

# Peterson Road Elementary School

'To Create Hope and Learning for All'

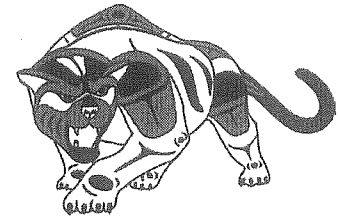
# Newsletter

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## Important Dates to Remember

**Dec 18 – Last day prior to Winter Break**

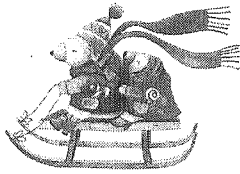
**Jan 4 – Schools reopen**

**Jan 14 – Collaboration afternoon, students dismissed at 1:45**

**Jan 15 – Calendar Variation–School not in session**

**Feb 3 – Collaboration afternoon, students dismissed at 1:45**

**Feb 8 – Family Day – Schools closed**



Dear Parents:

### The Grunch:

Thank you to all the staff and students that put in so many hours to present 'The Grunch' to our community. Presenting this musical took a lot of work and set up. Thank you to each student that helped set up the stage, and chairs, and to the staff and students and volunteers that helped with the student art and backdrops. I would also like to offer a special thank you to Ms. Robertson and Ms. Grochowski for all the time they put in to direct and choreograph this performance.

### PJ and Book Day:

Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> will be PJ's and book day at Peterson Road. Students are encouraged to dress in their comfy PJ's and bring a blanket/pillow and a

book that they would like to read. We will be holding a school wide silent reading time followed by a movie in the afternoon.

### Movie for Friday:

We will be showing the movie "A Christmas Story" in the afternoon. It is rated PG as a result of 3 scenes. In one scene, there is a fight between a bully and the main character, Ralphie. Another scene uses a 'naughty word' where a group of dogs sneak into the house and eat the turkey that is left on the table. And the final scene that generates a PG rating is the use of one letter of a 'naughty' word. Though this word is never said or spelled out – it is clear that a poor word was said and a character has his mouth washed out with soap.

We realize that not all classes will be in attendance, as some are watching in smaller groups – it was important to us to get this info to you before the movie. If you would prefer your child not to see this movie, please send a note with your child for Friday and we will make accommodations. Thank you.

### Reminder of Calendar Changes (January 15<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup>):

As per the letter that was sent home in November regarding the proposed calendar changes for this year – please note that **January 15<sup>th</sup>, and April 18<sup>th</sup>** are days that are now 'non-instruction' days. These days will be provided to schools to meet to work on the implementation and understanding of the new curriculum. Students will **NOT BE IN ATTENDANCE ON THOSE DATES.**

## Kindergarten Registration:

### Kindergarten Registration Opens Monday, January 18, 2016

All children who will be five years old by December 31, 2016 (children born in 2011) are eligible for the Kindergarten program beginning September 6, 2016. Registrations received after March 31, 2016 will be considered late. Late registration may affect placement in your catchment school due to space limitations.

The following documents are required at the time of registration:

- Proof of Age (student's Birth Certificate)
- Proof of Canadian Citizenship or Permanent Resident Status must be provided for the parent (Canadian Birth Certificate, Canadian Citizenship Card, Canadian Passport, Landed Immigrant documentation, Permanent Resident documentation/cards)
- Proof of residence (Driver's License, utility bill or Lease/Rental Agreement).

For more information and registration times please contact the school.

### **Strong Start:**

StrongStart is a FREE, early learning, drop in program for children birth to 5 years of age. Parents and/or caregivers attend this fully funded Ministry of Education program with their children. As Early Childhood Educators, the StrongStart facilitator provides a rich play based environment full of activities. The activities provided will promote opportunities where your child/children can make new friends, explore new activities and learn skills that will assist them in the preparation and successful transition to kindergarten. As adults you are encouraged to get involved in the learning opportunities - stories, music, art, puzzles, games and so much more. Join a StrongStart near you where you can discover new ways to support your child's learning, get information about community resources and make valuable connections with others attending the program.

Langley Meadows - 9am - 12noon  
North Otter - 8:30am - 11:30am  
Nicomekl - 9am - 12noon  
Simonds - 9am - 12noon  
Parkside - 8:35am - 11:35am  
West Langley - 1pm - 4pm  
Douglas Park - 1pm - 4pm  
Willoughby - 1pm - 4pm  
James Hill - 1pm - 4pm

### **Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays:**

On behalf of the Staff of Peterson Road - Have yourself a safe and wonderful Christmas. We hope that all of you get the opportunity to relax and share time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing each of you in the New Year. School re-opens on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

