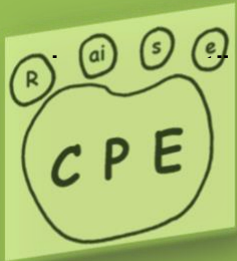


Mission Statement: The Columbia Park Elementary community supports the development of our students as life-long, independent learners and responsible citizens, who value diversity and defend human rights in all environments

# Columbia Park Elementary Newsletter

R.A.I.S.E. "Respect all individuals, self and the



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## Principal's Message:

The snow has finally arrived! With all this white stuff falling from the clouds, it's a great time to remind everyone to dress appropriately for the weather. Students will be going outside for morning recess and lunch. In order to play and jump around in the snowbanks and snow hills, students must have a hat & mits, snow jacket, snow pants, and winter boots. Thanks for doing your best to ensure your child arrives prepared for the white stuff!



Mr. Pfeiffer  
Principal



## Basketball

The final, **district basketball tournament** will be held on **Thursday, Dec 12th at RSS**. Thank you very much to the volunteer coaches Ms. Draboczi, Mr. Mackenzie, and Ms. Estee Sylvester.

## Christmas Concert - "Stick Man" - Admission by Food Donation

Our Christmas concert is fast approaching and this year's concert is on **Tuesday, December 17th**. There will be a dress rehearsal on Monday Dec 16th at 1:00pm for those unable to attend the evening performance on Dec 17th. The evening performance will start at 6:30 pm (doors are open at 6:00pm). A donation of non-perishable food items or a cash for the food bank would be greatly appreciated.



## Christmas Craft Fair

**Thursday, December 19th** marks our Christmas Craft Fair that is being organized by the CPE parent Advisory Committee. Each CPE family is asked to make (or buy) five items that can be sold at the Fair. The items should be non-perishable as they are Christmas gifts and we don't want them to spoil before the big day. Examples of crafts include ornaments, knitted items, mugs, jewellery, bath salts - all of which will be priced from 25 cents to a maximum of \$5.00 per item. Thank you to Tammy Voykin and the rest of the CPE PAC for once again volunteering to run this fun fundraiser.



## Library Reminder

Please keep library books in plastic bags! This will protect books from weather and disasters that can happen in backpacks like leaky water bottle, mashed food, wet mittens etc...Thank you!

**Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday December 10th 6:30pm in the CPE Library**

## Student Leadership Spirit Days

Our Student Leadership group has recently formed and they have planned a few spirit days for this school year. Mark your calendars for these fun days, and thanks so much to our Student Leadership group!



## Student Leadership Spirit Days

Friday, Dec. 20	PJ and Waffles Day
Friday, Jan. 24	Movie Character Day
Friday, Feb 14	Pink/Red/White Day
Friday, Mar 13	Hat and Gum Day
Friday, Apr 17	Decades Day
Friday, May 15	Rainbow Day
Friday, June 14	Dress as your Teacher or Principal Day

## Lost and Found

The lost and found continues to grow! Parents, please take a moment to go through the lost and found (just outside the office) and ensure that none of your child's items are there. Over the Christmas holidays, the lost and found items will be packaged up and sent to the thrift store so please take a moment to have a look!



## Purdy's Chocolate

Purdy's orders are ready for pick up on Tuesday, Dec 3rd. Drop by the office to pick up your order.

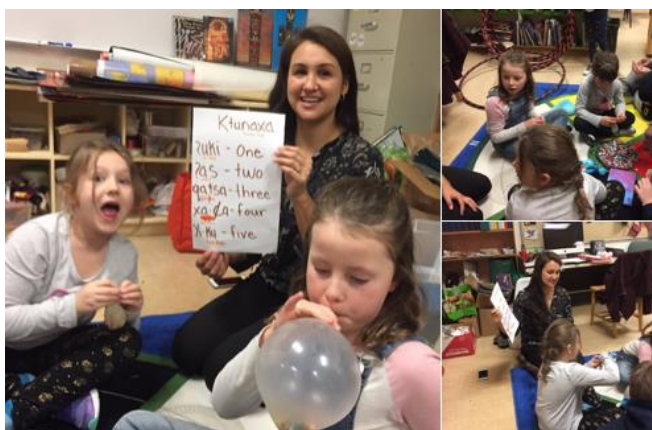
## Renovations

By now everyone is getting used to our newly renovated front entrance and office area. Speaking of renovations there's some more good news on the horizon ... the school district has secured over a million dollars in additional funds to be used to renovate more of the inside of CPE. The entire interior of the building will, at some point in the near future, be refreshed and renovated. Having a brighter, cleaner, more modern learning space for our students is something we can all look forward to!



## FreshGrade

If you received information from your classroom teacher about FreshGrade and you've signed up, you already know how powerful this electronic tool and app is for parents. FreshGrade provides a private and secure link between you and your child's classroom where, with the click of a button, you can view photos and videos of your child's work. A comment section (that can also include class announcements) is easy to use and makes it easy to communicate with your teacher. And it's all free, secure, and you can access it on your phone or mobile device.



## Aboriginal Education

Aboriginal Education has two main focuses in our schools: one is to provide students with Aboriginal heritage with opportunities to investigate and explore that heritage in today's world. The other focus is to provide opportunities for all students in all classes to learn about the role of Aboriginal ways of knowing in historical

and contemporary society. Our Elementary Aboriginal Support worker this year is Mrs. Marlene Krug, and on Mondays and Tuesdays at lunch and recess she has been inviting students to Ab Ed Club at recess and lunch.



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### **Food Drive!**

Mrs. Tomm and our Student Leadership Group is helping to organize a Christmas Food Drive for each class. As you are well aware, food security is a basic human right. Please help Revelstoke children and families to have enough this Christmas season by bringing in nutritious non-perishable food items for donation to the local Food Bank. Thank you!

### **Zero Waste Lunch**

At the start of the year, we wanted parents (and students) do their best to reduce the waste associated with packed lunches. Using reusable containers, water bottles, and cutlery all goes a long way in reducing the use of single-use plastic items. Thank you for doing your best to reduce the use of plastic bags, tetra packs, and needless plastic in your child's lunch.



### **Whole School Christmas Breakfast & PJ Day**

**Friday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>** Remember to wear your pyjamas and bring your favourite stuffy on the last Friday before we have our break. The staff at CPE will be up early that day preparing and then serving up breakfast around 9am to the whole school.

### **Dates to Remember**

- Dec 3 Purdy's orders ready to pick up
- Dec 4 Cookie Dough orders ready for pick up
- Dec 12 Basketball Tournament at RSS
- Dec 16 Christmas concert dress rehearsal at 1pm
- Dec 17 Christmas concert performance  
6:00 pm doors open  
6:30 pm start
- Dec 19 Christmas craft fair for students
- Dec 20 Whole school PJ and Waffles breakfast at 9 am
- Dec 23 Christmas Holidays start
- Jan 6 First Day back to school
- Jan 14 PAC Meeting



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Snow much fun!



**Happy Holidays! School resumes on Monday, January 6th**