



Words from the Wolfpack

Tsuma-as Elementary Newsletter
Ms. Girard, Principal

November 26, 2025
Mrs. Kynoch, Vice-Principal

Shifting into Winter ...

November has flown by, and it is hard to believe that December is just around the corner! The weeks leading up to Winter Break will be filled with several class-specific and school-wide seasonal activities. Please read this newsletter carefully, as it outlines upcoming events, important school information, and key calendar dates. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Girard through the school office.



Wet Weather & Clothing Reminder

The past few weeks have brought plenty of rainstorms, which have resulted in many wet and muddy students. As we head into the Winter season, this is an important reminder that all students should have proper outdoor gear (warm and waterproof jackets, boots, rain pants, hats, gloves, etc.) as well as a full change of clothes kept at school. Having these items on hand helps students stay comfortable and reduces missed class time and phone calls home.

Winter Jackets

Tsuma-as Elementary is fortunate to be supported by many different community groups. They often provide supports and supplies for our children and the school. This year we have an abundance of winter jackets and backpacks. If your child could use a winter jacket or new backpack, please reach out to Ms. Girard by email mgirard@sd70.bc.ca or office phone. We will ensure your child receives an appropriate size etc.



TSUMA-AS ELEMENTARY PAC
PRESENTS:

JINGLE BELL JACKPOT 50/50

WINNER TAKES 50% OF THE TOTAL POT AND THE
REMAINING PROCEEDS GO TO TSUMA-AS PAC
SUPPORTING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

LIVE NOV 24, 25 TO DEC 18, 25 12 PM

LICENSE #167517

SCAN THIS QR CODE TO PLAY

DRAW IS
DEC 19 12PM

OR SEARCH

\$5 FOR 1
\$20 FOR 5

[HTTPS://WWW.RAFFLEBOX.CA/RAFFLE/TAE](https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/tae)

MUST BE 19+ TO PLAY

TSUMAASPAC@GMAIL.COM

Jingle Bell Jackpot ~ 50/50 Raffle – PAC Fundraiser

This year the PAC is switching things up and trying an online 50/50 draw, instead of our Winter Raffle Baskets.

Like any 50/50 draw, we sell tickets (19+) and the money collected goes into a jackpot. On draw day – a winning ticket is selected, and the jackpot is then split 50 % between the winner and 50 % remains with the PAC. The more tickets we sell the bigger the prize!

This 50/50 raffle is **completely digital**. Family and friends (far and wide) can buy tickets using the link:

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/tae> or via the QR code on the poster.

Tickets are on sale now until Dec. 18th @noon. The winning ticket will be announced on Dec. 19th!

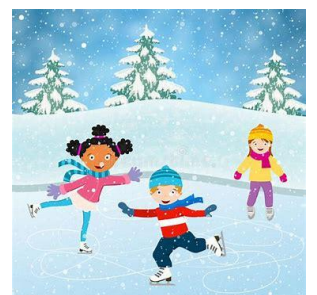
Please spread the word and share the links. Let's make this a HUGE success for our PAC.

Winter Wonderland Skating

All classes will be attending Winter Wonderland skating on **Wednesday Dec. 17th**. Parents will be invited to skate with us and are asked to help tie skates.

ALL students & adults will need to wear helmets on the ice (no exceptions).

A newsletter & permission slip with specific class skate times & additional details will be sent home next week.





Santa Shop

Tsuma-as is once again hosting a “Santa Shop” for all students. This year we are opening the Santa Shop for two days of shopping for students. On **Thursday Dec. 11th & Friday Dec. 12th**, each class will have an opportunity to “shop” for items for their loved ones. **Both days**, students will have the opportunity to pick out two special gifts for their family and have them wrapped to bring home. Items will range in size, shape, and value, but to make shopping easy, all items are priced at \$1.00 each. Students are encouraged to bring **\$2.00 for shopping EACH DAY**. The money collected will be donated back to the PAC to help cover wrapping material costs, etc. All students will have equal opportunity to shop, whether they have a money donation or not.

Santa Shop – Donations

We are collecting special treasures for our Santa Shop. If you have new or gently used items that would be great as gifts, please bring them to the front entrance of the school where we have collection bins inside the front doors.

We are also collecting wrapping supplies: wrapping paper, tape, gift bags, tissue etc.

Santa Shop – Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help over the following three days:

Set Up Crew = Wednesday Dec. 10th 2:15 – 3:30

Wrapping Volunteers = Thursday Dec. 11th & Friday Dec. 12th (2hr shifts throughout each day)

Clean Up Crew = Friday Dec. 12th 2:15 – 3:30

If you can help, please use this link to sign up:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/6920384060123/false#/invitation>



Winter Concert Performance

Our Kindergarten to Grade 3 classes (including the grade ¾ class) will be participating in a Winter Performance. Classes will be singing seasonal songs to showcase for their families. Our Winter Performance will take place on **Thursday, December 18th**. **There will be two shows: 1:15pm & 6pm**. Doors will open 15 minutes before the show. ALL audience members will load into the gym through the hard-court gym entrance – by the kindergarten playground (NOT the front doors). Students will remain in their classrooms until their performance times. Student drop off and pick up will be done through their regular classroom routines. Further information will be sent out to those classes participating.

School Sports

Congratulations to all school athletes who participated in Wrestling, Volleyball and Cross Country this season. You showed great teamwork, dedication, and school spirit! Way to go, Wolfpack!! Shout out to the teachers and parent volunteers who helped coach these teams. It wouldn't be possible without your time and leadership!



Library Update

Ms. Wutke would just like to take a minute to thank everyone for their continued support of the Tsuma-as library! Last month's bookfair was a great success & the next one is scheduled for the spring.

Did you know Tsuma-as School has a school account at Mobius Books?

If you or someone you know is looking for a way to support our school, please visit Mobius Books in person or online. You can purchase books or donate your own Mobius Points to our school account. Books purchased can be left at the store and the school will be notified of purchases ready for pick up. If you need some suggestions on books for our Library, you can check out our school wish list at: <https://mobiusbookstore.ca/gift-registry/cWIUNtJgnwc>

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is overflowing with clothing and personal items. Please stop by the office area to collect your child's belongings before Winter Break. All items left after Dec. 19th will be donated to a local charity.





Upcoming Dates:

Nov. 24 to Dec. 18 – Jingle Bell 50/50 Jackpot Sales

Nov. 28 – Fun Sock Day

Dec. 11 & 12 – Santa Shop

Dec. 12 – Christmas Sweater Day

Dec. 15 – Tree Topper Day (wear a sparkly head band, hat etc.)

Dec. 16 – Red & Green Day

Dec. 17 – Winter Wonderland Skating + Light Up & Glow (wear something bright or that glows!)

Dec. 18 – Primary Winter Performance (Kindergarten to Grade 3) 1:15pm & 6pm Shows

Dec. 19 – Pajama Day

Dec. 19 – Learning Updates Go Home

Dec. 20 to January 4 - Winter Break

Jan. 5 – School Re-opens

SUPPORTING LITERACY AT HOME

SPOTLIGHT ON THE **JOY** OF READING



READ TOGETHER

Foster a love of literacy by reading books with your child regularly. Read to them or take turns reading aloud together. This is one of the most important things you can do to support your child's literacy development.



BOOKS IN A SERIES

Find a series of books you love and keep the enjoyment going as you read the next book in the series.

VANCOUVER ISLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Visit the local public library and sign up for your **FREE** library card. Start signing out books to enjoy at home.



AUDIOBOOKS

Listen to audiobooks in the car while driving. You can borrow audiobooks through the public library.

Scan the QR code for more ideas on how to inspire a love of reading.

