



WINCHELSEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter #12 – November 24, 2009

Reminder: Friday, Nov 27th
Parent / Teacher / Student Conference Day
Classes are not in session. Phone to book conference time!

Conference Day – Friday, Nov 27th

Teachers need all parents to please call the school office and book a conference time. Conferences will be held on Friday, Nov 27th along with other available dates and times. Please call the school and book your conference now!!! **Teachers are required to meet with all parents at this reporting time and will be following up with parents who have not scheduled an appointment.** Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, Nov 25th.



Scholastic Book Fair – Nov 26th & Nov 27th (note change in times)

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held on Thursday, Nov 26th from 9 am to 8 pm and Friday, Nov 27th from 9 am to 1 pm in our school library. Please drop by before or after your teacher conference and maybe make a purchase or two. Our school library benefits from the proceeds of this book fair. From the purchases, there will be a family draw for \$25.00 worth of books for one lucky student and \$25 for their classroom. Great Christmas ideas!

Inclement Weather and Wet Clothing

With winter weather on the way, students need to come to school dressed appropriately for the weather and to be prepared to change their clothing if they indeed get wet at lunchtime. The fresh air is a wonderful break for the children, but the rain produces many puddles around the school and soggy areas on our field. So please pack extra socks and spare pants in their backpacks.



Christmas Choir – Wednesdays @ 8:30 am

All students in Grades 2 – 5 are welcome to join the Christmas Choir. Choir started last Wednesday, but students may still join up this week at 8:30 am in the music room. Bus students may join in as soon as they arrive.

Grade 3 Swim Program

Once again, all of our Gr 3 students are being offered the opportunity to participate in a swimming program at the Ravensong Aquatic Centre in Qualicum. This program consists of 8 – 45 minute lessons. These lessons will begin early January, right after the Winter Break. Mrs Spendlove's gr 3 class will swim on Tuesdays and Ms Trelawny and Ms Jones' gr 3's will swim on Thursdays. Our PAC has very generously offered to pay for half of the program cost in order for it to be affordable to our families. Thank you to PAC for their help with this great program. Those classes will be receiving notices next week.

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Thank you to all our families who put together a Christmas Shoe Box for the Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child. We collected 54 boxes, which is fabulous!!! If anyone still has a box they are completing, it can be taken to the Parksville Bus Depot this week.

PAC News

WES PAC CHRISTMAS TREE SALE – Dec 11-13/09

From Friday, December 11th to Sunday, December 13th PAC will be hosting a CHRISTMAS TREE SALE on the outside basketball court at Winchelsea. Watch for the flyer going home soon, with hours of operation and prices.

We are also looking for volunteers to help that weekend, if you can do a 1/2 hour shift please contact wespac@shaw.ca or leave a message at the school 250-248-3296.



PAC Meeting

Next PAC meeting is **Tuesday, December 8th at 7pm** in the **WES Library**. We have had to move the meeting up a week due to our Tree sale fundraiser. We look forward to seeing you there!

Movie Night

Thank you to all the helpers from the last movie night. We will not be showing a movie during December, due to time constraints and all the activities that are happening at that time of year.

Calendar Dates to Remember

- Nov 25 Rooms 6 & 3 walk to skating
- Nov 26 PAC Subway lunch
- Nov 26 & 27 Scholastic Book Fair in Library
- Nov 27 Conference Day – classes not in session
- Dec 3 Rooms 8, 7 & 1 walk to skating
- Dec 8 PAC Meeting @ 7pm
- Dec 11-13 PAC Christmas Tree Sale
- Dec 17 Christmas Concert – 1pm & 7pm
- Dec 18 Last day of classes prior to Winter Break
- Jan 4, 2010 Schools re-open after Winter Break



Community Events

Parks & Rec – District 69 Recreation Programs for Winter. To register for programs, call 250-248-3252 or 250-752-5014 or visit the website Recparks@rdn.bc.ca.

Pro D Daze Camp – Nov 27th 5-11yrs – 8am – 5pm. Enjoy your day with our great leaders, super crafts and games to make this day fun. All activities encourage creativity, excitement and enthusiasm!

Pro D Skate – Nov 27th 1:30 – 3:00 pm - All welcome!

Christmas Crafters – Dec 4th 6-10yrs Santa’s elves have been busy planning a special project for you! This will be a magical night of crafts, games and songs

to celebrate the season. Leave with your special project wrapped and loads of holiday spirit! Oceanside Place Fri 5:00-8:00pm 23819 Dec 4 \$17.50/1

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

School District Website: Just a reminder that the Community Events or Activities – second tab on the left on the main schools district website (www.sd69.bc.ca) is continually being updated with new information regarding family or children/youth oriented activities in the Oceanside community. A few seasonal, holiday activities have been recently added.

**The PAC Parent of the Month Parking Spot – Dec 09
(with a donation)**

Print Name

Phone Number