



Bothwell Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER

A Word from Your Principal

Happy December!

The weather has been amazing this month! It truly has felt like a true fall. The students have been outside playing and enjoying the sunshine. We are seeing many winter jackets left on the playground, we would like to ask if you could write your child's name in the jacket so we can reunite it with your child.

As we look ahead to December, we have another busy month. We are very excited about the Winter concert happening on December 19th at 10:45. The students have been practicing with Mrs. Winterhalt and it has been wonderful to hear their singing in the halls. Parents are welcome to join the event.

We are still having issues in the parking lots, the front lot as well as the side lot. We are asking that you are mindful of the accessibility parking spots located in the front and side. We do have families that require use of those spots. We would also like to be mindful of your speed when going through the parking lots, safety for the students is our biggest concern.

It is with a heavy heart that we are saying farewell to our incredible and awesome head secretary, Ms. Blewett next Thursday. Ms. Blewett has been a part of the Bothwell community for over eighteen years as a parent and as a staff member. She has been a central heart of our school

and I know that we will all miss her greatly. We wish her the best for her retirement. We hope to have her in for the occasional visit.

On Friday, we will be welcoming our new head secretary, Mike Addy. Mr. Mike is leaving his current school, Kennedy Trail, and will be joining us next Friday. He has been in a few times to meet with staff and last week he was able to come in and meet the students of Bothwell. He is excited to join our community. Welcome, Mr. Mike.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful December and I hope you have a restful winter break. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to connect with me.

Ms. K Epele



LOOKING AHEAD

- Dec. 1 Last Day for Book Fair
- Dec. 4 Purdy's Chocolates—Order Pick Up 2:30-3:00 pm
- Dec. 7 Hot Lunch (Maguro)
- Dec. 15 Communicating Student Learning
- Dec. 19 Winter Concert 10:45-11:30 am—Families Welcome
- Dec. 20 Bottle Drive
- Dec. 21 Hot Lunch (Boston Pizza)
- Dec. 22 Pajama Day
- Dec. 22 Growth Assembly—Families Welcome
- Dec. 25 Winter Break Begins, School closed
- Jan. 8 School Re-opens after Winter Break
- Jan. 17 Hot Lunch (Popeyes)
- Jan. 26 **1:27 pm Early Dismissal**
- Jan. 30 Growth Assembly—Families Welcome
- Jan. 31 Bottle Drive
- Jan. 31 Hot Lunch (White Spot)

*JumpStart takes place in the Gym, for already Registered Students, every Monday from 2:30—4:30 pm until December 11th

*Young Rembrandts takes place in the Library, for already Registered Students, every Tuesday from 2:30—3:30 pm until December 19th

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

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





We would like to welcome Mike Addy ("Mr. Mike") to Bothwell Elementary as our new Head Secretary. Mr. Mike has been with the Surrey School District for 3 years. He has previous experience as a Head Secretary within the District and also comes to us with extensive clerical and management experience from outside the district.

We are excited to have Mr. Mike's knowledge, friendly and caring personality join our school community.

Mr. Mike's first day at Bothwell will be on Friday, December 1st. Please take some time to stop by the office to introduce yourself and

welcome him. Mr. Mike can be reached via email at addy_m@surreyschools.ca



Monday, December 18th
Santa or Grinch Day (Green vs. Red)

Tuesday, December 19th
Concert Dress for our Winter Concert

Wednesday, December 20th
Whoville Day (Crazy Wear or Crazy Hair)

Thursday, December 21st
Winter Headwear Day (Antlers, Hats, etc)

Friday, December 22nd
Pajama Day

PAC Corner

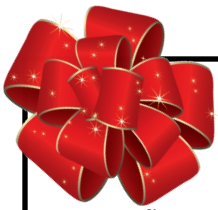
Thank you to everyone who ordered Purdy's Holiday Chocolates. We raised \$544.30, your support is very much appreciated! Orders are available for pick up on Monday, Dec. 4th from 2:30—3:00 pm at the front of the school.

If you can volunteer for hot lunch days or other upcoming fundraisers please contact the Bothwell PAC at: bothwellschoolpac@gmail.com



Ordering for December and January's hot lunches is still open. Ordering closes a week before each hot lunch date. Late orders cannot be accepted. Please watch for an email at the beginning of January to order the next set of hot lunches for February and March.





Communicating Student Learning December 15th

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 Spaces. You can expect a first term report to be sent home on December 15th 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.

Increased Clerical Hours



We have also had another change to our clerical staff. Due to Bothwell's growing enrollment, Ms. Susanna Froese, our school's clerk typist who is here on Fridays received an increase in hours at the beginning of the month. We are excited to now have Susanna with us on Tuesdays as well.

WINTER CONCERT

Tuesday, December 19th
10:45—11:30 am

Families are invited to join us for our Winter Concert in the school's gymnasium. Gym doors will open at 10:30 am for seating.

The choir, band and each Division will be performing.

We look forward to seeing you there!



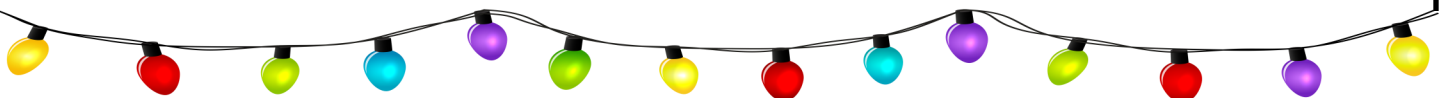
Please save your **REFUNDABLE** beverage containers (bottle, cans, juice boxes and milk cartons) for our next

Bottle Drive
Wednesday,
December 20th

Staying home if you are sick

Please keep your children home from school if they are sick. We have quite a few students away due to illness. In an effort to try to stop the spread we ask that you do not send your child if they are showing any symptoms of not being well.

Please note: it is the school district's health and safety policy that **students do not return to school for 48 hours after the last sign of any vomiting or diarrhea.**



KINDERGARTEN



REGISTRATION IS COMING!

Children born in the year **2019** are eligible to begin Kindergarten in September 2024.

Registration begins **January 15, 2024**. Parents will need to register online at:

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/page/1051/school-registration>

Be sure to select the next school year (which will not be an available option until January 15th)

Please upload the following documents at the time of doing the online registration:

Required:

1. Evidence of Birth Date for the student (*birth certificate or passport*)
2. Evidence of Guardianship (*parents/guardians as shown on birth certificate or other appropriate legal documentation such as landed immigrant paper or guardianship order or child tax notice*)
3. Photo Identification for the Parent/Guardian (*Driver's Licence, Passport, Photo BC Services Card, BCID Card*)
4. Evidence of Residence
 - a. Valid BC Government issued documentation showing address of residence with the name of ordinarily resident parent/guardian (BC Driver's license, BC Services Card, BCID or ICBC Registration Document)

or

 - b. **Two** alternate documents showing the address of residence (purchase of sale or rental agreement, utility bill, employment pay-slips, bank statements, etc.)

Requested but not required:

- Immunization Records