



December 2021

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we leave the wet and wild November behind we want to thank you all for your patience and understanding during the disruption of school closures. We hope this month brings joy as we enter the holiday season. It is a wonderful time for being with 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 showed their Christmas spirit this Friday as they decorated our halls to start off the month! Since we were unable to cohost our annual Breakfast with Santa with our Community School, each family will be receiving 'breakfast in a bag'. We hope this helps start off your December in a joyful way.

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.

Just a friendly reminder that if you have a concern please contact the office and ask to speak to either the principal or vice-principal. Mrs. G. our kind administrative assistant is happy to direct your concern.

We wish all of you a wonderful winter holiday season. May you find peace and shared joy.

## REPORT CARDS

Our first term is ending and report cards will go home on Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup> to formally communicate how students progressed through Term 1. Teachers will be placing an emphasis on learning as a continuum, that celebrates students' successes and describes learning in relation to the learning standards.

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

## December Dates to Remember

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| December 3  | Breakfast in a Bag goes Home   |
| December 7  | PAC potluck meeting in the library at 6:00pm   |
| December 8  | Candy Cane Sale -Proceeds will go to support a community charity. \$.50 ea   |
| December 16 | Term 1 Report Cards Go Home<br>Schoolwide complimentary Christmas Lunch provided by the Aarts family.<br>Spirit Day-Dress to impress |
| December 17 | Christmas Concert-link goes home<br>Last Day of School   |



**December 20 – January 3 – Winter Break!**

## January Dates to Remember

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| January 3 | First Day Back at School         |
| January 4 | PAC meeting at 6:00 pm virtually |

continued support and encouragement with your child's learning. Make sure 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. This year Ms. Braun has filmed the school's concert and it will be presented on Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup> in the classroom at 1:00 p.m. for students. Parents will have an opportunity to watch the concert from the comfort of their home with the video link that will be emailed out Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope you make a family night of it!

## CENTRAL CHRISTMAS STORE

Shop local! Div. 11 is proud to be offering the Annual Christmas Store again this year! The students have been busy little elves helping to get the gifts ready for our Central shoppers. All items have generously been





donated by friends and family over the course of the year and will be available to purchase for a twoonie (\$2.00). Gifts will be wrapped and labelled so the students can place them under the tree for their loved ones. The store will be open Monday December 13th until Wednesday December 15th.

### 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 or snowing.

### STAFFING UPDATE

We are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs. Coombs. We wish her the very best as she moves on to her new school. Thank you Mrs.Coombs for your dedicated work with our students.

We are so happy to welcome Ms. Slevin onto our staff. She has been with us this year in a temporary contract, but now she will be continuing with us as part of our permanent staffing.

### HOCKEY TICKETS

#### Want to go to a Chilliwack Chiefs game?

There is room for up to 10 tickets for one game. All games are at the Chilliwack Coliseum. You need to be doubled vaccinated to attend. First come first serve. Games are on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays

Times are 7pm start for most. (5pm for a few)  
There are tickets from now until March 19th.

Please contact Savannah Notenbomer [savannah\\_notenbomer@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:savannah_notenbomer@sd33.bc.ca) to arrange your tickets for a game.

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Goldwing Road Riders club for their donation of hats and mittens, and to Lynn a former parent for the hand knit scarf donation. A big thank you to Mount Cheam Lions Club for more warm scarves and hats. Thank you to the Dogwood Monarch Lions, and

our Community School for the Breakfast in a Bag. As well, we want to give a big thank you to the Aarts Family for their complimentary Christmas lunch they are providing for all students. We also want to thank The Harvest Café, for supporting us with cookies for our Kindergarten/Parent community walk. Thank you to Cannex Building Supplies who donated a free ticket for every student for a ride on the downtown Ferris Wheel.

#### 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](http://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.** Please do NOT rely on calling your child’s school directly.

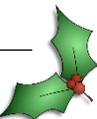
In the event that there is inclement weather but the school remains open, it is the parent’s decision, based on their assessment of the relative safety of travel conditions, as to whether or not their children attend school.

### LOST & FOUND

Our lost and found is overflowing with items. We do ask the children to check, however if your child is missing a favourite hoody or other item of clothing, please have look in the bin that will be outside Dec. 16th. All unclaimed items will be sent to the Community Cupboard on the last day of school before Winter Break- Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 our next PAC meeting on Tuesday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. This will be a potluck in the library. We will have child care for those who need it.

A zoom link will be sent out Monday January 3<sup>rd</sup> for our PAC meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Please note** that the coupon books have not been delivered to the school yet due to road closures. As soon as they arrive they will be distributed out to those who placed an order.

### 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.

### LITERACY OUTREACH

**BOOKWORM FRIENDS:** Older adults are ready to read by video-chat (Zoom) to children ages 3-7 with provided books. Time commitment for families is once a week for 30 minutes. Don't know if it's right for you? Try it once and see without a commitment. Annette Williams, Chilliwack Learning Society: [info@chilliwacklearning.com](mailto:info@chilliwacklearning.com) or 604-392-2404.

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

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING BACK YOUR REPORT CARD ENVELOPES BY December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Happy December to all our Central Families!  
On behalf of all the staff at Central we wish you a very happy holiday season.**

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](mailto:central@sd33.bc.ca)
- **Check** the School Website <http://central.sd33.bc.ca>

**See you again on Monday  
January 3rd, 2022!**

Kindest regards,

Mrs. L. Waddington and Mrs. D. Arnold

Kindness is like snow, it beautifies everything it covers. - Kahlil Gibran -

