



Carmi Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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December 2011

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Season's Greetings!

It's amazing to see how time flies. December already! Wow☺ Thank you for your continued involvement at the school. As well, thanks for participating in your child's learning conferences last week. There are so many reasons to celebrate the children's progress. They are working very hard and making steady gains.

Thanks as well to all the students participating in the One to One Reading Program. Next week we will be wrapping up our first term with One to One reading - program that helps provide extra practice for students in reading. Students read 2 – 3 times per week with a volunteer. Students have made great gains and we are very proud of them☺ We would like to thank all of the community members involved in this rewarding and valuable program. I would like to give special thanks to our learning support teacher, Kathryn Golbeck, for all the extra work she has put in to make the program so successful. And, special thanks to PAC for funding the celebration lunch. If you can help out next session starting in the new year, (45 minutes 2 or 3 times per week), more students could participate. Please call us if you can. This is a great program!

Thanks as well to our parents and volunteers who have been providing baking, working in the Breakfast Club and helping set up the Elf Shelf. One of our parents, Donna Van Egmond has been instrumental in helping us get some of these initiatives off the ground. Thank you Donna☺

On December 8, from 8:45 – 9:45, your PAC Chair (Roberta Dyck) and I would like to invite parents to a Coffee and Muffin Meeting. The meeting will give us a chance to talk about goings on in the school while we talk with other parents. We welcome your thoughts and ideas. Please join us.

As always, I look forward to seeing you and talking with you soon! Feel free to drop by and help anytime. On December 16, all students will be participating in a craft morning followed by a sing along and cookies. Join us if you can. We wish you and your family a peaceful and joyous holiday season☺



Dates to Remember



- December 8 PAC Meeting 8:45 am in the library
- December 7 and 8 Elf Shelf Shop is open at recess
- December 14 Last day for Food Hamper donations
- December 16 Christmas Craft Morning and Sing-A-Long
- Last day of school before Winter Vacation (Dismiss at 2:30)

Tuesday, January 3 Schools Reopen

December 2011 Breakfast Club Newsletter

The Breakfast Club is proud to have served nearly **1000 Breakfasts** since starting up again this Fall. A **BIG Thanks** goes out to Jackie, Roberta, Nicole and Corissa for their help coming to prepare the breakfasts each morning. Also thanks to Vanessa Brar for her family's generous donation and to Katie Weitz for donating some delicious cereals for the kids to enjoy.

The Breakfast club is always grateful for any donations they receive. Items most needed are:

- 2% milk,
- Bread products such as whole wheat bread, bagels, or English muffins
- Cereals like raisin bran, plain cheerios, rice krispies and shredded wheat
- Yogurt (either large or small individual containers)
- Orange or apple juice



We are also looking for volunteers to help serve breakfast every morning. Even if you can only help out one morning per month, the reward you will receive from knowing you have helped so many children to have a successful start to their day, simply by providing a nutritious delicious breakfast will keep you smiling the rest of your day!!

The Elf Shelf Holiday Gift Shoppe

Wednesday December 7th and Thursday December 8th



- Students can shop for gifts for their parents/caregivers and siblings.
- Items priced from 25 cents to \$1 to make it affordable to all families and the children, who often want to spend their "own" money and have a special gift for members of their family.
- It will be during recess/lunch breaks on Wednesday and Thursday.
- For many children, this may be the first time they experience the joy of picking out a special gift for themselves, because it's often difficult for the little ones to purchase only for others.

Carmi Food Drive

Please send food items for our school food drive. PAC will deliver the food items to a local charity. The last date for food items is Wednesday, December 14. A prize will be awarded to the class with the most items☺



FRENCH IMMERSION Registration for 2012/2013

For Parents of current Grade 5 students:

A letter, along with an application form, regarding next September's grade 6 French Immersion classes will be sent home sometime mid January with all grade 5 students. This letter will outline the program and the application process. Application forms will be available January 16th at all elementary school offices, the Okanagan Skaha School District No. 67 Board Office (425 Jermyn Ave., Penticton), or on the district website at www.sd67.bc.ca

**Deadline for applications is 4:00 pm Friday,
February 3rd, 2012**

The program is available to all students residing in the Okanagan Skaha School District entering grade six in September of 2012. Students outside the district are permitted to enrol on a space-available basis (ie., after Okanagan Skaha School District students have been accommodated).

Note: An information meeting will be held prior to the application deadline date. The date of this meeting is t.b.a.

Parent Workshop Series McNicoll Park Middle School

Teacher contact – Shona Becker (Counselor)

McNicoll Park Middle School is hosting a series of parent workshops that are designed to provide pro-active strategies and ideas in dealing with concerns and issues that their children may be experiencing. Workshops occur on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the school library. Parents can pick and choose the topics that are most applicable to them.

Topics –

Date	Topic	Presenter
December 15	How to Keep Your Teen Safe	Laura Pettigrew
January 19	How to Help with Homework	Shona Becker
February 16	Helping Your Teen with Anxiety	CYMH worker or F.O.R.C.E (Jenn Wheaton)
March 8	Cyber-bullying and how to help your teen	Daryl Meyers
April 19	Community Connections	Penticton Rec Dept

**The last day of school is
Friday, December 16.
Schools re-open on
Tuesday, January 3, 2012 ☺
Happy New Year!!**



DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Please be sure that your child is prepared for the colder weather. Children should have **jackets, hats, boots and mittens or gloves** for playing outside. Some children are coming to school without warm clothing and we encourage them to be outside at recess and lunch for some fresh air and exercise at recess and at lunch time. On really inclement days children are provided with the option of staying indoors.

School Wide Winter Fieldtrip Tubing at Apex Friday, January 20, 2012

Thanks to PAC for helping with some of the costs☺
With their efforts, we have managed to get the cost down to \$6.00 per student. Permission forms will go home in the new year. Students must be dressed for the weather (coats, boots, mitts) and they must wear helmets. Hot lunch is also available for students who order ahead. If you have questions, please get in touch!!

Parent Parking Notice

When you are dropping off or picking up your children, please avoid the no parking zones. There is no parking allowed near the cross walks on Carmi Avenue or in non-designated parking spots in the school parking lot. If you have any questions, please ask. Parking limitations are in place for student safety. Thanks for your support☺



Cross Country Skiing

Cross-country ski permission forms are due for *Grade 4 and 5* students. If you have any questions about the activity, please contact Mrs. Sola at (250)770-7697. Thanks for your assistance and support for this great fieldtrip experience! Thanks as well to PAC for their financial assistance☺

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is overflowing! If your child is missing any of their clothes, please come and have a look at what's in the Lost and Found!

Christmas Craft Morning



Friday, December 16th
9:00 - noon

Parent helpers please come out for a morning of Christmas Craft making!
All classes will enjoy creating a few beautiful Christmas decorations to enjoy over the holidays! Thank you to the PAC for assisting with the cookies and hot chocolate! **We would love for parents to join us and to lend a hand in the classes for those who can☺**

**SEASON'S GREETINGS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



Muffin and Coffee Catch up

**We invite parents to join us for a
muffin and coffee meeting on
Thursday, December 8
at 8:45 am**

**(If you have little ones with you, feel
free to bring them along).**

**This meeting gives us a chance to have
informal conversation about great
things going on at Carmi as well as to
hear your ideas about how to make
things better☺**

**We hope you can join us on Thursday!
See you soon.**



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Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				1 Gr. K – 5 – Early Dismissal at 1:30 for Parent/Teacher Interviews	2 Hot Lunch – Pizza 	3
4	5	6	7	8 PAC Meeting in the Library at 8:45 a.m. Coffee and muffins 	9 Hot Lunch – Sub Sandwich 	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Christmas Craft Day and Sing-a-long  Hot Lunch - Tacos	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**Winter
Vacation**

Please phone Safe Arrival at 770-7670 if your child will be absent or late
Schools reopen Tuesday, January 3, 2012