



December 2022

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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. We hope this month brings joy as we enter the holiday season. 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! We are looking forward to our Pancake Santa Breakfast tomorrow, as we have not been able to host this fun family event for several years due to COVID. Please bring your family for breakfast with Santa starting at 9:00am this Saturday, December 3rd. Enter through the gym doors off College Street.

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 winter holiday season. May you find peace and shared joy.

REPORT CARDS

Our first term is ending and report cards will go home on Friday December 9th 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 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.**

December Dates to Remember

- December 2 Spirit Day: Ugly Sweater & Deck the Halls
- December 3 Breakfast with Santa in the gym from 9-10:30. Photos with Santa, Draws for prizes, no charge.
- December 5 Students spreading Central Cheer in the community at 1:00pm
- December 6 PAC potluck meeting in the library at 6:00pm
- December 9 Term 1 Report Cards Go Home
Schoolwide Christmas Turkey dinner
Spirit Day-Dress to impress
- December 15 Christmas Concert 1:00 and 6:00 

December 19 – January 2 – Winter Break!
School reopens January 3rd 😊

January Dates to Remember

- January 3 First Day Back at School
- January 3 PAC meeting at 6:00 pm in the library

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 15th 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! Door prize tickets will be sold at the door to help support our school.

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 toonie (\$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 12th until Thursday December 15th from 8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. in the school library.

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 saying goodbye to Ms. Gill, one of our EAs, on Dec. 16th as she leaves to start her maternity leave. We wish her and her family all the best as they welcome their 2nd child. Also, we said goodbye to our EA, Ms. Macelwain, in November as she moved to take a position at Sardis Secondary. We wish her all the best in her new role with older students. Finally, Ms. Arnold will be taking the principalship at Central starting in January. It definitely makes it a little easier saying goodbye and leaving this place that I love, knowing it is in such capable and caring hands. We are waiting to hear who will be the new VP at Central and will make that announcement on Dec. 9th in our Friday email update.

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, Freshco, Minter Gardens and our Community School for our Breakfast with Santa. As well, we want to give a big thank you to the Aarts Family for their donation of milk once again for our Turkey lunch.

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. 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 a look in our lost and found. All unclaimed items will be sent to the Community Cupboard on the last day of school before Winter Break- Dec. 16th.

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. 6th. This will be a potluck in the library.





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.

SPORTING EVENTS

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

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 16th

**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
- **Check** the School Website <http://central.sd33.bc.ca>

**See you again on Tuesday
January 3rd, 2023!**

Kindest regards,

Mrs. L. Waddington and Mrs. D. Arnold

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

