



Words from the Wolfpack

Tsuma-as Elementary Newsletter
Ms. Girard, Principal

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Ms. Spring, Vice-Principal

Upcoming December Events

December is here and it is a busy month for all of us at Tsuma-as Elementary School. This newsletter will provide you with detailed information about our school events that are happening prior to winter break. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher for further information. On behalf of the entire school, we would like to wish you a happy holiday season and restful winter break. We look forward to seeing you all in January!



Winter Wonderland Skating

All classes will be going ice skating for Winter Wonderland on Friday Dec. 15th. Students will be travelling by bus to the Alberni Valley Multiplex. Parents/ family are invited to skate with us and are asked to help tie skates. **ALL students & adults MUST wear helmets on the ice.** Students should bring their own helmets to wear during skating. Any kind of helmet will work (bike, hockey, horse-back riding, moto-cross etc.) The Multiplex has a very limited number of helmets available for those who do not have one. Students are also encouraged to bring their own skates if they have them. If students do not have their own skates, skate rentals are available. The cost for student and adult skate rentals is \$2.00. If your child will be renting skates, make sure your child knows their shoe size.

Please remember, school outings or field trips are always supported by the school. If your child needs rentals but your family does not have the additional money to cover the costs, please do not worry. The school will cover this.

Skating session times are as follows:

(Parents/family are needed about 15 min. early to help tie skates)

Session 1: 9:15-10:15

Parfitt, Spring/Wutke, Misfeldt, Laslo, Tuck

Session 2: 10:45-11:45

Arbanas, Martell, Ralph, Brooks, Anker

Session 3: 12:55-1:55

Villette, Nguyen/Ellison-Miles, Coleman, Empringham, Williams



Santa Shop – Donations & Volunteers Needed!

Our PAC "Santa Shop" is coming up on Tuesday Dec. 19th. All classes will have a timeslot to "shop" for items for their loved ones. Each student will have the opportunity to pick out 2 special gifts for their family and have them wrapped to bring home. To make shopping easy, items will be priced at \$1.00 each. Students are encouraged to bring **\$2.00 max for shopping**. All money collected will be donated back to the PAC to help cover wrapping material costs etc. Students will all have an opportunity to shop, whether they have a money donation or not. Students are encouraged to bring a re-usable shopping bag to take home their special gifts. Bags will not be provided.



We continue to collect items for our Santa Shop. If you have new or gently used items that would make great gifts, please bring them to the school. We have collection trollies inside the front doors to leave your donations on. We are also seeking donations of wrapping supplies including wrapping paper, tape, gift bags, tissue etc.

Are you able to help??? A PAC Newsletter went home yesterday. We are looking for family volunteers to help out with set up, wrapping and clean up. If you are available to volunteer, please return the bottom portion of the PAC newsletter or contact our PAC through Facebook or email: tsumaaspac@gmail.com



Winter Performance

Our Kindergarten to Grade 3 classes (including Ms. Empringham's class) will be participating in a Winter Performance for their families on Thursday **December 21st. There will be two shows: 1 pm & 6 pm. Each student will be able to invite 2 family members to EACH show.** This means each child can invite 2 family members to the 1 pm show and 2 family members to the 6 pm evening show. We ask that all families respect the 2-seat maximum for

each show. Doors will open 15 minutes before the show. **All audience members will load into the gym through the courtyard gym entrance (NOT the front doors).** Students will remain in their classrooms until their performance times.

Evening show:

Student drop off and pick up will be done through their regular classroom line up areas. The classrooms will not open until 5:45pm. Students will return to class after their performances and will then be brought out to their line up areas after the show. Parents will not pick up their students from their classrooms.

Students Attire: Students can wear anything Christmas/Winter themed that they feel comfortable in. Students are welcome to dress in formal or fancy clothes; or red, white, green or blue colours. We ask that students do not wear ball caps or hoodies.



Breakfast Bags

We have had a generous donation of "breakfast bags" for 12 families in our school. Each breakfast bag includes breakfast goodies (pancake mix, syrup, juice, oatmeal, & coffee). We would like to draw names for these bags. If you would like to put your family's name in for the breakfast bag draw, please email Ms. Girard directly mgirard@sd70.bc.ca
Good luck !



Lost & Found

Our Lost and Found table is overflowing with student clothing and personal items. Please visit the office area to check for your child's lost belongings. Reminder ~ all unclaimed items will be donated to a local organization over winter break.



Upcoming Dates:

- Dec. 13th – Pizza Day (pre-orders only)
- Dec. 15th – Winter Wonderland Skating
- Dec. 19th – Santa Shop
- Dec. 21st – Primary Winter Performance (Divisions 1-9) 1 pm & 6 pm Shows
- Dec. 22nd – Learning Updates (Report Cards) Go Home
- Dec. 22nd – Last day of classes
- Dec. 23rd to January 7th - Winter Break
- Jan. 8th – School Re-opens