

Peterson Road Elementary School

'To Create Hope and Learning for All'

Newsletter

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Important Dates to Remember

Dec. 4 - 7	Book Fair
Dec. 6 (Th)	Band Concert 7 pm
Dec. 13 (Th)	Xmas concert 1:00 pm
Dec. 14 (F)	First reports home
Dec. 21 (F)	Last day before Xmas
Jan. 7 (M)	School reopens
Feb. 11 (M)	Family Day - no school
Feb. 15 (F)	Pro-D Day - no school
Feb. 25 (M)	Design/Assessment Day - No school for students



Volleyball

This past Wednesday marked the official end of another volleyball season here at Peterson Road. Throughout the month of November, senior students at the grade 6 and 7 level have been participating in weekly tournaments with the boys playing here and the girls over at North Otter. Thank you to all of the players for their wonderful efforts, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. They represented the school very well. Thanks also to **Ms. Dary** for coaching the senior girls' team.

DECEMBER



December ...

It is hard to believe that December is

upon us and the Christmas break is just around the corner. Knowing what life is like with my own family around this time of the year, just a reminder of something that we all tend to forget to do...slow down and get some rest. For the children in particular, keeping to routines of set bedtime schedules and avoiding late nights goes a long way to keeping children healthy and happy. If you find your child sick, please keep them home until they are fully recovered.



Help

Unfortunately, there is little that can be done with our parking and the congestion that we experience for that chaotic 15-minute period around dismissal. The most important thing to remember is to be patient as you pick your child up and be mindful of other youngsters. I find it troubling to see some drivers using their cell phones while entering or leaving the parking lot. Not only is this illegal, but it is putting the safety of others at a huge risk. **Remember, the children are the priority.**



Good Neighbours

We have a special request from our good neighbours at **N.G. Nair Place**. Recently they have noticed some parents allowing their dogs to run off leash on their property. Although this is tempting to do, particularly with the long grass and open space, they are concerned about the safety of their residents who are frequently walking and may not react well to the dogs even if they are friendly and docile. As well, some parents have been parking in the Nair Place driveway, which again poses a risk to the residents who are walking along the sides of their roadway. Thank you for your understanding.

Band Open House Concert

Gr. 6 and 7 students are preparing for a show to demonstrate what they are learning and how far they've come with their instruments. Students receive credit for attendance. Band teaches students self discipline, responsibility, and team work. We are proud of our band and hope to see you here. Please mark the time and date on your calendar – Thursday, Dec. 6th at 7 pm in the gym. Please note that band students need to arrive by 6:30 pm.



Christmas Concert

Peterson Road's "All Around the World Christmas Concert" features select countries and cultures that celebrate over the season. Our students will not only be singing some traditional carols and tunes, they have been preparing songs in French, Japanese, German, Italian, and sign language as well. We also have dance and featured instrumentalists. Please come and share with us on Thursday, Dec. 13th at 1 pm in the gym.

Book Fair

This will be held in the library from December 4 – December 7. Children will visit during their regularly scheduled library classes or on alternate days for primary and intermediate students at lunchtime.

Report Cards

First term report cards will be distributed on Friday, December 14th.

Going Green

Peterson Road will be joining other schools in Langley and going green. We will be establishing a school "Green Team" who will help teach and implement organic waste collection and the use of central recycling stations that will be put throughout the school.



Bake Sale

The grade 7's will be holding a Bake Sale on December 11 and 12 at lunchtime. Cupcakes and bars will be \$1.00, and cookies are 2 for \$1.00. All proceeds will be going to the Grade 7 Camp Fund. Thanks for your support!



Turkey & a Tree Fundraiser!

Christmas is just over a month away! Do you like to get your tree up early? Or do you sneak it up when the kids aren't looking? Either way, the smell of a fresh cut tree throughout the house really makes it seem like Christmas. A tree from a local tree farm supports local farmers and protects the environment by not taking away from the natural forest. After Christmas your tree can be chipped to provide mulch for composting or landscaping uses. Look in your child's backpack for the order form for Gift Cards from **JD Farms**, another local farmer providing fresh turkey products all year long. The order form is also available on-line at **petersonroadpac.com** under the Resources tab. There is no limit on the number of Gift Cards you can order so feel free to offer them to family and friends.

If you have any questions email Pamala at fundraiser@petersonroadpac.com or call 604.838.7877



Healthy Tip for December

The holidays are coming and that means there will be lots of opportunities to indulge in our favourite sweets and goodies.

Our Grandparents probably had it right when they coined the phrase "Everything in moderation" and in our haste these days to either praise a food or condemn it, we may have forgotten that a healthy attitude towards food is all about balance.

There are no good or bad foods, just some you should eat lots of like fruits and veggies, and some you should eat just a little of – like desserts and chocolates. Try to offset a big heavy meal with lighter fare the next day and remember that a walk after dinner is a great digestive aid!

So this Holiday season, instead of worrying about what you are eating, be grateful instead for the gift of growing up in a country where there is an abundance of good food and savour every bite. Have a Wonderful Holiday! *Lunch Lady*