

Strathcona Elementary School **Newsletter**



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'We inspire competence, character and compassion'

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Some of December's happenings and reminders in this newsletter:

 <p>Food Bank Donations</p>	 <p>Spirit Week</p>	 <p>Christmas Presentation</p>	 <p>Christmas Sale</p>	 <p>Winter Weather</p>	 <p>Bullying or Conflict?</p>
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Principal Message:

The joys and excitement of the holiday season has begun filling our classrooms and hallways. As a school, we are happy to continue our traditions of performing, giving, and helping others as well as coming together as a school community to share in the holiday season. Over the past few weeks, we have been reminded of the importance of community and witnessed the power of 'community' coming together to help one another in a time of need. We are sending our thoughts to all those who have been impacted by the flooding, evacuations and/or barriers to seeing family and friends.

Classes are also thinking about our community and working to fill many boxes of non-perishable items (food, toiletry, diapers) for the Chilliwack Food Bank. Students are engaged in a friendly competition to see which class can bring the most donations with the winning class receiving prize to be jointly decided by the classroom teacher and the Principal and Vice Principal along with determining which order classes will go shop at the Christmas Store hosted by our PAC.

On Monday, **December 13th**, **Term 1 Report Cards** will be sent home. Formal reports provide a comprehensive and thorough account of your child's progress in all areas of the curriculum.

This past term of school has brought many learning highlights and achievements to celebrate. Parents are encouraged to read the report and review the progress being made with your child. Please set aside some time to talk with your child's progress in school with him/her, highlighting his/her strengths, area(s) requiring further attention and creating a plan for meeting the goal(s). A good conversation starter for this is talking with your child about what he/she like about learning, enjoy about school, what he/she is good at and what they would like to get better at, followed by asking why or how do you know or how can you achieve your goal(s). Conversations, such as these, help to engage children in thinking about what he/she can do continue to grow their skills and helps develop personal ownership.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher or the school.

-Ms. Kass

Food Bank Train



Collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations until December 15, 2021.



Christmas Spirit Week

Next week will see a theme day for each day of the week.

Monday: Fancy Dress (Virtual Concert Filming Day)

Tuesday: Christmas Hats

Wednesday: Christmas Sweater

Thursday: Christmas Accessories

Friday: Christmas PJ Day

Christmas Presentation

Students and staff are busy preparing their Christmas Presentation which will be virtual this year. Next Friday, December 17th, families will be sent a link to video compilation of class performances.



PAC Christmas Store



On Wednesday, December 15th, our students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift wrapped present for a loved one at a very reasonable cost of \$1.00. If you have any new or gently used gift items, wrapping paper or gift bags please drop them off at the office. Please email strathconapac@gmail.com if you are available to help with this fun filled day. Thank you to our fantastic PAC for organizing this event!

Winter Weather

A reminder to dress for the outside weather. With cooler and wetter weather now upon us, students are encouraged to wear waterproof outdoor clothing such as boots and jackets with hats. Slips and falls do happen from time to time, families are encouraged to include a change of clothes in their child's backpack.



Is it BULLYING or is it CONFLICT?

Bullying is a persistent pattern of unwelcome or aggressive behaviour that often involves an imbalance of power, and/or targeting someone with the intention to harm or humiliate them.

Conflict, on the other hand, is generally a disagreement or difference in opinion between peers who typically have equal power in their relationships. It can be ongoing. It's usually an inevitable part of a group dynamic.

Student Misbehaviour is actions or inactions of students that distract or take away from the positive learning environment that classroom teachers establish for learning in the class and interactions outside of the classroom. There are a variety of factors that contribute to student conflict and/or misbehaviour, but it mainly is the result of student impulsivity (reacting quickly to actions without much thought) or a personal skills deficiency (lacking certain skills to cope with a given situation).

As a school, we work with all students to support them in making positive behaviour choices, building their capacity in making right decisions, and developing their strategies for regulating their emotions or behaviour along with helping students grow their knowledge and strategies for dealing with a conflict. Regardless of the situation, we encourage/ask students to immediately seek help from an adult to help them through the process. If it is deemed to be a bullying incident/issue, we follow a clear process set out by [Erase Bullying BC](#).

Snow made it's arrival on Monday but to the student's dismay disappeared in a day. With winter season now upon us, there will likely be more snow days ahead, turning our school grounds into a winter wonderland. On school days where snow falls, please have your child come wearing outdoor winter wear so they can play in outside on the fields and playground.

SNOW
MUCH FUN

