



# The Kaleden Cougars December 2011

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays!

I would like to start out by thanking Mary Findlater and Myrtle Niles of the Okanagan Falls Branch of the Canadian Legion for helping us recognize and respect the sacrifices of those before us by supporting our poster contest and attending our Remembrance Day ceremonies along with the Legion Colour Guard.

As well, we would like to acknowledge all the efforts of Audrey Perry and our One to One readers who have volunteered an immense amount of time helping our students become better readers. I am sure both the readers and students will enjoy their wrap up pizza celebration on December 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be starting a new round in January and would love to have a few more readers. If you or a family member is interested, please contact the school.

In the spirit of giving, Kaleden Elementary is thrilled with the opportunity to give back to the community by supporting Kaleden Cares. Please send non-perishable food items to support Kaleden families. Staying with the Christmas theme, KES and PAC would like to invite everyone to our Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long and coffee house on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. It is guaranteed to be a great time!

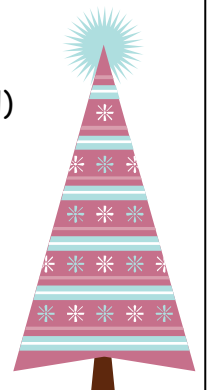
On behalf of the KES staff and students, I would like to wish Tiffany Zral the very best as she will be taking maternity leave starting in January. You will be very dearly missed. At the same time, I would like to welcome Miss. Heather McPhillamey who will be teaching Division 3. Miss. McPhillamey has worked in the classroom a number of times already and will spend a couple of days transitioning in December.

I would like to take this time to wish everyone a wonderful holiday break. May you spend time together sharing laughter and celebrating the magic of the season.

Mr. S. Edwards

## Important Highlights and Dates

- Tues. December 6 One to One Reading Pizza lunch 12:05
- Wed. December 7 Farm Bag pickup for December
- Thurs. December 8 Olympian Ski Aerialist, Steve Omischl - 9 AM
- Tues. December 13 Christmas Café & Sing-A-Long 6 to 7:30 PM
- Friday, December 16 Schools close for Winter Vacation (Last day of school)
- Tuesday, January 3 Schools Re-open
- January (TBA) Tubing at Apex (school wide)
- February 15, 21, March 7 Cross-country skiing for Gr. 4/5
- Tuesday, January 10 KPAC Meeting, 7 PM in the Library
- Wed. January 11 Farm Bag pickup for January
- Friday, January 27 Literacy Day and PJ Day
- Schools Close for Spring Break and Teacher's Professional Development Days, Friday, March 16, 2012 (Last day of school) Schools Reopen, Monday, April 2, 2012



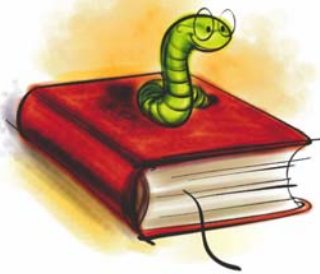
### Lost and Found

The lost and found cart is overflowing once again and items need to be claimed before the Winter Break. Students can check through items in the cart at any time. We encourage parents to also take a look! Articles not claimed by December 16<sup>th</sup> will be donated to Charity.



### Parent Parking Notice

**A reminder to parents that when you are dropping off or picking up your children please avoid the no parking bus zone and the fire lane. The back parking lot is easily accessible and always available to you.**



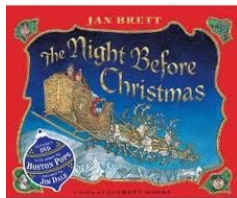
## Kaleden Elementary School One to One Reading Program 2011/2012

December - Already! We are just finishing up our first reading session at Kaleden Elementary with our end of session party on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Readers and Volunteer Tutors will be sitting down to a pizza lunch to celebrate and talk about some of the books we've read. Thank you to all the volunteers for their valuable time spent with the kids, as well as to Mrs. Hague, Mrs. Lefebvre and Mr. Edwards for their help and support.

Our next reading session will be starting up in January. There is a training workshop in December for anyone interested in joining our team. Please contact Audrey through the school or at 250 486 0816 if you would like more information. The Volunteer commitment is for 1 ½ hours one morning per week for at least one 8 to 9 week session.

December is a time of year to read as a family. With the long, cool nights of winter, we are inside more. It is the perfect time to sit down in front of the fire and read together. Christmas Stories are great stories to read aloud. Some of the Christmas classics are 'The Night Before Christmas', 'A Christmas Carol', and 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'. Jan Brett and Mary Engelbreit both have beautiful books illustrating 'The Night Before Christmas'. Some newer stories loved by children of all ages are 'The Snowman', 'Bear Stays Up, for Christmas', and 'The Polar Express'. Look for any of these books at the library or any bookstore and sit down with your kids over the holiday. It is a wonderful way to relax and enjoy the season.

Family Book of the Month:  
**'The Night Before Christmas'**  
A Poem by Clement Moore  
Illustrated by Jan Brett



'The Night Before Christmas' was first published anonymously in a local newspaper in New York State on December 23, 1823. It was originally named 'A Visit from St. Nicholas'. Clement Moore, a professor of Biblical Learning, later claimed that he wrote it for his children.

Jan Brett beautifully illustrates this classic poem. As is her style, she adds to the story with extra detail in the pictures to tell even more of a story of that night. Two mischievous elves have stowed away in the toys to help - but do they? A fun rendition.

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."  
- Dr. Seuss

Happy Holidays!  
Audrey Perry

A Fundraising Program to help Schools go Green!

**\$25 per month for 20 lbs of produce. Join anytime during the season.**

Visit to find out more about the program and to sign up at <http://farmbag.littlegreenbook.ca>

Sign up forms have been sent home today or contact the school office at (250) 770-7692.

**farm bag fundraiser**





## KPAC POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

KPAC wants to help you prepare for the upcoming holiday season!

Plants come from Art Knapps Plantland and will be ready for pick up at the school on Wed. December 14<sup>th</sup>. Order forms have gone home this week.

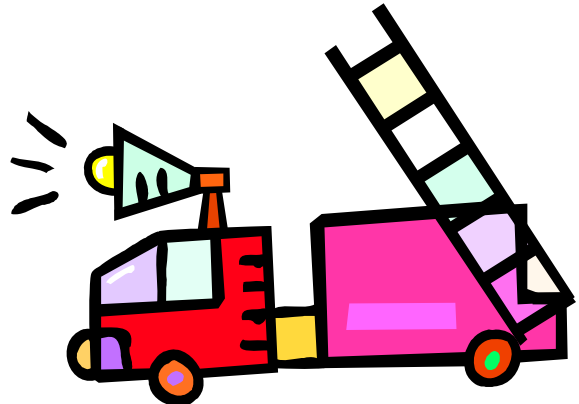
Please have orders returned to the school by **Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**.

### Hello Parents and Caregivers.

Your local Fire Department is making a continued effort to be involved in teaching the children of the community about Fire Safety. Over the years, we have had several groups of children visit the Fire Hall, tour the Trucks, meet Sparky and get to know more about what the Kaleden Fire Department does to help in the case of an emergency.

School visits have provided us with another means of meeting the children and reinforcing ways they can keep safe. As parents, it is helpful for you to know what the Fire Safety Skills are so that they can be reinforced at home. Below is a list of Safety Behaviours for small children, but even upper elementary children need reminders from time to time.

1. Stay away from hot things that can hurt.
2. Tell a grown-up when you find matches or lighters.
3. Stop, Drop and Roll if your clothes catch fire.
4. Cool a burn.
5. Crawl low under smoke.
6. Know the sound of the smoke detector or alarm.
7. Practice an escape plan.
8. Recognise a fire fighter as a helper.



Thank you for your help and have a Safe and Happy Christmas.  
KVFD Public Education Committee

## Calling All Bakers!

KPAC will be holding a 'Bake Sale' at the Christmas Café on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We would greatly appreciate donations of baked goods delivered to the school anytime on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. KPAC will sort and price all donated items.

Questions? Call Sandy Nickle at 250.497-8928

*Thank you in advance for your support!*

## Artisans, Crafters, Home-Based Businesses

We want to invite all crafters and home based business people to participate in our "market" at the Christmas Café on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. To reserve a table please contact Leigh Trusler at 250-497-5137.

# Kaleden Christmas Café And Family Sing-a-long



**PLEASE JOIN US  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>  
6:00 PM TO 7:30 PM  
AT  
KALEDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
FOR OUR  
CHRISTMAS CAFÉ AND SING-A-LONG!**

In lieu of a Christmas concert, the KPAC is hosting a traditional Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long.

Fancy coffee, hot chocolate and baked goodies for only a dollar each

As well we will be having our traditional bake sale!

Students are welcome to perform solos if they have been practicing their Christmas music.

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**PLEASE COME JOIN US AND ENJOY SOME WONDERFUL  
CHRISTMAS SPIRIT! THIS IS A COMMUNITY EVENT SO  
PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS.**

Merry  
Christmas

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## 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 16<sup>th</sup> at all elementary school office, the Okanagan Skaha School District No. 67 Board Office (425 Jermyn Ave., Penticton), or on the district website at [www.sd67.bc.ca](http://www.sd67.bc.ca)

**Deadline for applications is 4:00 PM**  
**Friday, February 3, 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 TBA.

### 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. Many children are coming to school without adequate 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.

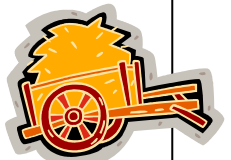


Whenever we are in a position of having to deal with student safety with reference to public health issues like chicken pox, lice, etc. our school protocol is to follow the advice of Interior Health. This website will inform you of the policies and procedures that will be guiding our decision making process.

<http://www.interiorhealth.ca/choose-health.aspx?id=170>

### *Community Carol Sing & Hay Ride*

Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM.  
Meet at the church parking lot (434 Lakehill Road)  
Bonfire & hot chocolate to follow at the beach  
Dress Warmly!  
(phone Les @ 250 497 5995 for information)



# KPAC NEWS

As the old saying goes, the days are long and the years are short. It's hard to believe that it is December already! I'm not sure where the past few months have gone, much less the past year!

November was a busy month with the highlight being Lobster Fest. While the event wasn't a sell out, it was still incredibly successful. Everyone who came enjoyed lobster flown in from PEI, great music from "Jazz out West" and wonderful wines from Calliope Wines and Blackhills Estate Winery. As the evening progressed, the dancing shoes came out! Some of the moves on the dance floor would have made our kids proud! The silent auction was also a big hit. So many people contributed to the success of this event. We would like to thank:

Ken and Margaret Hayter (Linden Gardens)  
Burrowing Owl Estate Winery  
Blackhills Estate Winery  
Young & Wyse Winery  
Calliope Wines  
Okanagan Image Photography  
Okanagan Bead Company  
Tips N Toes  
DHS Mechanical  
Apex Mountain Resort

Apex Ski Shop  
Whistler/Blackcomb  
Cassini Cellars  
Stoneboat Estate Winery  
Twin Lakes Golf Course  
Skaha Meadows Golf Course  
Giggle Glass  
Okanagan Dance Studio  
Zero Gravity Hair and Esthetics  
Shoppers Drug Mart

PAC would also like to send a huge thank you to Kerri McNolty who did an amazing job organizing a fantastic night. Thanks also to everyone who volunteered from set up to clean up; it wouldn't be possible without you! Rumour is, plans are already in the works for next year!

The Farm Bag program was again well received this month. Our numbers have remained steady but we would love to increase them. If you would like to sign up, go to [www.localmotive.ca](http://www.localmotive.ca) or call Sheri at 250-488-3540. Remember, the produce is both organic and local where possible and \$5.00 from every bag sold goes to our school.

Due to the job action by the teachers, there will not be a Christmas concert this year. Instead, we are hosting a community event. On Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> please join us at the school from 6:00 to 7:30 for our Christmas Café. Tom Klassen has agreed to lead us in some favorite Christmas songs and there will be goodies, coffee and hot chocolate. Our annual bake sale will be taking place at this time. If you have any baking to contribute to the sale, please drop it off during school hours on December 13<sup>th</sup> or call Sandy at 250-497-8928. Jo-Anne Birch will also have many items from her O'Bon line on display and available for purchase. O'Bon pencil and paper products which are made from recycled and sustainable materials are starting to appear in shops all over the Okanagan. Beautiful designs in vibrant colours make these products instantly popular with all ages. O'Bon would make great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers. As an added bonus, 25% of each sale goes directly to our school.

In the craziness of the Christmas season, take time to cherish your best gifts, the ones that can't be bought at a store. "Christmas gift suggestions:

**To your enemy, forgiveness.  
To your opponent, tolerance.  
To a friend, your heart.  
To a customer, service.  
To every child, a good example.  
To yourself, respect." (Owen Arnold)**

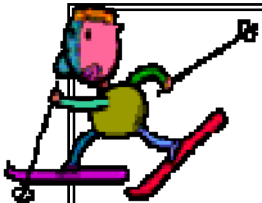
**We hope everyone has the best Christmas season ever and we wish you peace, joy and happiness in the New Year! Merry Christmas!**

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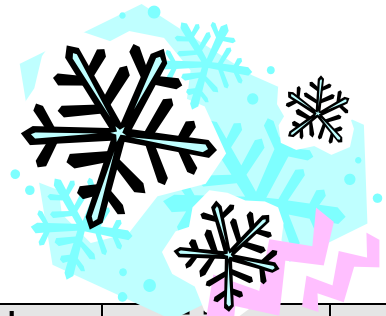
Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.	
				1	2 Hot Lunch Pizza	3	
4	5	6 One to One Reading Pizza Vision Screening Kindergarten	7	8 Olympian Ski Aerialist 9 AM Assembly	9 Hot Lunch Pasta	10	
11	12 	13 <i>Christmas Café And Sing-A-Long 6- 7:30 PM</i>	14	15	16 Hot Lunch Pancakes <i>Last day of School</i>	17	
18	19	<b>Winter Break</b>				23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

*We Wish You A Happy and Safe Holiday  
See you back on Tuesday, January 3, 2012*



**Grade 4 and 5 Cross Country Skiing** will be happening on the following dates: February 15, 21, and March 7, 2012. Cost this year will once again be significantly reduced thanks to KPAC and to all of you for helping in the many fundraising activities at school. 😊

# January 2012



Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	2	3 School Reopens	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 KPAC Meeting 7 PM in library	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Literacy Day and PJ Day	28
29	30	31	<i>Apex Tubing Date TBA</i>			

Please phone safe arrival at 770-7692 to let the school know if your child will be absent or late.

## Monthly Draw

We know how much everyone enjoys reading the newsletter each month. So, in order to make it even more fun, **the lucky winner this month will make a gingerbread house with Mr. Edwards on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at lunch time. We will do the December draw at the assembly on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** Remind your child to come into the office and fill out an entry form or email me at [lhague@summer.com](mailto:lhague@summer.com) and I will gladly enter your child's name in the draw.

*Winners for November were Nataliya and Nathaniel*



SPCA Donations - Grade 5 students are looking for donations for the SPCA. Here are a few suggested items that are needed. Towels, animal toys, cat food, dog dishes, dog food, blankets, water bottles (little rodents), bedding (little rodents), animal carriers/cages and leashes. Our furry friends thank you.





**STUDENTS OF  
THE WEEK  
FOR  
NOVEMBER**



**The Royal Canadian Legion Poster Contest Winners**

Congratulations to the following students for a job well done.

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|----------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Rebekah Boake              | Grade 1 |                     |
| Rachel Brown               | Grade 2 |                     |
| Ben Davidson               | Grade 3 |                     |
| Nicola Thompson            | Grade 3 | Black/White Drawing |
| Rowan Brown                | Grade 4 |                     |
| Martha Lukacic             | Grade 5 |                     |
| Shannon Robinson           | Grade 5 | Black/White Drawing |
| <b>First place winners</b> |         |                     |



***Kaleden Cares - Kaleden Shares***

Our annual food drive is already in full swing. Classes are engaged in "friendly competition" to see which class can generate the most donations. Keep bringing those non-perishable food items!

In addition the grade 5 students are collecting donations for the SPCA (let's not forget our furry friends). Here are a few suggested items that are needed. Towels, animal toys, cat food, dog dished, dog food, blankets, water bottles (little rodents), bedding (little rodents), animal carriers/cages and leashes.

*If you wish you can still bring a non perishable food item to donate at our Christmas Café and Sing-A-Long on Tues. Dec 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.*

Thank you.

