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Smokey Drive Newsletter

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Principal's Message

It was wonderful welcoming families to discuss student progress during our parent teacher conferences last week. Excitement is in the building as music classes put the final preparations for our holiday concerts. Welcoming families in our building to share some songs of the season is a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season! Students are always so proud to share with their families. Hard to believe this newsletter is the last one of 2023. I want to wish all of you a joyous, peaceful, and healthy holiday season.

Important Dates:

Dec 4 - Professional Development Day - **No School for Students**

Dec 6 - Holiday Concerts 5:30pm and 7:00pm

Dec 7 - Holiday Concerts 9:00am and 11:00am

Dec 11-15 - Smokey Drive Food Drive

Dec 19- Holiday/Winter Hat Day

Dec 20-- Long Winter's Nap Day – wear your cozy clothes or pajamas

Dec 21-Jan 1 Christmas Break

Jan 2 - School Re opens

Jan 10- SAC/PTA meetings 6pm/7pm

Holiday Concerts

This year we will be having our holiday concerts on Dec 6 (evening) & 7 (daytime).

Dec 6 there will be **two** evening performances. Our first performance begins at **5:30pm** for these classes: **PW, 1T, 2H, 3/4W and 4/5A**. Our second evening performance begins at **7:00pm** for **P/1G, 1/2C, 2/3WC/VP, 3/4D, 5B**.

Dec 7 Our first daytime performance begins at **9:00am** for these classes: **PW, 1T, 2H, 3/4W and 4/5A**. The second daytime performance begins at **11:00am** for **P/1G, 1/2C, 2/3WC/VP, 3/4D, 5B**.

The evening performances are for parents (2 tickets per family will be sent home with the youngest child). The daytime performances are where other family members (grandparents, etc) are welcome to attend. The morning performances will not require a ticket. Doors will open at 5:10pm for 5:30pm performance and 6:40 for 7pm performance. Students in the concert should go to their classrooms when they arrive. Each person attending the evening concerts will require a ticket, this includes any small children sitting on laps. The winners of the front row tickets will be notified as soon as the draw has taken place. **Tickets for the evening concerts will be sent home on Tuesday, Dec 5th.**

Given the two concerts are in one evening we know parking will be busy. If you are able to, please consider walking.

PTA News

Thank you so much for your support for the Mitchell's Soup Fundraiser! We were able to raise over \$800 in profit. This will go to support our ongoing community events.

Our January meeting will have us planning our next family event, a Valentines Family Dance. Please join us on Jan 10 @ 7:00pm. All are welcome.

SAC- School Advisory Council- The SAC is a group of parents, staff and community members who act in an advisory capacity to the school principal and Regional Centre of Education on a range of issues related to the school and school system. SACs play an important role in supporting student success at the school community level. Our next SAC meeting will be Jan 10 at 6:00 pm. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

Food Drive

3/4 Doucet will be organizing a food drive to give back to our community. Classes are encouraged to collect non-perishables during the week of Dec 11-15. We will track the items brought in per class. The class with the most amount of items will win a special treat.



Theme Days

There is lots of excitement with winter and the holiday season approaching. We will tap into some of that excitement with some winter themed days. On Dec 19 we will have Winter/Holiday Hat Day. Feel free to wear your favourite winter or holiday head accessory. For our last day before the break, we're going to take it easy and have a PJ/comfy clothes day (Dec 20th).

One of the wonderful things about having the woods lining our school property is the exploring and building that students engage in during recess and lunch times. Lots of great outdoor learning opportunities. Below are just a few pictures of structures created.



Reminders

- Lost and Found items will be donated prior to the holiday break.
- There should be no dogs on the school grounds between 8am-6pm.
- Please use the entrance on Smokey Dr when arriving each day. We do not want people walking up the driveway.
- Please watch for signs indicating areas that parking is permitted around the school grounds.
- SDE is a peanut and nut free, and scent aware site. Please do not send nut or peanut products to school.
- Supervision of students does not begin until 8:15, so they should not arrive until that time.
- Please label clothing items, water bottles, etc.
- Please send water bottles and cutlery each day with your child.
- Keeping a change of clothes in backpacks is a great idea that prevents us from calling home when a change is necessary.
- If you child is absent from school please call the Safe Arrival Line at **1-833-582-6940**