

École Martha Currie Elementary



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Principal: Mr. B. Samra
Acting Vice-Principal: Mme. S. Christmas

Week at a Glance -
Dec. 13 - Dec.17, 2021

Message from the Admin

Upcoming Events

Monday

- Spirit Day - Holiday Hat Day
- Purdy's pickup 2:15-3:15 pm

Tuesday

- Spirit Day - Red/Green/White Day
- Purdy's pickup 2:15 - 3:15 pm

Wednesday

- Hot Lunch
- Spirit Day - Wrapped Up

Thursday

- Spirit Day - Interesting Sweater Day

Friday

- Last Day before break
- Spirit Day - PJ Day

Important Dates

Jan. 14

- Hot lunch

Jan. 19

- Chips Day

Jan. 27

- Carnaval

Jan. 28

- Hot lunch

We would like to send out a huge welcome to Martha Currie's new principal. **Ms. Jen Tarnowski** will be joining our school starting in January. Ms. Tarnowski is a very experienced administrator who is coming to us from Cougar Creek Elementary. Please note that, in the new year, **Ms. Sara Banjac** will be returning as V.P. from her maternity leave, and Mme Christmas will return to the classroom.

Thanks to **Ms. A. Tilton** and **Mr. M. Shortridge** for coaching the school volleyball teams. We are happy that our students were able to get this experience despite most schools not participating in the season. The team even played staff in a fun game last week.

Thanks to **Hannah V.**, **Ella Y.**, and **Aven B.** (gr. 6, Div. 5) for decorating the office. They made it quite festive!

Yesterday before school, we had a very special guest come by Martha Currie. Hopefully many of our students got to see **Mr. S. Claus** in all his glory near the crosswalk 😊

Next week will be a fun Spirit Week. Students and staff are encouraged to dress up in various forms every day. Please see the info elsewhere in the WAG.

Please find information about Purdy's fundraising pickup elsewhere in today's WAG.

In last week's WAG, we inadvertently wrote the wrong name of the student-teacher who finished her practicum. It was **Mme K. Ackimenko** who is now a certified teacher. Congrats to her!

Mr. B. Samra and Mme S. Christmas
(Principal) (Acting Vice-Principal)

Santa came to help out

The students had fun making Snowmen.



Div. 26 – Ma famille, a l'école



Students, staff and parents, thank you for your patronage at the Scholastic Book Fair! The library made over \$2000! With these funds, the library can purchase more books and learning commons supplies for our students and staff.



We have a lot of items in the lost and found bin. The clothes have been put out for students to take a look at. Anything left at the end of the day on Dec. 17, will be donated to a charity for the relief of the flood victims.

Go Girls! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds Online Program

Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland run a program called “Go Girls! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds”. The program will be **ONLINE** via zoom this winter with the hope of going back to in-person programs in Spring 2022. Here is the information:

What exactly is Go Girls?

Watch this video to learn more: <https://youtu.be/xCk-whMi4cw>

For more details, visit this link: <https://www.bigsisters.bc.ca/go-girls-home-page/>

- Go Girls is a **free 8 session program** for self-identified girls and non-binary youth in grades 4-7.
- Go Girls focuses on friendships, confidence and self-esteem, living a healthy life and much more. Two (or more) volunteer mentors lead each session which is filled with **fun games, activities, and discussions**.
- **Participants must live in the Lower Mainland** (Vancouver, North and West Vancouver, Sea to Sky Corridor, Burnaby, New West, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Anmore, Richmond, Surrey, and Delta).

Where do I sign up?

Click here to find day/time options that are open for **registration**:

<https://linktr.ee/gogirlsbclm>

Guardians who have a girl or non-binary youth in grades 4-7 are welcome to register the child.

Martha Currie Welcomes Diversity

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Equity for all

Why is universal equity a problem?
You would think that humans would naturally accept others for who they are, but, well, here we are.

Let's start off with racism. The idea that **anyone** would judge people based off of race, something that people can't even control, is... disgusting... Look, I know that racism isn't as bad as it was in the 50s or 60s, but that doesn't at all justify what's still happening now. ✓

Next, sexuality/gender equality. This one's plain ridiculous. Judging someone based of who they like and/or who they identify as... the idea in itself sounds cruel. The fact that even then people are still discriminating against people in the LGBTQ+ community? It makes me lose some hope in humanity. ✓

Lastly, religion. I stand in belief that no religion is right or wrong, and that everyone should be allowed to believe what they believe. I also believe that no religion is superior or inferior to any other religion. Unfortunately, not everyone thinks like that. In fact, some **wars** (yes, **wars**) are caused in developing countries because people think that one religion is better than another. ✓

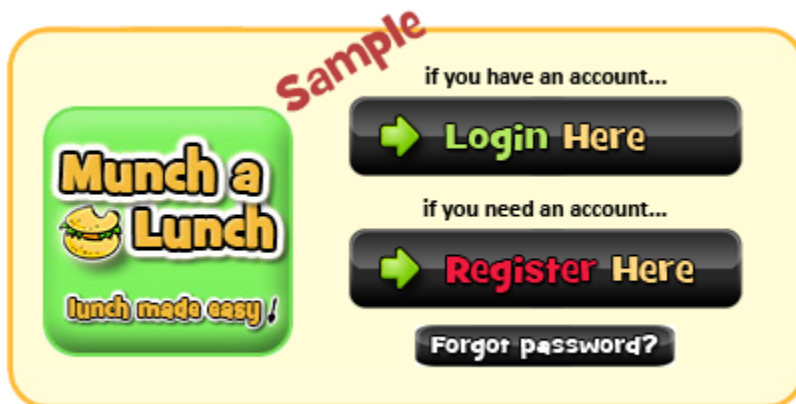
Luckily, equality is (slowly) improving. You might now see rainbow crosswalks, BLM posters, etc. and that is giving me some hope for a better future. ✓

Hot Lunch Ordering is OPEN! Please visit our PAC Facebook page and follow for more information

Below is the information to register for a parent account on our MunchaLunch website, we highly recommend all parents signing up even if you aren't planning to order hot lunch as we will be using this website for some of our fundraisers this year as well as this website is also our PAC website for communication too.

HOW TO REGISTER (starting tomorrow):

- 1) Go to: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/marthacurrie/>
- 2) Click the "**Register Here**" button (as shown below). The system will guide you through
- 3) After adding your children, click the green "Order Lunch!" button to order
- 4) Next time, just click the "**Login Here**" button to access your account.



ORDERING DETAILS:

- Online ordering is open
- If you need assistance with ordering, or do not have access to the internet, please contact our Hot Lunch coordinator at marthacurrie.hotlunch@gmail.com

Please note if your child is ill on a lunch date, you are welcome to email Kara at the above email and let us know they are sick and then come and pick up their lunch at the office; otherwise please consider it a donation for a child who does not have lunch that day. Consistent with previous years, there are NO REFUNDS as this is a PAC fundraiser. We appreciate your support for our hot lunch program.

We are always in need of **Volunteers**! There is a volunteer page in the online system where you can checkmark which dates you are available. The hot lunch or volunteer coordinator will then contact you with a proposed schedule as we will be operating with limited volunteers per hot lunch day this year.

Our thanks to the Martha Currie parent community for supporting this important fundraiser and to our wonderful Volunteers who help make this program a success!

*****Ordering for the term will close January 7th, 2022 at 3pm*****