

December 2018

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

December is such a busy month with lots of festivities. It is a wonderful time for visiting with friends and family and sharing in the spirit of giving. At Central we have so much to be thankful for as we wrap up a successful first term and start digging into the second. Students are showing their Christmas spirit as they decorated our halls to start of the month! It was also wonderful having so many of our Central families join us for our Santa Pancake Breakfast on Saturday.

As winter approaches, and the possibility of bad weather events is increased, it is important that we have a current and working contact for all of our families. Please make sure that your information that we have at the office is up to date.

We wish all of you a wonderful Christmas holiday season. May you find peace and joy shared with friends and family.

REPORT CARDS

Our first term is ending and report cards will go home on Friday December 14th to formally communicate how students progressed through Term 1. Teachers will be using a new reporting template that places an emphasis on learning as a continuum, that celebrates students' successes and describes learning in relation to the learning standards. Report cards have moved away from reporting with letter grades.

You already had an opportunity to connect with your child's teacher in November at our parent conferences, so you should have a reasonable idea of your child's current performance level. Please take some time to celebrate the successes with your child and encourage them in the areas that they may need to continue to work on. We appreciate your continued support and encouragement with your child's learning. Make sure

December Dates to Remember

December 10	9:00 am Art Starts Candy Bones Theatre Parents welcome
December 14	11:45 am Turkey Lunch for students Spirit Day-Dress to Impress Term 1 Report Cards Go Home
December 17	1:40 pm Assembly (parents welcome)
December 20	1:00-2:30 p.m. Christmas Concert 6:00-7:30 p.m. Christmas Concert
December 21	Caroling Assembly 1:00pm Last Day of School



December 24 – January 4 – Winter Break!

January Dates to Remember

January 7	First Day Back at School
January 8	PAC meeting at 7:00 pm
January 11	Pancake welcome back breakfast 8:30 am

to sign the report card envelope and send it back to school with your child.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Students and teachers have been working hard and practicing to make the Christmas concert a success. The school's concert will be presented on **Thursday December 20th in the gymnasium at 1:00 p.m. and again in the evening at 6:00 p.m.** Please plan to attend one of these performances! Donations of canned goods will be accepted at the door for the local food bank as well as door prize tickets to help support our emergency preparedness fundraising efforts.

CENTRAL CHRISTMAS STORE

Division 9 and 11 will be opening a mini Christmas store on Tuesday December 18 to Thursday December 20th. All items will be \$1.00.



WEATHER & WEAR

Please make sure your child has an appropriate jacket and boots, as we will continue to play outside for recess and lunch if it is just drizzling/lightly raining.

STAFFING UPDATE

We want to welcome Ms. Lindblad our newest member to our EA team and Ms. Thompson who is our part time clerical in the office on Thursdays replacing Ms. Darby.

As well we are sadly saying goodbye to Ms. See, our Child and Youth Care Worker, as she goes on a leave until the end of the year to focus on continuing her education.

INCLEMENT WEATHER GUIDELINES

Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall or high wind can occur during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, decisions on the opening or closure of school district facilities are made by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with management and supervisory staff who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions and general condition of buildings.

While service to students and parents is a priority and schools will be kept open as much as is reasonably possible, student and staff safety is the primary consideration.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to check the School District website www.sd33.bc.ca or tune into radio stations STAR FM (98.3 FM), THE DRIVE (89.5 FM), to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on the buses. Please do NOT rely on calling your child's school directly.

Reports will start after 6:00 a.m. and will be repeated often. The information broadcast is directly from the School District. The reports are confirmed and there is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station. Students will be marked absent for the day, but such an absence will not affect a perfect attendance record.

In the event that there is inclement weather but the school remains open, it is the parent's decision, based on their assessment of the relative safety of travel conditions, as to whether or not their children attend school.

ATTENDANCE

Research tells us that attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves. There are approximately 180 instructional days in a school year. Absences of 10 or more days in a year are considered concerning and students begin to fall behind. We have been working hard to encourage students to be at school every day and on time. As a school, we try to promote positive attendance. At home, you can help support this by the following:

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
- Don't let your child stay home unless she/he is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make them feel comfortable and excited about learning
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

If you know your child will be away, please call the school at (604) 792-8537 to let us know, and you will not be called in the morning.

THANK YOU!

A big thank you goes out to the Algra Brothers who made a very generous donation to our school so that we can plan a big activity day in the New Year for the children.

Thank you to the Bookman who has once again generously donated \$200.00 for each classroom to purchase books – let's keep reading!

Thank you to the Steller's Jay Lions Club for their donation to our food programs.





SPORTING EVENTS

Volleyball season has started. We are looking forward to this season of play with the teams being coached by Mrs. Parmar, Mrs. Graham, Ms. Loura and Mrs. Mann. Come cheer on our teams in the New Year! Thank you again to our terrific staff coaches for their commitment to our teams.

LOST & FOUND

Our lost and found is overflowing with items. We do ask the children to check, however if your child is missing a favorite hoodie or other item of clothing, please have a look in the bin. All unclaimed items will be sent to the Salvation Army on Friday December 21, 2018 – the last day of school before Winter Break.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

If you have a child at Central, you are a member of Central's PAC (Parent Advisory Council). We encourage you to get involved as much as possible – one of the key indicators of success in school is the amount of attention the parents/guardians give to their child's education. If possible, join us for PAC meetings on the first Tuesday of each month (the next meeting is December 8th at 7:00 p.m.). In addition, watch for opportunities to volunteer in class, at school activities, and for fundraising. We appreciate you!

Call the office today to volunteer or contact PAC directly!

INDOOR SHOES

Just a friendly reminder that all students should have a pair of indoor shoes left at the school. This helps keep our school cleaner as well as providing the proper foot wear when students are in the gym. At this time of the year, many students are coming in with boots and we would like all students to be able to change into dry, clean footwear for wearing during the day inside the school. Thank you in advance.

SAFETY CONCERNS

If you observe a situation at our site, please let us know immediately, or if it is after hours, please contact Griffin Security at (604) 703-0888 or the RCMP for assistance.

Our PBS focus for December has been about being Warm Hearted, "I can say please and thank you".

"It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air."

- W.T. Ellis -



DON'T FORGET TO BRING BACK YOUR REPORT CARD ENVELOPES BY December 20th

**Happy December to all our Central Families!
On behalf of all the staff at Central we wish you a Merry Christmas**

See you again on Monday January 7th, 2019!

If you have questions or comments, feel free to do the following:

- **Visit** the school office
- **Call** the school office at (604) 792-8537
- **Email** the school at central@sd33.bc.ca
- **Check** the School Website <http://central.sd33.bc.ca>

Kindest regards,

Mrs. L. Waddington

