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Bert Ambrose Gators

Bert Ambrose School proudly presents
“THE POLAR EXPRESS”

PAC Updates

**Next PAC Meeting is tonight
(Tues. December 12th) at 6:30
pm in the library.**

Thank you to all of our families
for supporting the Growing
Smiles and Purdy’s fundraisers.

Here are some of the
items/activities that PAC has
sponsored/will be sponsoring
this year:

- Bus trips for every classroom.
- Residency with Mr. Rik Leaf – Slam Poetry.
- Dance Residency with Mrs. Angie Pomeroy in February.
- Storage cart for the iPads.
- 5 new Red Cat sound systems for the classroom.

THANK YOU!!



Monday, December 18
Dress Rehearsal at 1:00 pm

Tuesday, December 19
1:00 pm - Afternoon Performance
6:45 pm – Kindergarten Evening Performance
7:00 pm – Evening Performance

**Thank you to all of the staff and parent volunteers for
the many hours dedicated to making this year’s
production a success!**

**PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
ITEM FOR ADMISSION.**



ROOTS OF EMPATHY CONTINUES AT BERT AMBROSE SCHOOL!



Roots of Empathy is an evidence-based classroom program that has shown a significant effect in reducing levels of aggression among school children while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy. This Canadian program was developed in 1996 by Mary Gordon and is highly recognized throughout Canada and many other countries.

This year Mrs. Holloway is facilitating a Roots of Empathy program in Mrs. Lavoie's Grade 4/5 classroom. Baby Rebecca and Mom Tierney are participating in the program this year and we are so excited to have them share in this journey.

Home Reading Tips – Parent Session

A workshop for parents of early readers (K-1) will be hosted in the Bert Ambrose Library in early January. Learn why rhyming and fairy tales are essential to the development of strong readers. Strategies for supporting decoding and comprehension will be presented by Ms. Yorke, our Reading Recovery and Learning Support Teacher.

More information about the date and time will be available in January.

Please call or email the school if you are interested in attending this session. bertambrose@prn.bc.ca



School Sports

VOLLEYBALL

Our volleyball season has now finished – a special thank you to all of our parents and coaches for introducing our students to the sport of volleyball and providing skill development while instilling a love for this activity. We appreciate the time you have given to our students.

Congratulations to the Grade 4 Girls “B” team for finishing third in the District tournament and second in the league. The Grade 4/5 Girls team placed third in the tournament and the Grade 6 Girls placed fourth in the tournament. Our Boys’ teams did not play in the tournament but the Grade 4 Boys “B” team placed second in the league. Well done everyone!



BASKETBALL – COACHES NEEDED!

Basketball will begin in January and we are in need of coaches to allow all of our Grade 4-6 players to participate. We have coaches for our girls’ teams but require an additional three coaches to allow all of the boys who are interested an opportunity to play. Please contact the office if you could help out with coaching basketball in the New Year. Thank you!

Dressing for the Weather

Please make sure your child has appropriate outside clothing as students will be outside in the morning before school, at recess, and during the lunch hour whenever possible. We use -20 C as a guideline for determining whether students will be inside or outside but also take into consideration the wind chill factor.



Important Dates:



Monday, December 11th

10:40 am – 12:00 noon – Miss Symynuk’s, Mrs. Fraser’s, and Mr. Frankham’s classes go skating.

Tuesday, December 12th

9:40 am – 12:30 noon – Mrs. Fraser’s, Mr. Frankham’s, and Mr. Burkinshaw’s classes go to “The Little Mermaid” at the Cultural Centre.

6:30 pm – PAC Meeting

Wednesday, December 13th

9:40 am – 12:30 noon – Mrs. Kurseiner’s, Mrs. McKinnon’s, Mrs. Tacey’s, Mr. Ouellette’s, Mrs. Larsh’s and Mrs. Watchel’s classes go to “The Little Mermaid” at the Cultural Centre.

12:00 PM – Saigon Noodle Hot Lunch

Thursday, December 14th

Bake Sale – hosted by Mrs. Tacey’s and Mrs. Lee’s classes to raise money for our sponsor child, Rina Marcella, through Plan Canada.

12:00 – 12:45 pm – Math Club in the library.

Friday, December 15th

Pajama Day!

Monday, December 18th

1:00 pm - Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 19th

1:00 pm – Christmas Concert

6:45 pm – Kindergarten Performance

7:00 pm – Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 21st

11:30 am – Carol singing in the gym. Please feel free to join us.

12:00 noon – Wendy’s Hot Lunch

Thursday, December 21st

10:00 am – Carol singing in the gym. Please feel free to join us.

*Cameron from the Salvation Army will be here to pick up our Food Hamper donations.

12:00-12:45 pm – Math Club in the library.

12:45 pm – 2:15 – Mr. Burkinshaw’s and Mrs. McKnight’s classes are skating.

Friday, December 22nd

11:00 am – Carol singing in the gym. Please join us! Rumour has it that a special visitor may make an appearance!

11:30 am – Mrs. Lee’s, Mrs. Barr’s, and Mrs. London’s class to Hockey Game.

12:45 – 2:15 pm – Mrs. McKinnon’s and Mrs. Kursteiner’s classes are skating.

*Last day prior to Christmas Break.

Monday, January 8th

School re-opens! Welcome back!!

Remember to use the link on our school website for our “Calendar”! Mrs. Selin will be keeping this calendar as up-to-date as possible!
www.ambrose.prn.bc.ca

Reminders/Information/Thank You's

- Thank you for attending the Parent-Teacher Interviews held on Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 1. If you were not able to attend during this time and would like to meet with your child's teacher, please contact the office and Mrs. Selin can assist with scheduling a time.
- School Fees are now overdue – please make arrangements to pay these as soon as possible
- Sports Fees are \$10 per student per activity to assist with league and tournament fees, refereeing costs, and bus transportation. The sports fee needs to be paid prior to the start of each season.
- A special thank you to everyone who contributes to our school – we appreciate our hard-working PAC, our classroom parent volunteers, our coaches, and those of your working behind the scenes to make Bert Ambrose School a great place for students!
- And lastly, we need to acknowledge our Grade 5-6 students for taking on leadership roles within the school. Thank you to the office helpers, lunch period monitors and the recycling crew. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Lock Down Drill



Schools are required to hold at least two Lock Down drills each year. After Christmas we will be discussing the importance of the Lock Down drill with our students. We will be holding our first drill of this school year after the Christmas Break. Parents/guardians will be informed of the date/time this is occurring. Our goal is to reduce the anxiety students may feel about the drill and have it become as familiar as the Fire Drills that occur six times each school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office and talk to Ms. Wright or Miss Brekkas.

On behalf of the staff at Bert Ambrose, we would like to wish your household a wonderful holiday season filled with happiness and special family moments.

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**