

Ocean Cliff Elementary



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**PAC Meeting
December 14th,
8:45 a.m.**

All parents are welcome!

Principal's Message

Thanks to all our families for everything you do at Ocean Cliff. This November was a busy month with so many great learning activities in every classroom. In addition to the daily classroom routines, we had other events which enhanced the learning or added to our school culture.

Thank you to the parents who were part of our Diwali celebration, putting on stations for all the students for our school. Learning about Diwali, having Samosas, Henna and so much more; this was an event to remember.

Thank you to all the families who came out for our Remembrance Day assembly. Your participation in this event made this day more memorable for our students and further instilled a sense of importance and respect for Remembrance Day and what it means.

Last week, our boys' and girls' volleyball teams participated in the South End Playdays. Each of our teams did exceptionally well, with our Girls' Red team claiming first place and the boys finishing second. The White Teams also did well, with the boys coming in second in their division and the girls losing a very close game in the first part of the playoff round. Yesterday, our grade 6 boys also played in a playday event and finished third. Today, we wish our grade 6 girls best of luck as they play their last volleyball games of the season at their Playday. Thank you to Ms. Van Berkel, Ms. Ottenbreit, Ms. Johal and Mr. Egitto for the many hours spent coaching our teams.

If you were part of driving on field trips, helping with our bake sales, sending items for our Sock and Clothing Drive, joining our last PAC meeting or helping out in classrooms, we thank you for all your support.

As we turn the calendar, December is sure to be a very busy month. On December 14th teachers will be sending home feedback of student learning for the first part of this year. Please make sure to look for this information on that day.

There are many other activities that will also be occurring here at Ocean Cliff, including a school celebration of music, field trips and many Christmas Spirit activities during the last school week of December. Make sure to check the school calendar in this newsletter and to watch for the weekly WAG highlighting the coming events in our school.

If you are a parent in grade 5, please make sure to mark the evening of Tuesday, February 26th on your calendar as we will be having a parent session to talk about the Intensive French program.

Winter Concert



Ocean Cliff will be celebrating a Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 12th. There will be two performances that day. The afternoon performance is happening at 1:00pm, and the evening performance is taking place at 6:00pm. No tickets are needed for this event. As we expect a busy gym, please try to choose one performance to attend and leave space at the other.

Please join us for a "night of songs from around the world". Students will be singing about generosity, courageousness, working as a team, and being thankful; all wonderful reminders of what the Christmas season is all about.

For the evening performance, it is expected that students arrive at the school no later than 5:30pm. They are to be dropped off at their classroom, where a staff member will be with them until the time of their performance. Please note that we plan with the assumption that all students will attend both performances. Please do your best to ensure your child is available. If your child is unable to attend one or the other, please be sure to let your classroom teacher know.

Costumes for the concert this year will be dark bottoms and dark or light tops.



Grade 4 & 5 students in Division 6 have been exploring how we use natural resources, which ultimately brought their inquiry to the issue of energy conservation. They are now initiating an "Energy Awareness Month" at OC!

Starting December 1st there will be weekly action challenges for students, administration, and our parent community to help save energy and use it efficiently. Watch for our weekly challenges coming up each week. There are two action challenges each week!

If your child participates in the challenges, they can count a tally for their class and help win a class prize. Please encourage their participation and help us be energy aware at OC! There are posters up on our Energy Action Wall in the school, so watch for them to give you extra tips!

Mr. Skalinski
Division 6, Grade 4/5 teacher
Ocean Cliff Elementary

Energy Conservation challenge for December 1 to December 7

- Shortening your showers (under 5 minutes if possible)
- Filling the fridge (with a jug of water) = a full fridge uses less energy than an empty one.
- *bonus challenge: keep your fridge between 2-4 degrees Celsius

Spirit Week at OC!

For the week of December 17-21

Mon. Dec 17

Santa & Christmas hats/headbands.

Tues. Dec 18

Christmas Sweater Day

Wed. Dec. 19

PJ Day

Thursday, Dec. 20

Candy Cane (wear red or white)

Friday, Dec 21

Dress up like a Christmas tree/present



Dress for the weather

It is cold outside! Please ensure students come to school dressed for the weather. They go outside for recess and lunch, so please make sure they have hats, boots and gloves. An extra pair of pants and socks in their backpacks is also a good idea in case they get wet or dirty.

Lice Checks

Parents are requested to have a look at their child's scalp on a regular basis to keep an eye out for lice. September and January are "high yield" lice months as they follow longer stretches of holiday time where children may be spending a lot of time out of their home environment. We have had a couple of cases this year at OC.

If you do find lice, please contact the school so that we can inform parents of their classmates. Parents will be asked to treat their child for lice before returning to school. Lice are not a health concern, but they are a nuisance. You can find out more information on how to effectively look for lice and how to treat them at:

www.fraserhealth.ca

Kindergarten registration for September 2019

If you have a child who will be 5 years old by January 1, 2020 you are eligible to register for Kindergarten starting in September 2019.

Registration begins on Monday, January 14, 2019

Winter Craft Sale

Divisions 7, 8, 9, 10 have decided to hold a Christmas Craft sale in order to raise money for those less fortunate at our sister school here in Surrey. We will hold the sale on the day of the winter concert, Wednesday, December 12th in the multipurpose room across from the office. The sale will open 45 minutes prior to each performance and close 5 minutes before it begins. So that means 12:15 pm and 5:15 pm. Prices will range from \$1-4. We will also graciously accept donations. All money raised will be used to purchase Gift cards to Superstore and/or Walmart to allow the families to purchase much needed items. We thank you in advanced for your support of this student-led initiative.

Need a Little Hand Up?

Ocean Cliff does great work of supporting our sister school, but we recognize that there are families in our own school who could use a little hand up once in a while. Our school has been given a donation to help some of the families within our own community.

If you feel that you could use some support, please contact your classroom teacher, Mr. Zadeiks or Kathy Eastgate in the office (or any other staff member you are comfortable with) and let us know.



The Leadership Team sponsor teachers invited students to submit essays in November communicating their interest in leadership and citizenship initiatives in their school, local community and global communities. Twenty of these students from grade 5 - 7 were selected to attend 'We Day Vancouver'. These students attended a concert at GM Place filled with 20,000 changemakers, hearing stories from Sophie Gregoire Trudeau, YouTuber LaurDIY, Peter Mansbridge, Shawn Hook and more.

This year, Ocean Cliff was highlighted for consistent collective initiatives to support causes over the years. Leilani F. represented Ocean Cliff exceptionally, speaking on stage in front of the crowd of 20,000 describing our Water Walk initiative held last June. A special surprise happened on stage after Leilani finished her talk. We, along with one high school in all of British Columbia, were chosen to receive an award of \$5000 to support our future leadership initiatives. Congratulations Ocean Cliff!



Young Entrepreneur Fair

Students from Mrs. Statnyk's Grade 5 class have been learning about entrepreneurship over the last 6 weeks. They have developed a product from early stages to create something spectacular to bring to market for their Young Entrepreneur Fair on Tuesday, December 11th. Games, Christmas treasures, and the perfect holiday gifts will be available for purchase.

This year's fair will be held in the library and music room running from 9:15-10:15 a.m. and 10:45-11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, December 11th. Items will sell for \$5.00 or less. Individual classes will be signing up for their shopping time during the school day. All parents, grandparents and Ocean Cliff neighbours are welcome!

December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 Gr. 6 Boys Volleyball play day at White Rock Elem. 3:00 p.m.	4 Gr. 6 Girls Volleyball play day at White Rock Elem. 3:00 p.m.	5 Hot Lunch-Subway Div. 8 field trip to Surrey Art Gallery	6 <i>Dental Screening for K students</i> <i>Div. 10 field trip to Stewart Farmhouse</i>	7 Div. 1 & 2 Ice Skating	8
9	10	11 Young Entrepreneurs Show	12 Hot Lunch-Boston Pizza Winter Concert 1:00 & 6:00 Holiday Craft Sale	13 Div. 15 & 16 OWL presentation	14 PAC Meeting 8:45 Div. 3,9,12,16 Ice Skating Div. 7 & 8 Christmas Museum First Term reports go home	15
16	17 <u>Spirit Day</u> Wear Santa/ Christmas Hats or headbands	18 Div. 7,8,12,14 Cloverdale Ice Palace field trip <u>Spirit Day</u> Christmas Sweater	19 Hot lunch-White Spot Assembly 1:00 Christmas Sing Along <u>Spirit Day</u> PJ day	20 Div. 1,4,5,6,9,10,11, 13 Cloverdale Ice Palace field trip <u>Spirit Day</u> Candy Cane Day (red or white)	21 Last Day of School before Winter Break <u>Spirit Day</u> Dress up like xmas tree/present	22
23	24	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28	29
30	31 Happy New Year!			School is back in session on Monday, January 7, 2019		