



WINCHELSEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Reminder: Schools are Closed
Thursday, Oct 22nd – School Based Pro D Day
Friday, Oct 23rd – Provincial Pro D Day

It's Coats for Kids Time Again!

If you have unused or underused winter coats, scarves or gloves, the Rotary Club with the help of the Ballenas Secondary Leadership classes, would love to recycle them for you and make sure that someone can reuse them!



There will be a "Coats for Kids" Box located near the office of our school. The box will arrive on October 14th and the final pick up will occur on Monday, November 9th. Thank you for making sure everyone has a warm coat this winter!

PAC News

Family Dance/Fun Night

We had a great turnout at the family dance, over 170 people attended. We raised over \$800 to go towards educational fieldtrips for all of our children.

A BIG thank you to The Shakedown Annie Entertainers for providing such a great family interactive dance! A HUGE thank you to Grant Wildeman for the special Boom Box family prize and the Children's Video Camera. The Video Camera will be a door prize at the next Movie Night, so watch for more info about that in the coming month. Also, a SPECIAL thank you to all the parent helpers for setting up, take down and running the concession.

DFS "Snowball" Fundraiser

The orders forms are due today! (Tuesday, Oct. 13th) If you have not brought in your order form please do so ASAP, as the final order is being mailed on Friday, Oct. 16th. Any forms brought in after that will not be filled.

PAC Lunch Day – Friday, Oct 30th

Order forms have gone home today for the PAC lunch day on Friday, Oct. 30th. This month is Dominos Pizza, the juice box is APPLE. Please return the baggy whether ordering or not. **All orders due by Monday, Oct. 19th!**

Next PAC Meeting - Tuesday, Oct 20th at 7pm

The PAC meeting will be held in the Library. Children are welcome to play quietly in the library, read books, play board games, bring a movie and they can watch it in a nearby classroom, play outside in the courtyard. Everyone is welcome to attend!

H1N1 VIRUS

Good hand washing with soap and running water continues to be the recommended best defense against this virus. Signs have been posted in all the school washrooms and posters are placed around the school. Please support good hand washing practice at home. We encourage parents to keep their children at home if they are unwell. Please visit our District Website at www.sd69.bc.ca for further information.

Calendar Dates to Remember

Oct 15 Rooms 8, 7, 2A walk to skating
Oct 20 Rooms 9 & 12 walk to skating
Oct 20 Kindergarten students – hearing & vision screening
Oct 20 PAC meeting @ 7pm
Oct 21 Rooms 6 & 3 walk to skating



Oct 22 School Based Pro D Day – classes not in session
Oct 23 Provincial Pro D Day – classes not in session
Oct 27 Rooms 4 & 2 walk to skating
Oct 30 Black & Orange Day (no costumes)
Oct 30 Rooms 5 & 1 walk to skating
Oct 30 Dominos hot lunch day

Mother Goose Goes to School – Children ages 3-5 years will enjoy this special program. Please join Mother Goose on **Wednesdays, 9:00-9:30 am at Winchelsea** for story time, special guest puppets, felt stories, interactive activities, books and many surprises! Join us weekly and develop a pocketful of strategies that will help to **“Grow Your Child’s Brain”**

No Child Without – Canadian MedicAlert Foundation

This is a **FREE** medical identification service for elementary school children ages 4 – 14 years. To enroll in this Medic Alert program, please pick up a pamphlet from the school office.

BC Healthy Kids Program

The BC Healthy Kids Program helps low income families with the costs of basic dental care and prescription eyewear for their children. Families who have been approved for MSP premium assistance will be signed up with the Program. For more information on how to apply for MSP, contact the Ministry of Health @ 1 800 663-7100. Information is also available from the Health Insurance BC website @ www.HIBC.gov.bc.ca.

Community Events

A TRAINING OPPORTUNITY WITH RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

Restorative Practices can provide you with cooperative interventions to use effectively with your children, your peers, and in your life as a whole.

Is gaining cooperation with others a goal that seems elusive?

Restorative Practices presents a model that will help you develop new skills and possibilities in your relationships with others.

The District Restorative Justice Committee would like to offer an introductory training in restorative processes and practices. During the last few years, the RJ Committee has provided four such training opportunities with over forty district teachers and educational assistants participating. Participants have found the training valuable and transformative both personally and professionally. This year we would like to offer this training to the parents and staff of our school community. The fall training session will consist of 3 two hour sessions along with suggested reading material, and is limited to 12 participants.

The concepts introduced draw on the work of Diane Chelsom-Gosse and locally developed materials from the restorative justice training in our district. For more information or to register for the **sessions please contact David Osborn or Darcy Dalgaard.**

Dates: Monday, Oct. 19, 26, and Nov. 2. Time: 7:00 to 9:00 Location: Arrowview Elementary

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