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THE COYOTE CONNECTION

A MESSAGE FROM CHERYL SEBASTIAN, PRINCIPAL

WOW - It is hard to believe that December is here!

It is going to be a busy month and we are all working hard and looking forward to the learning, activities and events leading up to Christmas. We will keep you informed through your child's agenda, the school calendar and a listing of events included in this newsletter.

Winter Break is from December 22nd to January 6th.



ATTENDANCE & LATE ARRIVALS

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. As a parent, you can prepare your child for a lifetime of success by making regular school attendance a priority.

We have had a significant increase in student lates in the last three weeks. For example in one week there were the following lates:

Monday	19
Tuesday	15
Wednesday	26
Thursday	34
Friday	23

School classes begin promptly at **8:30 am**. In an effort to increase your child(ren)'s success in school we will be monitoring attendance/ late arrivals on a monthly basis and following up with a phone call home from your child's teacher and/or a phone call or letter home from the office if necessary.

Your cooperation in getting your child to school by **8:15 a.m.** will ensure they are here on time for breakfast and prepared to start their lessons. Thank you for working with us to make it a successful year for your child.

SALMON - In October, our students had the amazing experience of visiting Adams River to partake in the interpretive program put on by The Department of Fisheries and Oceans as part of the Adams River Salute to the Sockeye Festival. Through the program and a guided tour led by teachers, students learned about Sockeye Salmon, and the unique journey they take from ocean to their freshwater birthplace. It was a great learning experience for all students involved and ended with a nice picnic lunch before the students departed back to the school.

To continue the learning process in regards to salmon and their life cycle, Ms. Bye and Ms. Bailey's classes are participating in the Stream to Sea program, and therefore have taken on the responsibility of raising salmon at our school. The fish tank is set up near the office for everyone to see as the salmon begin their cycle from egg to fry. Right now, the salmon are at the beginning egg stages and not much can be seen in the fish tank. After Christmas break, hopefully the eggs will have developed into alevin and the cover on the tank will be removed so that everyone can see as the alevin develop into fry. In June, when the salmon are big enough, we will release them back into the wild to begin the next stage of their life cycle. It is an exciting time for all of us as we raise our salmon babies!!

QSX DANCE GROUP - Students had an exciting week with the QSx Dance Team. The Team uses dance to work with youth to deliver a process-based learning program where SQx artists use rigorous physical activity and imagination to promote fitness, friendship, anti-bullying, anti-racism, cooperation, fair-play, creativity, character building, teamwork and physical literacy. Development of cognitive functions through complex tasks and exercises. They finished the week off with a group performance for parents, friends and Elders.

ANNUAL SK'ELEP SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR - The annual Sk'elep School Christmas Craft Fair and Loonie Auction will be held in the Sk'elep gym on **Saturday, December 1st from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.** Hope to see you there!

CRAFT FAIR - GRADES 5, 6, & 7 - As part of the Design and Technology curriculum and the Junior Achievement program the grade 5/6/7s will be having a **craft sale on Friday, December 14th from noon until 2:00 pm.** This is a student-centered project that builds entrepreneurial and business skills. Students choose whether they would like to be part of a group responsible for a set of related tasks or would like to be responsible for all aspects of the program themselves. The groups are: Product, Merchandising, Set-up and Bookkeeping.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – DECEMBER 18TH - There will be two Christmas Concert Performances, one in the afternoon starting at 1:00 pm and one performance in the evening starting at 6:00 p.m. For the evening performance please have your child(ren) at school and in their classroom by 5:30 pm.

If you are taking your child home early from the afternoon performance, please ensure that you let your child's teacher know or the office so that there is no confusion as to where your child is. Thank you for your co-operation regarding this.



November Events

November 29th Recognition Assembly 1:30 pm

December Events

December 1st Sk'elep PAC Craft Fair & Bake Sale

December 3rd In Service Day – No School

December 14th Grade 5, 6, 7 Craft Fair Sk'elep Gym

December 18th Christmas Concert

December 21st Last day of classes, Early dismissal
at 11:30 am

December 22nd -

January 6th Winter Break

January 7th School in Session

January 25th Literacy Day

