



# 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 17<sup>th</sup>. School will not reopen until Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. We would 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.

### ICE COVERED AREAS

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



### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

Kindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 school year will take place as shown below.

French Immersion and Mill Bay Nature School January 24<sup>th</sup> to January 28<sup>th</sup>

Catchment schools January 31<sup>st</sup> to February 4<sup>th</sup>

More detailed information will be sent home at the start of January.

## STUDENT SAFETY

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

## COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

This month, I want to highlight a peer support group for siblings of children with diverse needs. The program is called 'Sibshops' run by Sundrops (Clements Centre for Families). At 'Sibshops', children have the opportunity to connect, play, and talk with other siblings that understand what it is like having siblings with diverse needs, all while doing fun activities. The program is free, and includes events like holiday baking, bowling, and crafts. Please email Susie at [speterson@clementscentre.org](mailto:speterson@clementscentre.org) or call (250) 597-4135 for more information on dates.

## 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-2020/>), 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.

## MO-VEMBER

Last month Mr. Burgess organized "Mo-vement" 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, more than \$900 was raised to help support men's health. Thank you to Mr. Burgess for organizing and thank you to all students and staff who participated.

## PAC CRAFT FAIR

A reminder that the George Bonner PAC will be hosting a craft fair in Bonner's multipurpose room from 4pm to 7:30pm tonight and tomorrow from 9:00am to 4pm. There will also be a silent auction, bake sale and concession. We hope to see you there and thank you in advance for supporting the Bonner community.

## **BONNER FOOD DRIVE**

Each year in December, George Bonner Elementary collects nonperishable food items for local families in need. Any contributions are greatly appreciated! Simply send a non-perishable food item to school with your child any time before December 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## **SCHOOL SPORTS AND CLUBS**

As COVID restrictions slowly begin to loosen, staff have begun to offer sports and clubs for various age groups. Currently, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Low, Mrs. Hallet and Ms. Newburg have been offering lunch time basketball for Grade 6 and Grade 7 students, Ms. Sorenson has been offering once a week Yoga for all age groups, Ms. Trotter has been running a "mindful minutes" club, Elliot and Mrs. Rimbey have been running a SOGI rainbow club once per week and Mr. Neligan has been offering floor hockey to intermediate students twice a week at lunch. Thank you to all staff for volunteering to run lunch hour clubs and sports!

## **PERFORMING GROUP**

Today, Candybones Theater from Vancouver visited Bonner to put on a one-person performance called "Oopsie" for all primary students. The themes of the performance were "it is OK to make mistakes" and "trying new things helps your brain grow." This performance was very entertaining and well received by students. It was great to have some of the classes together again and a good time was had by all.



# Monthly Calendar of Activities

## December 2021

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
		<b>1</b> <b>Assembly @</b> <b>9:00 via ZOOM</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Div. 4,</b> <b>7,15,13</b> <b>Skating</b> <b>12:30-</b> <b>2:00</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Newsletter</b> <b>"Oopsie"</b> <b>performance</b> <b>9:00 MPR</b> <b>PAC craft fair</b> <b>4-7:30</b>	<b>4</b> <b>PAC</b> <b>Craft</b> <b>Fair</b> <b>9-4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Hot Lunch Day</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Bottle Drive</b> 	<b>10</b> <b>PAC pancake</b> <b>day</b>  <b>Div. 1,2,3</b> <b>Skating</b> 	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Pop Corn Day</b>  <b>PAC Meeting @</b> <b>6:30</b> 	<b>15</b> <b>Basketball</b> <b>tournaments</b> <b>at Bonner</b>  <b>Div. 8, 11, 12,</b> <b>Skating</b> 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Last Day of</b> <b>classes</b>  <b>Div 1, 2, 3</b> <b>Skating,</b> 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas</b> <b>Day</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>

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## January 2022

<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>New Year's</b> <b>Eve</b> 	<b>Jan 1</b>	<b>Jan 2</b>
<b>Jan 3</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>Jan 4</b> <b>School reopens</b> 	<b>Jan 5</b>	<b>Jan 6</b>	<b>Jan 7</b>	<b>Jan 8</b>	<b>Jan 9</b>