
Peterson Road Elementary School

'To Create Hope and Learning for All'

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Newsletter



December 5, 2014

Important Dates to Remember

- December 12** - Term 1 report cards issued
- Michael Bortolotto Presentation
- December 19** - Christmas Open House and
Family Sing-Along
- December 19** - Last day prior to Winter
break
- January 5** - Schools re-open



Dear Parents:

Parking Lot Issues:

Over the past month, we have noticed a number of students balancing along the cement barriers next to the parking lot at the front of the school. Though this may seem harmless, we are concerned about a student slipping as a car or bus is leaving our school grounds. As such, we have moved the cement barriers to allow easy access to the front lot, please remind your children that they are NOT to balance on the barriers at any time. As well, we again ask that when waiting in the parking lot, to not idle in front of the handicap parking space. Please pull forward so that members of our community, who need that space, can easily access that parking spot.

School Goal:

Help us achieve our goal. If you are looking for any ideas to help support your child over the break, please ask them to read and write. Our school goal for this year involves writing. We will be focusing on our students' ability to write using interesting and creative words, starting sentences in a different

fashion, and using transition words to move between ideas. Have your child write about what they may want to do during the break, or what they have done during the break. As well, students can prepare for an upcoming writing contest (details to follow), by practicing writing an interesting story of their choice. Reading 20 minutes a day can also support writing, as students will be exposed to a larger vocabulary, and different styles.

Report Cards:

Report Cards will be issued on December 12th. Please be sure to ask your child for the envelope and verify, via signature, that you have seen the report card.

Michael Bortolotto Presentation:

We are pleased to present Michael Bortolotto on Friday, December 12th. Michael will present on a number of subjects from perseverance, inclusion, value of friendship and bullying. Parents are welcome to attend. Presentation will occur in three groups. There will be a K-2, grades 3-5, and grades 6-7 presentation. The presentations will occur starting at 9:30 am. A specific schedule will be sent out via email, and twitter early next week.

Christmas Sing Along:

Our Christmas Sing Along is fast approaching. We invite you to join our students as we belt out holiday carols on December 19th. We will begin loading the gym at 1pm and run our sing along until approximately 2:45. This will be an informal celebration, unlike our more traditional Christmas Concerts, though we will have a few classes perform. We will have performances by, Kindergarten, Mrs. Kobayashi, Mrs. Luke, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Hamelin, and Ms. Nordby's class. As well, our band will perform and we will also be led through a number of full school sing alongs, with parent participation of course ☺. Come celebrate the holidays and get into the Christmas spirit with a Peterson Road Sing Along.

Last day before break:

December 19th will be the last day before Christmas Break. School will reopen on January 5th. Looking ahead, on January 15th, the Langley School District will have a late start due to the 3rd Collaboration Day. Teacher groups will be examining the area of Self-Regulation and Literacy, with a specific focus on writing strategies. Class will not begin until 10:26 am and buses will be adjusted in the morning by 80 minutes to accommodate this later start time.

Congratulations Volleyball Teams:

Another volleyball season has come to an end and once again, Peterson Road had a very successful year. Both the boys' and girls' teams only dropped one game all season long. Their hard work and commitment to early morning practices really paid off. Great Work!!! Peterson Road would like to thank Mrs. Winford for supporting the girls' team and we would like to thank all the volunteer drivers who helped get our teams to the games. Basketball season will be starting up just after the break. Time to practice those dribbling skills and layups.

Yearbooks:

Purchase your school yearbooks online:

- Before December 31st the discounted price is \$20.00.
- As of January 1st the cost of the yearbooks will be \$30.00.
- For orders that are not done online please submit cash only to Mrs. Karen Ohlmann, Yearbook Committee Chairperson.
- There's nothing else like your school yearbook! Get your hands on the limited edition collection of our stories from the year. Share it with your friends today and hang on to it for years to come!

Please order at jostens.com under yearbooks - buy yearbook and follow the prompts. The cost is \$20 [until December 31, 2014](#) then [January 1, 2015](#) the price goes to \$30 so order early and save \$10.00! If you have any questions feel free to contact me (Karen Ohlmann @ [604-308-7694](tel:604-308-7694)) I will be sending home forms and will only accept cash - no checks.

Community Announcements:

Langley Christmas Bureau:

Simple and Easy but yet so extraordinary... Pajama Fundraiser – Outside WalMart on December 6th and & 7th from 10am-4pm

A table will be set up to collect the pajamas on behalf of the Langley Christmas Bureau...

For many children, receiving a new pair of Christmas pajamas has become a holiday tradition. For others meeting their family needs at Christmas has become a struggle. The goal of this fundraiser is to donate pajamas to children of low-income families. New jammies on Christmas are guaranteed to bring a smile to their faces and warmth to their hearts.

We will be donating the pajamas to children of low-income families in Langley by way of donating to the Langley Christmas Bureau.

The Langley Christmas Bureau serves an unlimited number of needy single moms or dads or low income families for three days in mid December to help them out during the Christmas season. These families line up as early as 5am in the morning to enable them to get in and choose the perfect gifts for their children. Each family is able to choose one large toy and two smaller toys for each of their children. As an added bonus the Christmas Bureau also gives them each a puzzle or game, book and a stuffy – and now thanks to the generosity of Langley community many of them will also receive a bonus pair of brand new pajamas.

We all know how comfy and cozy it feels to receive brand new pajamas at Christmas. So let's make this Christmas brighter for the less fortunate children in Langley.

We are asking for Brand New boys and girl pajamas ranging from sizes 2 to 16. Pj's for teens are also very much appreciated.

Thank you everyone for your anticipated support and "jammies"!!

