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STRIVING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE OUR POTENTIAL FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

December 1, 2015

It is hard to believe another month has come and gone. Thanks to everyone who was able to attend conferences last week to discuss your child's progress so far this year. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternate time or to discuss how things are going. We would like to wish everyone a happy, and memory filled holiday season and Merry Christmas.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Christmas shoebox campaign this year. We were able to donate 80 completed boxes this year thanks to your generosity. Thanks also to Mr. Eastwood and Mrs. Finter for organizing this at the school.

Lost and Found

Please remember to look through the large number of items on the table by the office as we will be donating unclaimed items to a local charity during the Christmas break.

Christmas Concert

Classes are busy preparing for our Christmas Concert. Students will do a dress rehearsal on the afternoon of December 14th where they will get to see the performance. Parents are invited to the performances on December 15th at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Students should arrive for the evening performance by 6:45pm. If your child will be unable to participate in the evening presentation, please inform the teacher as soon as possible as this impacts how they arrange their class for the evening.

Volleyball

Our teams have finished their seasons with lots of smiles and some improved skills. Thanks to all the students for their hard work and good sportsmanship demonstrated all season long. Special thanks go out to Mrs. Barr, Mrs. English, Mr. Stigners and Mrs. Unruh for your time donated in coaching the teams.

Digital Citizenship

With Christmas coming and the chance that some will be spending more time using electronics, I thought I would share some parent resources I recently came across. The following link includes modules on Research and Homework, Online relationships, Inappropriate Content, Online Marketing and Too Much Time online. <http://mediasmarts.ca/tutorial/e-parenting-tutorial-keeping-your-kids-online-activities>

Increasing Communication

Thanks to those that provided feedback for increasing our communication network and reducing paper. We are looking at creating a school facebook page – stay tuned for updates soon.

PAC News

Seasons Greetings fro the P.A.C.

Yearbook update:

As most of you are aware Bert Ambrose has published a yearbook for many years. Unfortunately our team of parents who have done this in the past have moved on to middle school. This is a big job for one person and we wont be able to complete it without help from some parents. If you have taken photos of any school event this year PLEASE email them to bertambrosepac@gmail.com or upload them to the app "replay it" It is as simple as downloading the app, finding Bert Ambrose (look for the green gator) creating an account and loading your snapshots! We think it would works best if we could find a parent rep. from each class to take pictures, who could stay in touch with the teacher regarding fun events happening in their own child's classroom. The parent would pass the photos along to the yearbook committee in whatever manner was more accommodating for them. If we cannot find a rep for each class we will be cancelling the 2015/16 yearbook. If this is something you could help out with please email your name and child's teacher to bertambrosepac@gmail.com where I can further assist you and create a list of potential picture takers.

This is the final call for parent helpers and a plead for you to upload any photos from the year so far that you may have. We are in great need of pictures from September through December!

Reminders:

Purdy's orders will be ready to pick up from your child's classrooms on Wednesday Dec 2nd Wreath and tree orders are scheduled to arrive here on Friday the 4th. P.A.C meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of every month in the library at 6:30 and babysitting is provided. All parents are encourage to come and share

Upcoming Events:

Dec 2 – Purdys chocolate orders due to arrive

Dec 2 – Hot Lunch – Quiznos

Dec 9 – Hot Lunch - Dominos

Dec 15 – Christmas Concert performances at 1:00 and 7:00 pm

Dec 16 – Hot Lunch – Wendys

Dec 18 – Last day of classes before Christmas Break

Jan 4 – School opens after Christmas Break