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We would like to welcome all students and their families back from the winter break, and hope that everyone had a restful time, taking the opportunity to do the things which are not always possible when school is in session. Every year at this time it is hard to believe that 40% of the school year has already passed. We would like to thank parents for continuing to take the time on a daily basis to be involved in their child's work including checking and signing student planners. We believe this daily home / school communication involving parents really makes a difference in the quality of work students complete, and their level of engagement in classroom learning activities.

The spring term is also a time when we realize that our grade 5 students will be leaving us at the end of this year, and thus, they will be working hard in class to consolidate their skills in preparation for middle school. In addition, this spring we will also be working with our grade 4 students who will join all other grade 4's in public schools across the province in writing the BC Foundation Skills Assessment during the month of February. Also, over the next few months, we have many interesting classroom activities planned, special events and field trips to go on. We are approaching a really busy time in the school year, and as always, we invite you to join us in classrooms and to participate as fully as you can in the many activities of the Winchelsea PAC.

Gr 3 Swim Lessons

Starting today, our Gr 3 students have begun their swim lessons. This is an 8 week program which is part of our Gr 3 Physical Education program.

Ms Spendlove's class has their lessons on Tuesdays and Ms Jones & Ms Trelawny's gr 3's have their lessons on Thursdays. It is very important for those families involved, to mark their calendar with these dates and remember to bring their suits and towels on swim days.



PAC Parent Parking Spot

Congratulations to the Torgerson family who have won the draw for the parent 'parking spot of the month' for January.

Inclement Weather and Wet Clothing

With the wet weather upon us, students need to come to school dressed for the weather and to be prepared to change their clothing if they get wet at lunchtime. Please pack extra socks and also spare pants and shoes if your child is prone to getting wet and muddy. We declare wet days as "In" days at recess and lunch, however, the fresh air is a wonderful and necessary break for children, but at this time of year we have many puddles and lots of soggy grass around that can be hard to completely avoid.

PAC Movie Night – Movie starts @ 6:30 pm

Next movie night will be **FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2010** 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.

About the movie:

Inspired by Ron and Judi Barrett's beloved children's book of the same name, *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* follows inventor Flint Lockwood (voice of Bill Hader) and a brainy weathergirl (voice of Anna Faris) as they attempt to discover why the rain in their small town has stopped, and food is falling in its place. TO WATCH A PREVIEW: www.youtube.com and search for "cloudy with a chance of meatballs"



PAC Meeting

Next PAC meeting is **Tuesday, January 19th** at 7pm in the WES Library.
We look forward to seeing you there!

PAC Lunch Day

The next lunch day will be '**PIZZA HUT**' on **Friday, January 29, 2010**. Watch for the order forms coming home on the 19th.

Calendar Dates to Remember

Jan 7	Rooms 1 & 6 (gr 3's) bus to Ravensong Pool for swim lessons
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Jan 12	Room 8 bus to Ravensong Pool for swim lessons
Jan 14	Rooms 1 & 6 (gr 3's) bus to Ravensong Pool for swim lessons
Jan 15	PAC Movie Night – movie starts @ 6:30 pm in the gym
Jan 19	PAC Meeting @ 7pm in the library
Jan 29	PIZZA HUT - PAC Lunch Day

Spring Sing Choir

Our Spring Sing choir starts next Wednesday, Jan 13th. This choir is open to Grades 2-5 students and will meet every Wednesday morning @ 8:30 am. Bus students may join in as soon as their bus arrives. -Mrs. Burn and Ms. Trelawny.

Santa Pictures from Wembley Mall

For those of you who had Santa pictures taken at the Wembley Mall during the Christmas break (Dec 5 - Dec23), you can still pick them up from Angel Studio call 250-951-2174.

Lost

A Sansa video/music player was lost the night of the concert before Christmas. If found, please bring into the office.

Community News

Check the Community News and Events link (second tab on the left side) of the School District website. www.sd69.bc.ca
You can also access this from the same location on our school website at www.sms.sd69.bc.ca.