



George Bonner Elementary School December Newsletter



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WINTER BREAK

A reminder that the last day of classes before the winter break will be Friday, December 18th. School will not reopen until Monday, January 4th. We'd like to wish everyone a very happy, relaxing and SAFE holiday season!

WARM CLOTHING

A reminder to all parents and guardians that unless it is raining VERY heavily, students are outside every day for 45 minutes during the lunch break. Please make sure that your children come to school dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. A reminder to please label all clothing as our lost and found area is currently overflowing with unlabeled items. Lost and found items are located at the front entrance to the school and can be viewed through the window or by contacting any of the office staff.

As the nights get colder there may be areas of the parking lot, sidewalks and playground that freeze at

ICE COVERED AREAS

night making them slippery in the mornings. Maintenance staff will shovel snow and apply ice melt when possible, but they have almost 30 sites to attend to. They do not have time to visit all schools before school starts each day. Mr. Clark and Mrs. Bridge will also apply ice melt to problem areas on cold mornings. However, please be aware that due to the sheer size of the paved area at Bonner there may still be slippery areas on various parts of the school grounds throughout the winter months. If you encounter a slippery spot, please let the office know immediately so the area can be attended to. Thank you and please watch your step on cold mornings!



SPIRIT WEAR

Due to popular demand, we have opened up the ordering for spirit wear. However, it is a quick turn around and orders must be in by December 8th. Please go online to order: <https://georgebonner.sd79.bc.ca/school-cash-online/>

You will need to register an account and enter the student's information. We hope to have the orders in before the winter break. If you have any questions please call the office and Jody or Ann-Marie will be happy to help you.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

Dates for Kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year will take place as shown below.

French Immersion and Mill Bay Nature School: January 18-22, 2021

Catchment schools: January 25-29, 2021.

The process will be similar to last year. Details can be found

at <https://sd79.bc.ca/parents/kindergarten-registration/>

The School District continues to look at options to help make student drop off and pick up as safe as

STUDENT SAFETY

possible. A reminder to all parents the speed limit in front of the school is **30 km/h** from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. We also ask parents to be patient during pick up and drop off times and please obey all school signage. When in the parking lot please be mindful of children walking between and behind vehicles, especially if your windows are fogged up.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If the Superintendent needs to officially close one or more schools for the day due to inclement weather, these closures will be reported on The Q! (100.d FM), The Zone (91.3 FM), JUICE FM (89.7), CBC FM (90.5), CFX FM (1070) and CTV VI News by 6:00 am. Notification on the School District #79 website <https://sd79.bc.ca/winter-weather-information-for-2019-20/>), Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CowichanSchools/>), and Twitter account (<https://twitter.com/cowichanschools>) will occur as soon as possible. Typically, schools are only closed when it is unsafe for school buses to travel on the roads or if there has been an extended power failure causing the schools to become too cold.

MOVEMBER

Last month Mr. Burgess organized “Movember” activities for staff and students. Students could purchase sticky mustaches, or create their own, then have their picture taken and posted on the Bonner digital signage. Some of the Male staff members also grew mustaches to raise money. In total \$780 was raised for men’s health. Thank you to Mr. Burgess for organizing and thank you to all students and staff who participated.



Mrs. Baxendale is currently working on a variety of holiday songs and activities with all classes in the school. Her plan is to record each class

performance then send links out to the parents. If the technology cooperates you should get an email to watch your child's class before school closes for the break.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Good news from the library. Students are now able to sign out books on line and Mr. Boan-Mitchell is delivering them to the classrooms. Mr. Boan- Mitchell has also been conducting virtual library sessions with all classes which include reading stories to students as well as instructional components. The district has developed a plan to correct the data as we transfer from the L4U operating system to the Follet system and we will have all titles available for sign out as soon as possible. Thanks to all for your patience and keep on reading!

BONNER FOOD DRIVE

Each year in December, George Bonner Elementary collects items for local families in need. This year the need is greater than ever. Any contributions are greatly appreciated! Simply send a non-perishable food item to school with your child any time before December 18th. The donation box will be located near the office. Thank you in advance for helping to make the holidays a little brighter for local families.

ISLAND HEALTH INFORMATION



Please click on the link for a message from Island Health about hand washing:

[Handwashing for Health](#)

Monthly Calendar of Activities

December 2020

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1 Virtual assembly	2	3	4 Newsletter home	5	6
7	8	9 Staff Meeting Div. 3/4 to Mill Bay nature park	10 Bottle Drive 	11	12	13
14	15 PAC Meeting 	16	17	18 Last Day of classes	19	20
21	22 	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day 	26	27
28			31 New Year's Eve	January 1 Happy New Year 	2	3
4 Students return to school 	3	5	6	7	8	9