library thanks you for your support by "rounding up" at Chapters. We raised over \$7000 for our school library!



## CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all our Cross Country athletes. They trained hard and 30 of them participated in the Zone meet. Five placed in the top twenty and competed in the district finals on November 2. Good job, runners! Thanks to Mrs. Wight for taking our runners to the zone and district meets.



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We will have two showings of our Christmas Concert this year due to the increased number of students. Because of this, we will need to issue tickets that will be collected at the door. Fire regulations set the number of people allowed in the gym at one time as 525 people; with 350 students, we are unable to have only one show with each student inviting two guests. Instead, we will have 2 shows. Performances will be on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 and 6:30 PM. Ticket request forms are given to the youngest in the family and will come home starting November 26. If you do not receive this, please check the backpack or give the school a call. We realize more than 2 people may want to see these performances so additional requests for more tickets can be made Dec 3. Please send it in writing so the tickets can be attached to the request. We have been able to meet additional requests for the past two years. Everyone who wishes to attend **MUST** have a ticket - these are not just extras. **You will be asked for your ticket at the performance** so please remember to bring it with you. The afternoon and evening shows are the same - the dress rehearsal is in the morning. The dress rehearsal is also open to those who can't make either performance but all the students will be watching and there is stopping and starting so it lasts a little longer! It looks like a spectacular show!

## MESSAGES FROM THE PAC

**Christmas Craft Fair** is coming up on the evening of **Friday, November 30 from 5-7:30**. For those who have not attended before it is a great family event that a wonderful evening out for the whole family. There will be approximately 12-14 craft tables where children can purchase and assemble pre-prepped Christmas crafts for as low as one dollar. We also have a bake sale and a concession with yummy food for adults and kids alike! The concession is open at 5:00. Thanks to all who have volunteered and come up with craft ideas and came to the prep evening!



**Basket raffle** - each class is preparing a gift basket that will be raffled off. These will be displayed on the night of the Christmas Craft Fair. They will then be on display in the hall outside the office until the Christmas concert. The winners will be drawn at the concert - you do not have to be in attendance to win - we will hold it for pick up. Thank you for sending in items with your child for these fun baskets and supporting this fundraiser!



Save those **receipts from the 49<sup>th</sup> and Country Grocer** - they all help our school. There is a collection box outside the office. [cedarelemPAC@gmail.com](mailto:cedarelemPAC@gmail.com)

