

South Wellington Elementary School



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December Theme – Thankfulness

Thankfulness means being grateful for all that we have.

Upcoming Dates To Remember

December 4th	- Report Cards Home
December 8th	- Pee Wee Mixed Volleyball Home Game
December 11th	- HOT LUNCH!!! - Home Made Taco Wraps
December 14th	- Pennies For Presents ends
December 17th	- Christmas Concert 12:45 pm (dress rehearsal) & 6:30 pm
December 18th	- School Skating & Last Day of School before Christmas
January 4th	- School Re-Opens
February 22nd/23rd	- Pro-D Days – No School

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that December is already upon us and that there are only two weeks remaining until Christmas Break! There is a great deal of positive energy and enthusiasm building among the students (and staff). We have a variety of exciting events occurring and we are looking forward to the next two weeks. One event we are very excited about is our Christmas Musical, "It's A Most Magical Time Of The Year." The students are busy practicing their lines and songs in music class and during scheduled rehearsals. This musical will take place on **Thursday, December 17th** with a **12:45pm** dress rehearsal followed by a **6:30 pm** performance. I look forward to seeing students, families and members of our community at the show!

Kindergarten Registration

If you have or know of a child who was born in 2005 and will be five years of age before January 1st 2011, then he/she will be eligible for Kindergarten in September. Birth Certificates must be presented at time of registration. Please be sure to include your child's Care Card number on the registration form. Registration will begin in January and to ensure your enrolment in your catchment school, you must register no later than June 15th 2010.

Parent Advisory Council Christmas Meeting

Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Christmas meeting is **tonight at 6:30 pm in the library.** Bring a hot, cold or sweet treat and enjoy our final PAC meeting of the year. On the agenda for Thursday includes a discussion about preferred meeting days and times for 2010.

Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home with your child tomorrow, December 4th. This time of year presents a great opportunity for you and your child to discuss the success and challenges of this first term. Teachers work very hard to communicate student progress accurately within the report card template. Remember, behind every performance scale number and letter grade there is a story about your child's progress in school. Use the report card as a starting point for fruitful conversations with your child (and your child's teacher) to maximize your child's success in school in the second term.

Christmas Concert

Practice and rehearsing has started for our Christmas Concert scheduled for **December 17th at 6:30 pm, with a dress rehearsal at 12:45 pm**. Mrs. Matwick is coordinating a school musical called "**It's a Magical Time of the Year**". Concert dress: Plain red or white T-shirt on top and blue jeans on the bottom. We are in need of a Santa Suit for a Grade 7 student. If you can assist with costume and/or set preparation, please contact Mrs. Matwick at the school at **250.754.2873** or by email at bmatwick@sd68.bc.ca

Library News

Thrifty's Smile Maker Program is up and running again. Please feel free to contact Mrs. McCaw for details.

Sports

Congratulations to our Grade 5/6 mixed volleyball team who recently had their first game of the season; losing a well fought contest against Pauline Haarer. Our next home game is **Tuesday, December 8th** versus Park Avenue....Spectators welcome!

School Closures Due to Snow

If Schools are closed due to snow or any other problems such as power outages or bad weather, announcements will be on the local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM and WAVE 102.3 FM) by 7:00 am on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station – tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis.

Safe School Reminders

Please ensure your home and emergency contact numbers are correct. This important information enables us to reach you in the event of an emergency or illness. CELL phone numbers are also very helpful.

Christmas Hampers

Cedar Community Police Department **will not** be providing hampers to any families this year they are linking with the Salvation Army so any families that are in need of a hamper please contact the Salvation Army.

Clothing Exchange

A variety of children’s clothes and footwear are available for use by our students and families. The “clothing exchange” is located in the portable classroom currently used to house our imagination station and PAC meeting area. Effective this month, the clothing exchange is open Monday to Friday at lunch (11:45 am – 12:15 pm). During these times, students (or parents) may anonymously use the service. If any parent would like to assist with the ongoing organization of the clothing exchange, helpers are welcome on Thursday mornings. Please contact a member of our PAC for more information.

Thank You To Our Parents

We could not provide the amazing learning opportunities and program enhancements for our children if it was not for the support of our parents and families. Your willingness to volunteer helps everyone. Next time you volunteer your time to help with driving, fundraising, classroom activities, fieldtrips, PAC, please know just how much you are appreciated by all of us. Thank you!

Service Clubs

South Wellington intermediate students take part in a variety of leadership training. These service clubs provide opportunities for students to become responsible citizens. This term we recognize the following students.

- Assembly Set Up Crew:** Victoria S., Paige M., Jackie W.
- Office Helpers:** James N., Sam M., Alana P., Josiah C., Taylor D., Krystal Z., Paris R., Riley P., Paige M., Neria W., Victoria S., Eden R.
- Mail Team:** Kyle N., Jon P.
- Announcements:** Jake B., James N., Victoria S., Jackie W.
- Flag Attendants:** Chey-anne B., Josiah C., Taylor D., Adrain A.
- Equipment Monitors:** Jake B., Jacob C., Terrance B., Neria W., Chey-anne.

South Wellington Star Students

Recognition goes out to the following South Wellington Star students “caught doing good “around our school...

- Primary –** Christian B., Stella B., Felicia M. Melissa S.
- Intermediate -** Sam M., Spencer S.,

Christmas Shopping for the Students

On Tuesday December 15th students will be Christmas shopping at South Wellington!! All items will be \$1.00. Pac is still looking for donated items, wrapping paper or gift bags in good condition. Please contact Susan Toth at 250-753-3510 if you’re able to help out that day.



S.W.A.C.A. Community Events Listing, December 2009

Recreation:

BADMINTON! Badminton is over for the time being, but if you have a great idea for community recreation in the hall on Thursdays please contact Krista at theseeggies@shaw.ca. (i.e. Family basketball, floor hockey, dodge ball etc.)

BOOT CAMP! Register early for Winter Wonder Woman Boot Camp Fitness! Classes will start January 5th, and run every Tuesday and Thursday until Feb. 25. There are a few different registration options and the price is very reasonable. Please call Kelly Fryer for more info at 722-0123 or email at kfryer@rdn.bc.ca.

PROGRAMS THROUGH CEDAR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS: Cedar Community Schools offers a large variety of parks and recreation type programming for all ages. You can pick up the program listing in front of the office at South Wellington Elementary School, or call community coordinators at 250-722-2414.

IMAGINATION STATION: Back for a second year, this is a Community Schools Program housed at South Wellington Elementary School until the spring. This is lots of fun for preschoolers with various hands on stations such as a Veterinarian’s office, Store, Café, Camping, etc. Parents/Caregivers must stay with the child. Open to all families in the area on Tuesdays from 1pm – 2:15pm and Thursdays from 8:45 – 10am (give or take a little☺) Please sign in at the school office, or call 250-754-2873 for more info.

Community Interest:

Dec. 12: S.W.A.C.A. Breakfast and photos with Santa, 9:00 am – 11:00 am, SW Community Hall. Professional photographer Terry Patterson has kindly offered his services as a member of S.W.A.C.A. to ensure families a beautiful portrait with Santa; \$5 for a 5x7 or the picture file emailed to you. All fees for the photos will be donated to S.W.A.C.A. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausages, fruit salad and a beverage, \$1 for a small order and \$3 for a large.

Local artist Clare Singleton will have a number of FREE crafts for children to make. Free door prizes too! Come on out for this great community event! (Please do not let cost be an obstacle to attend, contact Mr. Walsh at 754-2873 or Krista at theseeggies@shaw.ca or 245-0440 for a subsidy if needed)

Dec. 15: SWACA will be celebrating the holiday season by hosting a community potluck at 6:00 pm in the community hall (school gym). Come out; bring the family and the neighbors, and a dish to share. Call Krista at 245-0440 for info

Remember to check the website at www.southwellington.com for further community information.

*WIN A FREE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA FOR YOUR FAMILY AND ONE 5X7 PHOTO!
Just fill in your name and phone number, tear off this piece and return to the school to enter the draw. Winners will be announced on December 10th!*

Name_____ Phone number_____

Successful Beginnings

Creating Connections for Early Learning

Ideas for having fun with your young children

The Reading Chair

Lavendar's Blue: A book of Nursery Rhymes: K. Lines

Off to Bed: Michel Blake

Out to Play: Michel Blake

He Came With the Couch: David Slonin

I Ain't Gonna Paint No More: David Caltrow

Snip Snap: Mara Bergman

Brothers and Sisters: Laura Dwight

Leopold the Liar of Liepzig: Elnav Aviram

EVENTS

Celebration of Children
Tillicum Lelum
Beban Park Lounge

All family members welcome.
Dinner will be provided
SFN Drummer and Singing Group
Gift bags for children

Hosted by

Snu NeyMuxx First Nation
Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship
Center

Mid Island Metis Associations

For Info Call: Nancy Seward:

250 740 2315

Sheldine Sulin: 250 753 6578

Social Emotional Milestones

24 months

Emotional: Begins to change reaction to events and emotions based on the influence of others.

Social: Imitates others to please them, engages in parallel play (side by side with others) begins to tolerate separation

Adaptive: Removes clothes without buttons, opens door by turning knob, unzips zippers.

30 months:

Emotional: Continues to cry and hit at times, may be shy around strangers, may show fear of unfamiliar objects or activities.

Social: Pretends while playing, dresses and undresses dolls

Adaptive: helps put things away, can begin toilet training, drinks from a cup with minimal spilling

36 months:

Emotional: Becomes more flexible and adaptive, begins to talk about dreams

Social: learns how to share, negotiates conflicts, begins cooperative play with peers

Adaptive: unbuttons clothing, puts on shoes, washes hands, pours liquids.

Social Competance and Emotional Maturity are keys to early November 15-22nd learning success. Canada's Toddler Care Book: Dr. Jeremy Fridman, The Hospital for Sick Children