



Bothwell Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER

A Word from Your Principal

In many ways, this has been a challenging fall for our community. We had closer contact with Covid-19 cases earlier in the fall, events had to be cancelled and postponed, and our extreme weather events have impacted many of us both directly and indirectly. Through it all, staff and students continue to keep their spirits up, and this positive energy sustains us all.

Your support through the ebb and flow of challenging times provides your child with a sense of safety so that they arrive to school rested and ready to learn. It truly takes a village to raise children. There is no better village than the Bothwell community!

Due to the many limitations imposed by Covid-19, and considering that our community was impacted earlier this fall, staff decided not to host a Holiday Concert. We hope this will change by the spring and we will be able to safely invite parents and families back to assemblies and gatherings. We will see what the weeks and months ahead have in store for us.

In the meantime, we wish you all a safe, healthy and happy festive season. May you find joy in your time together over the holidays.

Ms. L Christensen

LOOKING AHEAD

- Dec. 10th – CSL Reports go home
- Dec. 15th – Last day for Food Bank Drive
- Dec. 16th – PAC Hot Lunch – Pizza Hut
- Dec. 17th – Pyjama Day! Last day before Winter Break
- Jan. 3rd – Happy 2022! Welcome back!
- Jan. 6th – Earthquake Drill #1
- Jan. 7th – Bothwell GROWS Assemblies
- Jan. 13th – PAC Hot Lunch – Subway
- Jan. 20th & 21st – Fraser Health Dental Screening for Kindergarten and Grade 1
- Jan. 27th – PAC Hot Lunch – Pizza Hut
- Jan. 28th – 1.35pm Early Dismissal (for the purpose of teacher planning and assessment)
- Feb. 21st – BC Family Day (School is closed)
- Feb. 24th – **Pink Shirt Day**
- Feb. 25th – Non-Instructional Day (No school)

Please refer to the calendar on the Bothwell school website for updates or changes:

<http://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/bothwell>

14 Days of Giving: Bothwell's Food Bank Drive

This year more than any other, our Food Bank needs donations. From now until December 15th, students are invited to bring non-perishable goods and cash donations to school. We have a goal of 500 items, and \$300. We are already well on our way! Please see the attached list for "Most Needed Items".

Our leadership students have done a great job organising this important campaign. Thank you for your generosity.

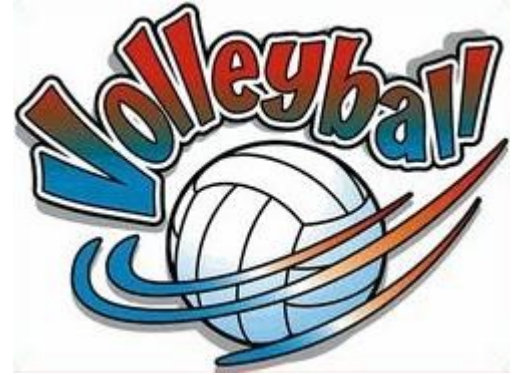


On December 17th everyone is invited to wear their cosiest PJs for our last day before the winter break.

Thank you for a Successful Volleyball Season!

Our teams enjoyed a great season, despite some challenges associated with Covid-19 and provincial gas shortages. However, players showed tremendous resilience, spirit and remained positive through it all. A staff vs student game next week will bring the season to an official close. Many thanks to our coaches, Mrs. Anderson and Ms. Brennan for the extra time and energy coaching requires.

Basketball season is set to start in the new year. Stay tuned!



Bothwell **GROW**s Assemblies

We had to postpone our first assembly last month due to the presence of Covid-19 (assemblies were cancelled), and our first student celebration assembly of the year took place today, Friday, Dec. 3rd. These monthly assemblies focus on student learning and growth in relation to our acronym: GROW. We anticipate every child will show growth in one or more of these areas, and we look forward to joining in community to celebrate and lift up one another.

At this time, we are not inviting parents to join us. This may change later in the year. We will keep you posted and hope to see you soon!

At Bothwell, we all GROW kinder, brighter, gentler, more peaceful, adventurous, creative, caring, compassionate and wise. Today I did this by being...

Generous

I gave more than what was expected – in time, help or kindness towards others.

Reflective

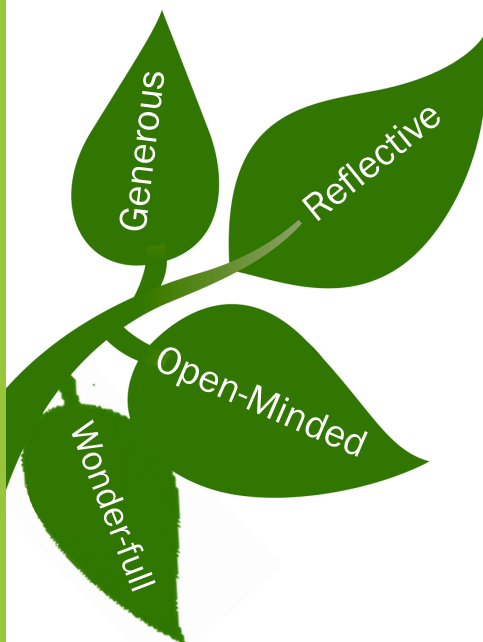
I thought about my actions, behaviours and learning, and where I need to improve.

Open-Minded

I was open to new ideas, information and opinions that were different from mine.

Wonder-full

I was filled with curiosity and showed a keen desire to learn more.



Communicating Student Learning – December 10th communication

As our first term draws to a close, we wish to thank you for your ongoing support of your child's learning. Teachers have been busy preparing CSL reports, and posting to Freshgrade and Spaces. You can expect a first term report to be sent home Dec. 10th from those teachers working with CSL reports. For those using digital portfolios to communicate learning and growth, teachers will send home a one page update, requesting you log into your child's portfolio for more information. The portfolios are rich documents filled with all sorts of examples. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you are having trouble logging in.

PAC Corner

Many thanks to Tina Cohen and Liz Lien for successfully organising and delivering our first PAC hot lunch in nearly two years! We have one more this month (Dec. 16th) and two ready to go in December. Orders are now placed online through Munch A Lunch. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please email Liz at bothwellschoolpac@gmail.com Thank you!

Purdy's Chocolates Pick Up – Monday, December 13th

Please pick up your delivery between 2:15 and 3:15 pm. Come to the front entrance where your order will be waiting. If you are not able to pick up during this time, a PAC member will contact you to arrange a time. Orders will not be given to students as the chocolates are fragile. We want to ensure a safe delivery.

Thank you to everyone for making this fundraiser a roaring success! Nearly \$1500 was raised for OPAL (Outdoor play and learning) initiatives, including our outdoor classroom space.



Frenzies are Coming to Bothwell!

One of Surrey's fantastic departments, Community School Partnerships, organises five week "Frenzies" with schools that wish to participate. We are currently securing dates and activities for intermediate students to enjoy during lunch. These include basketball, soccer and Zumba or possibly yoga. Professional instructors from the community are brought in during these five weeks at no charge to the school. We're looking forward to this opportunity later in January!

PICK UP and DROP OFF – Please make it safe for our children and park down the block

We have 100 more students in the school building than we did last year. The parking areas cannot accommodate so many cars. We appreciate you doing things to help alleviate congestion such as parking down the block. Please do not park your car illegally. This causes frustration for others as thru ways are blocked.

Every car that parks a few metres down the block makes it safer for your children.

Thank you for your ongoing patience, cooperation and support.



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FOOD BANK

Most needed items

General Donations

- Canned fish & meat
- Healthy & high fibre cereal
- Meals in a tin
- Canned fruit & vegetables
- Wholegrain pasta & rice
- Pasta sauce
- Canned & dry soup
- Mac & cheese
- Peanut butter
- Meal supplements
- Low sodium items

Tiny Bundles Donations

- Formula
- Diapers
- Cereal
- Baby jar food
- Pajamas
- Bottles
- Baby toiletries
- Small toddler toys & books
- Toddler dishes & spoons
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- *All new items please*

