



PRINCE CHARLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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MS. LOMAX'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe November is already over and December is upon us. It's been 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 welcome Mrs. Verna Duckworth to our Integration Support team at Prince Charles, effective December 10th. Mrs. Duckworth will be working with Mrs. Marchiori, our Educational Assistants, and most importantly, the students they work with. Welcome back to Educational Assistant Mrs. Davies who is returning from a medical leave. We're so glad to have you back.

IN THE NEWS

Prince Charles has been one of the fortunate schools to be featured in the Vancouver Sun's "Adopt-a-School" campaign this month. The article last week focussed on how we try to meet the needs of children and families who face challenging circumstances. We have received some funding from this generous campaign in previous years and are always proud to help families in our community that need support.



<https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/she-was-in-tears-there-was-no-food-at-home-surrey-families-struggle-to-put-food-on-the-table>

SCHOOL SPORTS



Volleyball wound up this week with a boys' and girls' team playday. Our boys' team came in a respectable fourth place and our girls' team came in second. Way to go!

Congratulations to all participants and thanks to our teacher coaches!

Basketball season will start in early January once we're back from holidays.

HIP-HOP

Our K – 7 students enjoyed a week of funky hip-hop instruction with each day last week, culminating with a performance for parents on Friday. The kids enjoyed their time groovin' to the music with Zac.



EARLY DISMISSAL/PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our first formal report will be issued on December 7th, followed by a 1:32 early dismissal on Thursday, December 13th for parent-teacher conferences. Please call the office to book a p/t conference time with your child's teacher starting this Monday, December 3rd. 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 13th.

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 8 boxes we've received! 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)



HOLIDAY PAJAMA PARTY PERFORMANCE

Our Christmas/Winter performance "Holiday Pajama Party" is next **Wednesday, December 5th** at 1:00 pm and again at 6:30 pm.

- Our 1:00 pm performance is a dress rehearsal. Tickets are available at the office and are limited as seating is limited. There is no charge for tickets.
- Tickets **are** required for the 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. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

All students are asked to wear pajamas to both performances. The easiest thing to do is to wear pajamas to school on December 5th!

We hope 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.



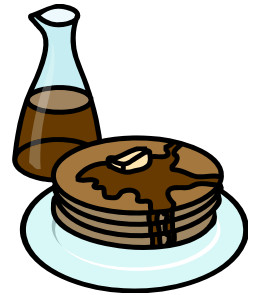
THE CHRISTMAS STORE IS COMING!

The annual Christmas Store is returning December 10-14th. For our new families, The Christmas Store is an opportunity for students to shop for gifts for friends and family at very reasonable prices. Parent volunteers giftwrap the items for students to take home.

Donations are still needed. Suitable donations are items that would be something a student could give to their mom, dad, brother or sister 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 – Friday) 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 19th 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

Our Grade 6 & 7 leadership students recently participated in We Are Silent on November 20th and attended WE Day on November 22nd.

WE ARE SILENT

Prince Charles' Leadership students pledged to go silent November 20th. November 20th is United Nations Universal Children's Day to promote awareness among children worldwide and improve children's welfare. The leadership students wanted to raise money for children who go unheard and whose rights are not upheld. For every \$50 dollars raised, one child will be able to go to school, giving them the tools to advocate for their basic rights and secure a livelihood through WE Villages. Our school community and leadership team raised just under \$200. That means we have provided education for 4 students! Way to go Prince Charles!

WE DAY

"This year WE Day had a crowd of 20,000 people at Rogers Arena, the home of the Vancouver Canucks. WE Day's motive was to get doing! Get doing means don't just stand there and wait for an invitation. Other than that, there were many other song artists

like SonReal. Also, there were many guest speakers, like Noor Fadel and Mac and Craig Kielburger. Noor Fadel was assaulted on Skytrain for being Muslim and wearing a hijab. She said how she was empowered and she is now a famous human rights speaker. Marc and Craig Kielburger are the co-founders of the human rights group called WE. At first they were inspired by Iqbal Masih because he spoke up as a child for human rights but was murdered. They created a group called the group of twelve. Now they run the foundation called WE and go to impoverished countries to help families that struggle with daily necessities. WE day was a blast for the Leadership team and all the other people that were there. We hope that next year the leadership students will also experience the same thing. By the way, Get Doing!"

By Gurjaap, Muzahib, Taheem and William

DECEMBER P.A.C. MEETING

Please come and join us at our next PAC meeting on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30 pm in the Library. Babysitting is provided. Please note that our January meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15th, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

CONNECT PARENT PROGRAM

Prince Charles has the opportunity to host the Connect Parent program starting in January during the day. The proposed time is 1:00 – 2:30 for 10 sessions. Connect is an attachment based parenting program that supports parents and caregivers of pre-teens who often begin to display challenging behaviour.

To find out more about the program and register, call Karen von Kanel at 604-495-9486 or e-mail her at vonkanel_k@surreyschools.ca.

For more information about the Connect Parent Group, go to www.connectparentgroup.ca

LOST AND FOUND

We have a lot of items in our lost and found. Please come by and take a look. All items will be donated after December 21st.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

Important dates coming up:



- Dec. 5 Holiday Pajama Party Performances –
1:00 pm and 6:30 pm
- Dec. 6 Div. 10 & 11 to Burnaby Village
Museum
- Dec. 7 First Formal Report
- Dec. 10 – 14 Christmas Store
- Dec. 10 Div. 2 & 3 Skating
- Dec. 11 P.A.C. Meeting – 6:30 pm
- Dec. 12 Div. 3 & 4 to Vancouver Playhouse
- Dec. 13 1:32 Early Dismissal
- Dec. 14 Div. 10 & 11 to Vancouver Playhouse
- Dec. 19 Pancake Breakfast
- Dec. 21 12:45 Christmas Sing-along
Last day of classes