



December 2024

School Updates

Éy kwesé e'mi – welcome – it is good that you are here!

December brings time with family, friends and loved ones. We know there are many ways to celebrate the love and joy we have for one another. We have several events to come together with our school community and we welcome you all!

Focus of the Month - Warm-hearted: I can say please and thank you.



Cultural Celebration - Each month, our students learn about a cultural celebration that some families within our school may recognize. We are learning about Winter and the Christmas season.

Pet Free Zone - We continue having school grounds as a Pet Free Zone between 7:30am-3:30pm. If you bring your furry friend along, we ask that you wait at the fences to respect the needs of our families. Thank you for your understanding!

Weather - We go outside at recess and lunch every day. Please ensure your child is dressed for it. If you need items, please reach out to the school. In case of school closures, we follow our District Protocols.

Crosswalk Safety - Families need to model safety for our students and also use our crosswalk at drop off and pick up times. Students are always watching and learning from us.

Turkey "Dinner" - We will be providing our annual Turkey Dinner for lunch to students on Friday, Dec. 6th. This is made possible from several donations to provide the food items, staff volunteers to cook and prepare, and warm-heartedness from our students to enjoy a meal as a school.



School Spirit Day - Along with our Turkey "Dinner" we invite students to dress up! The theme is Dress to Impress or anything Christmas!

District 1881 Performances - on Dec. 11th @10:30am we will have a handful of classes perform Christmas songs on the stage! If your child is performing, you are welcome to attend. Teachers will notify families.

Toys from Home - Please help remind your child that we have a school rule that we leave those items at home. We continue to remind students as items make their way to school.

Kindergarten Registration - Did you know that even if you have an older child that already attends Central, you still need to register your Kindergarten aged child? If you need any help with this, please reach out. Otherwise the registration form is found on our website!



Dates To Remember

Dec. 3	PAC @5:30 in the Library
Dec. 5	Neufeld's Order Pick Up @ 2:30 MPR Doors
Dec. 6	Turkey "Dinner" Lunch for Students
Dec. 7	Santa Breakfast @9-11am in Gym
Dec. 16	Christmas Store Open for the week
Dec. 19	Christmas Concert Performances @1pm & 6pm
Dec. 20	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec. 21-Jan. 5	Winter Break - School Closed
Jan. 6	School Re-opens

Reporting a Student Absence - To report your child absent we have a Safe Arrival program. These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time. You can use one of the following:

- Option 1: Download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.

- Option 2: Use the SafeArrival website, <https://www.sd33.bc.ca/safearrival>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.

- Option 3: Call the toll-free number 1-833-698-6567 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

HUB - Some changes will be made as we continue to allow everyone access to the resources they need. Changes are:

- **Hub Hours:** Open daily at drop off & pick up. Food Pantry only from Tuesday-Thursday. Fridays will be reserved to clear out any remaining food items.

- **Food Deliveries:** All delivery items will be available on TUESDAYS. no new food will arrive after until the next week.

- **Pantry Access:** Families will be limited to one visit per week. Fridays will be open for anyone to come back and pick up any left over items.

CCECSS Update - Santa Breakfast is on Saturday, Dec. 7th @9-11am. Come enjoy pancakes, sausages, and a visit from Mr. Claus himself! This is a free event for our community!



PAC Update - Hot lunch is ordered online at www.munchalunch.com. There will be **no Hot Lunch for January** as we have our Pancake Breakfast when we return from the break. Thank you to our PAC who have purchased each family a copy of our One School One Book that will happen in January! Families will get their book after Winter Break.

PAC Fundraiser - Neufeld Farm Orders can be picked up on Dec. 5th @2pm from the Multi-Purpose Room doors at the back of the school.