

Ocean Cliff Elementary

December Newsletter ~ Dec.21,2018

Principal: Mr. A. Zadeiks

School Website

www.surreyschools.ca/schools/oceancliff

Principal's Message

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 7

- Back to school after Winter Break

Monday, January 14

- Kindergarten Registration begins for Sept 2019

Wednesday, January 23

- 1:30 Early Dismissal for program planning and evaluation

What an amazing last two weeks of school! The students did a tremendous job with their Winter Music Concert last week. It was wonderful seeing our kids singing and playing beautiful music. Thank you to **Mr. Lord** for his work with the Band and to **Ms. Kielmann** and **Mr. Cumblidge** for preparing all of the grade K-5 classes that they work with.

On Wednesday we had buddy reading in the gym and our PAC graciously supported this event by making and serving hot chocolate to all our students. Later in the day, we had an assembly where we recognized both our cross-country team and basketball team. Our student leaders were also recognized for the many things they do in the school. This was followed by a tribute to Mrs. Eastgate and a Christmas Sing-along. Thanks to Mr. Skalinski for organizing this event.

On Thursday, all our K-5 classes participated in Christmas Stations in the gym led by Ms. Logan-Esty and the Spirit Team. They did a great job leading our students in a fun and active Christmas workout.

A big thank you to everyone who supported our sister school Sock and Clothing Drive and the Grade 3 Craft Sale. Thanks to Malinda Allanson who organized the clothing drive and to Mrs. Sekhon, Mrs. Ottenbreit, Ms. Johal and Ms. Innes who organized our craft sale and raised \$1000. We are very fortunate to be part of such a caring community at Ocean Cliff. Thank you to all of our community members!

On behalf of the staff of Ocean Cliff, I would like to wish all of our families a magical Christmas, a happy New Year and of course, a joy-filled Winter Break. We hope everyone has a safe and fun holiday with the opportunity to create many special family memories. See you back on Jan. 7.

Mr. A. Zadeiks,
Principal

Kindergarten 2019

Kindergarten Registration for September 2019 starts on Monday, January 14th.

Staffing Update

At this time of year we have some staffing news to share with our families. Ms. Lindsay, who has been our Intermediate prep teacher is moving out of B.C. but in her place, we are happy to have Ms. Watson join us on Mondays and Thursdays. While we originally thought Ms. Kupiak would be leaving us at the end of December, her time in Kindergarten has been extended until the beginning of February. Also, we have recently found out that Ms. Neumann will be extending her leave and Ms. Panda will be continuing until the end of the year. As mentioned in a previous WAG, Ms. Eastgate will be leaving us and a spare board person will be coming in for January with her official replacement coming in February.

“Ode” to my colleague, Kathy Eastgate

In September of 2015, a fresh new colleague joined us at Ocean Cliff. Kathy Eastgate took to her brand new role of Head Secretary like a duck to water. Hers is the first face we see upon arriving at Ocean Cliff. She offers comfort on difficult days and smiles when sadness intrudes, she demonstrates patience when handing out ice packs, band aids and tooth holders, and wisdom when half a class invades the office to try to sort out the PA system when making an announcement.

“Kathy, how much money does my class have left in our account?” is a common question from teachers, and aside from keeping tabs on finances, Kathy is always on top of booking buses for fieldtrips, ordering supplies and paper for the office and paper room, sending reports to the Finance department and photocopier company, submitting maintenance work orders to deal with plugged drains, leaky water fountains, overflowing toilets, loose tiles, malfunctioning electronic systems, insurance claims, not to mention ratifying the weekly payroll report, balancing the books, liaising between parents and staff, maintaining records, coordinating emergency drills, etc., etc., etc., and yet again, etc!

As our very own “Grace Kelly” makes her way across the District to William Watson Elementary, I am reminded of Winnie the Pooh’s words: “How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”

On behalf of all the staff at Ocean Cliff, we thank you, Kathy Eastgate, Head Secretary extraordinaire, for your hard work, conscientiousness, sense of humour, listening skills, flexibility, and most of all for your three-and-a-half years of friendship!

May you continue to shine in January at William Watson!
Fondly,
Désirée Tomkulak
Part-Time Clerk, Ocean Cliff Elementary

SISTER SCHOOL UPDATE

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE FUNDRAISER

We raised **\$1000** for our Sister School Families through our Christmas Craft Sale. A big thank-you to Mrs. Sekhon's, Mrs. Ottenbriet's, Ms. Johal & Mrs. Drieger's and Ms. Innes class for making the fantastic Christmas ornament and gifts. We were able to help **11** families this year and make a difference for them this Christmas.

We also had Mrs. Sekhon and Ms. Johal and a few students from OC spend some time yesterday and connect with the students at our Sister School and help with their "shopping event".

CLOTHING & SOCK DRIVE

Yesterday I was able to be a part of the "shopping event" at our Sister School where I was able to meet a lot of the families and students. They were so grateful for what our school had done for all of them.

All **1038** pairs of socks quickly went with many families!

Thank-you for all of your support and generosity for our Sister School!

Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas & all the best for 2019!

Warmest Regards,

Malinda Allanson

Sister School Charitable Donations Coordinator

