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MS. LOMAX'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe November is already over and December is upon us. November was a busy month and December promises much of the same! Here's what we have been up to and what is on the horizon:

STAFFING UPDATE

We are fortunate to have received an additional 0.1 Library time for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. This additional time will be for our Teacher-Librarian, Mrs. Dumont, to provide more collaboration time with the Intermediate grades. Mrs. Dumont is now at Prince Charles full days, Monday – Thursday. This Friday is Ms. Wharton's (LST Teacher) last day with us for awhile. Ms. Wharton will be getting some well deserved and much needed rest while she awaits the birth of her first child soon. Her replacement will be announced in January.

SCHOOL SPORTS



Volleyball winds up this week with the boys' and girls' team playdays this Wednesday and Thursday.

Congratulations in advance to all participants for your hard work and commitment and thanks to our teacher coaches this year. Ms. Willing has coached the boys and Ms. Gale and Ms. Damaso the girls. Students are already looking forward to basketball season starting in January once we're back from holidays.

ZUMBA

Our K – 7 students enjoyed a week of ZUMBA instruction in November, culminating with a performance for parents on November 21. The kids enjoyed their time groovin' to the music with Nathalie.



EARLY DISMISSAL/PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our first formal report will be issued this Friday, December 6th, followed by a 1:32 early dismissal on Thursday, December 12th for parent-teacher

conferences. If your child's teacher is using Freshgrade, a digital reporting platform, please ensure you log in regularly to read your child's portfolio. Please call the office to book a p/t conference time with your child's teacher. Mrs. Gill in the office will be happy to help you in person at the office counter or over the phone. Please call 604-588-5481 to book a conference time. We look forward to seeing our parents on December 12th.

SURREY FOOD BANK



Prince Charles has always been a caring and giving community at Christmas time and throughout the year. We have empty boxes around our Christmas tree just waiting to be filled with non-perishable food items for the Surrey Food Bank. Thank-you for your donations! Our goal this year is to fill the 10 boxes we've received! We also have a donation can on the office counter. We hope that parents will donate an item or two when they come to our Christmas holiday concert this week. The most requested items are:

1. Canned protein (Fish & meat)
2. Canned fruit
3. Canned vegetables
4. Meals in a Tin (e.g. Pork n' Beans or Stew)
5. Whole grain rice
6. Pasta and pasta sauce
7. Healthy canned soups
8. Baby formula (large cans)

JINGLE BELL JUKEBOX CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

Our Christmas/Winter performance "Jinglebell Jukebox" is this **Thursday, December 5th** at 6:30 pm The dress rehearsal is tomorrow, Wednesday, Our Wednesday performance is a dress rehearsal. Tickets are available at the office and



seating is limited as all divisions will be watching the dress rehearsal. There is no charge for tickets.

- Tickets **are** required for the Thursday 6:30 pm performance and **will not** be sold at the door. Tickets are available at the office for \$2 each, maximum 4 per family. Additional tickets, if available, will be available Wednesday. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Students should arrive at their classroom around 6:10 pm.

We request that all students return to school for the evening performance at 6:00 pm so students can perform as a whole class. They have put a lot of time and effort into preparing for this night with Ms. Zorn.

THE CHRISTMAS STORE IS COMING!



The annual Christmas Store is returning December 9 - 13th. For our new families, The Christmas Store is an opportunity for students to shop for gifts for

friends and family at very reasonable prices. (All items are priced between \$1.00 – 5.00). Parent volunteers giftwrap the items for students to take home.

Donations are still being accepted. Suitable donations are items that would be something a student could give to their mom, dad, brother, sister, grandma, grandpa or friend as a gift. All donations can be brought into the office area in a box or bag labelled “Christmas Store”. Thank-you for your donations! Students will be invited to shop once during the week as a whole class, at lunch (Monday – Thursday) and/or after school (Monday – Thursday).



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Another favourite December tradition at Prince Charles is our annual pancake breakfast. Pancake breakfast day is

Wednesday, December 18th and it's always **pajama day!** Gym doors open for breakfast starting at 7:30 am. Santa might even make an appearance! Parent volunteers are very much needed. If you can spare some time, please send your volunteer form back to school. These events cannot happen without parent help. Your P.A.C. thanks you!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

On Monday, November 18, 2019 our leadership students attended WE Day with thousands of change-makers at Rogers Arena. They listened to world-renowned speakers and A-list performers. This was inspirational for them and help prepare them for a year of action to transform communities and changed lives. A few names there were Kareem Abdul Jabbar, Rick Hansen, Nav Bhatia, Dari Lynn, Serna Ryder Anna Cathcart, Bishop Briggs and the list goes on!

Our leadership students have decided to raise awareness and money to help children in Haiti. The money they raise will go towards food security. Please look for our fundraisers starting in January.

Our leadership students have decided for the month of December to fundraise for the Surrey Food Bank. The food bank supports over 14 000 people a month with 41% of them being children. They are selling candy canes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 50 cents each. All money raised from the sales will go to the Surrey Food Bank.

Finally, our leadership students had all students in our school vote on what theme they would like our Sports Day to have. Video Games was voted in. Every student is divided into one of three teams. We have Team Fortnite (blue), Team Roblox (red) and Team Minecraft (green). Students are able to earn points for their team by showing responsible, cooperative, caring and accountable behaviour within their classroom or school. Check out the board near the office for the team points!

DECEMBER P.A.C. MEETING

Please come and join us at our next PAC meeting on Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30 pm in the Library. Babysitting is provided.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Our lost and found rack is full of coats, hoodies and other clothing and footwear items. Unfortunately, very few kids claim



their items. If your child is missing something, please come and have a look. All items are across from the office. All unclaimed items will be packed up and picked up by December 19th and donated to a charity.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !



Important dates coming up:

- Dec. 4 Jingle Bell Jukebox Dress Rehearsal
performance – 12:45 pm
- Dec. 5 Jingle Bell Jukebox evening
performance – 6:30 pm
- Dec. 6 First Formal Report
- Dec. 9 – 13 Christmas Store
- Dec. 10 Div.1 – 5 to the Vancouver Playhouse
- Dec. 10 P.A.C. Meeting – 6:30 pm
- Dec. 11 Oceanwise/Vancouver Aquarium
Aquavan visit - Gym
- Dec. 12 1:32 Early Dismissal
- Dec. 13 Hot Lunch
- Dec. 16 Div. 6 & 7 to Burnaby Village Museum
- Dec. 18 Pancake Breakfast & Pajama Day
- Dec. 20 Christmas Spirit Wear Day, Last day of
classes