

Hjorth Road Elementary

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Dear Hjorth Road Families,

It's hard to believe that December is upon us! The next four weeks are shaping up to be busy ones at Hjorth Road Elementary and we look forward to enjoying many festive events with our students before the winter break.

Communicating Student Learning

As we approach the end of our first term, I wish to offer a reminder that teachers have the choice of two methods when communicating student learning. A Hjorth Road, the Communicating Student Learning (CSL) **Point of Progress template** will be used by divisions 9 and 12-14. Digital documentation with **Fresh Grade** will be used to offer evidences of learning in divisions 1-8, 10 and 11. This term, our Communication of Student Learning will be sent home to families on Friday, Dec. 10th. Should you have any questions about your child's learning, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Early Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Connections – Dec. 15th

On Wednesday, December 15th students will be dismissed at 1:30pm to enable teachers to connect with families on their child's progress. Teachers will be available from 1:45pm onwards for in-person meetings, online connections through Teams, or phone calls. Please email your child's teacher or call the office to book a 15-minute time and method of contact. Unfortunately, drop-in times are not available on this day so please don't hesitate to reschedule with your teacher if this date doesn't work for you.

International Travel

A reminder to families who may be planning an international holiday – by land, air or sea - over the winter break. According to federal guidance, students who are not fully vaccinated CANNOT attend school for 14 days following their return, regardless of who they travel with or if they receive a negative PCR test result.



School Gates

Due to student safety concerns, please note that our perimeter playground gates will be closed and locked during the school day from 8:45-2:15pm. School staff will ensure that the gates will be unlocked by 2:15pm for end-of-day pickup.



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Grade 7 News

This term, our grade 7 students organized school-wide fundraising events to raise money for their end-of-year celebrations. Each Thursday, our grade 7's sell potato chips to students for \$1.00 a bag. This tasty treat is a big hit with our younger students and staff!

The final fundraiser before the winter break will see our grade 7 team selling **Candy Grams** – sweet treats & messages sent to friends, teachers or someone special! Students can purchase a Candy Gram for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 for delivery on Dec. 17th. What fun!

Outside Food

A reminder to families to please pack a recess snack & lunch with their child each day. While we understand mornings can be very busy for families, we are continuing to limit outside food during the day. Please enjoy McDonalds, Subway and other family treats after school hours.

Upcoming Dates:

Thurs. Nov. 25th Spirit Day - Pajama Day! Wear your PJ's and join the fun!

Dec. 8-10th Scholastic Book Fair!

Thurs. Dec. 10th Communication of Student Learning sent home to families

Wed. Dec. 15th Hjorth Road Winter Concert – video link will be shared with families

Early Dismissal for parent-teacher connections, 1:30pm

Thurs. Dec. 16th Div. 1-11 to Guildford Theatres for movie, Div. 12-14 movie at school

Fri. Dec. 17th Last day before the Winter Break

Mon. Jan. 3rd Welcome back to school!

Mon. Jan. 10th First day for Kindergarten 2022 registration, 9:00am start

Wed. Jan. 14th Early Dismissal, 1:30pm for program planning

Warmest regards,

Kate Colter
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