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Happy Holidays from the Staff at Winchelsea School

Reminder: Last day of classes is Friday, Dec 18th, 2009
School re-opens on Monday, Jan 4th, 2010

Once again our Christmas break and winter holiday are upon us. As always, students, parents and staff look forward to spending quality time with family and friends free from the many distractions of our regular schedule. At Winchelsea, we have all had an extremely busy fall term participating in many special events and activities, and, working hard on reading, writing, counting, getting along, setting goals, managing disappointments, learning to share and the many other big and little things which make up a typical school day.

The staff wishes to thank our PAC who work VERY hard on behalf of parents by providing students with all kinds of extras which enrich the school experience for students. Don't forget these very active volunteers can always use help. Over the last several weeks the familiar sights, sounds and smells of special projects associated with the upcoming holiday are everywhere. We would like to thank the many parents who have joined us during this time in classrooms, hallways and kitchens, assisting students and teachers with all sorts of projects, learning activities and crafts.

The end of this term also marks the departure of a long-term staff member at Winchelsea. After a long and highly successful teaching career where she engaged many, many students in rich and meaningful learning activities, Jill Chudleigh will be retiring from teaching. We are very happy for Jill that she will now be able to focus her many talents on other things, but at the same time, we will really miss the huge contribution Jill makes both inside and outside her classroom to our students, staff and parent community. We would like to welcome Kim Bellwood who will be our new teacher in Room 3 and who will be starting in January. Kim, who is very enthusiastic about joining our staff is originally from Saskatchewan and has worked in our District for a number of years in several schools and at a variety of levels.

Our staff would like to wish all families a very safe and restful holiday. We look forward to seeing our students back rested, healthy and eager to learn on Monday, January 4, 2010,

Christmas Concert- Thursday, Dec 17th

Our whole school will be performing a Christmas Concert this **Thursday, Dec 17th**.

There will be 2 performances, in the afternoon @ 1:00 pm and in the evening @ 7:00 pm. The **Kindergarten students** will be changing their day on Dec 17th. They **will only attend** in the

afternoon from **12:30 – 2:50**, in order for them to participate in the afternoon performance as well as the evening performance.

Due to the size of our school, our audience space will be limited. We are requesting that if additional guests are coming that they attend the afternoon concert (1:00 – 2:30 pm), as we anticipate a larger audience in the evening. **For security reasons**, all students will stay in the gym with their teacher and then at the end of the concert, they will return to their homeroom classes for dismissal. **Parents must wait and pick up their children from their classroom rather than from the gym. There will be no exceptions to this!!** In addition, we need to have students at school and in their classroom at 6:45 pm for the evening concert, in order to load the gym with their classmates. Remember, **parking WILL definitely be an issue.**



Local Food Drive

In our front hallway under the tree, we have decorated boxes for a Food Drive to support families in our area. Please bring a donation of non-perishable goods when you come to our Christmas Concert.

Choir Students at the Christmas Concert

They will be performing at both the afternoon & evening concerts. When performing the students just need to wear their own dress clothes. For the evening performance, choir students need to meet in the music room at **6:30 pm**. Any questions, please contact Mrs Burn or Ms Trelawny at the school.

Library Books

This is a reminder to please remember to return all library books to the library before you leave on Winter Break. If possible, please return your books tomorrow, Wednesday.....

Calendar Dates to Remember

Dec 17	Christmas Concert @ 1pm & 7pm
Dec 18	Last day of school prior to Winter Vacation
Jan 4	Schools re-open after Winter Vacation
Jan 5	Room 8 bus to Ravensong Pool for Gr 3 swim lessons
Jan 7	Rooms 1 & 6 (Gr 3's) bus to Ravensong Pool for Gr 3 swim lessons
Jan 7	Rooms 2A, 5, 7, 9 & 12 walk to BSS for "Alice in Wonderland"



Christmas Concert Schedule - "Twas the Night Before Christmas"

Room 12 Smith	"Christmas Lullaby"
Room 4 Spencer/Halford	"Children, Go Where I Tell You" & "We Saw Three Ships"
Room 14 Austin	"Santa Claus Is Coming To Town"
Room 8 Spendlove	"Silver Bells"
Room 15 Walker	"Blitzen's Boogie"
Room 7 Price	"Reindeer Like to Boogie"
Room 1 Trelawney	"Jingle Bell Rock"
Room 6 Jones	"Santa NO-EL"
Room 9 Brown	"Trees and Santa Tango"
Room 5 Crampton	"I believe in Santa Claus"
Room 2A Moore	"All I Really Want for Christmas"

Room 3 Chudleigh
Room 2 Gilmour

“Merry Christmas Everyone”
“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

Whole School Choir re-enters singing Jingle Bells, Santa is the Man, & Feliz Navidad

WES PAC Christmas Trees

There are only a few trees left, available at a special discounted price of \$15, please pay at the school office. They are against the fence facing the WES field.

Thank you to all the parents and students who came to help sell the trees and thanks to everyone who purchased a tree. They were exceptionally ‘plump’ this year. We hope everyone had a good time decorating the many branches and wish you a safe and restful holiday break.

PAC Movie Night

Next movie night will be **Friday, January 15th** showing “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs,” rated PG. Doors open 6pm, movie starts at 6:30pm, concession of water, popcorn and licorice are available for a small fee.

PAC Parent Parking Spot

If you are interested in the draw for the PAC Parent of the Month parking spot for January in the new year, please fill out the tear off below.

The PAC Parent of the Month Parking Spot – Jan 2010
(with a donation)



Print Name

Phone Number

Community Events

Milner Christmas Magic takes place from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm from Dec 17 - 21. A family oriented festival of lights and music in the Garden. Admission is by donation. Santa will be here!

Bethlehem Walk – Last night tonight – **Dec 15th** the annual Bethlehem Walk will be held from 6:00 – 8:30 pm at 550 Pym St at the Baptist Church. Experience the Christmas story. Taste, smell and hear the “Real Life” village with live animals and hundreds of people.....



RDN Recreation and Parks Programs - Register online and view program details at www.rdn.bc.ca.

Or call 250-248-3252 or 250-752-5014.

6th annual Winter Wonderland on Ice – Dec 16-26th @ Oceanside Place. Come out and enjoy a magical skating experience!

Santa Swim- Dec 23rd 2-4 pm – Ravensong Pool

Polar Express Camp – Dec 21-24th and 28-31st 8am – 5pm

Express Camp – Dec 21-23rd and 29-30th 9am – 4pm

Be sure to check out the link on the **School District 69** home page for **upcoming community events** and activities as well. <http://www.sd69.bc.ca>