

## **Strawberry Vale Happenings for December 10<sup>th</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup>**

### **Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Whole School Fire Drill 11:40 am
- If you requested tickets for Winter Wonderland Concert they will be sent home today

### **Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Division 10 field trip to Berwick House 10:10 - 11:20 am

### **Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

- Division 10 field trip to SV Preschool 10:40 am

### **Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Winter Wonderland Concert performances today at 1:15 pm and 6:30 pm. Tickets are required to attend either performance.

### **Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Fruit & Veggie program delivers mandarin oranges today

### **Winter Concert Update:**



Our winter concert, **Winter Wonderland** is fast approaching! **There will be two performances:**

**Afternoon Performance: Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:15pm**

**Evening Performance: Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

The demand for tickets to this year's Winter Wonderland concert has been very strong (stronger than any previous year our staff can recall). Thank you for your patience and understanding around ticketing for these shows. Unfortunately, we do have to adhere to our building fire code which only allows for a certain number of seated people in the gymnasium at one time; this number of people includes the student performers (whether seated or not). We understand that this has created some added stress;

however, we are asking that you remain kind and compassionate to the situation and to the staff that are doing their best to help everyone.

If you are able to attend the afternoon concert but know you will receive tickets to the evening concert and you are willing to make a switch to help other families (thank you to those that have already offered), please let the office know A.S.A.P. If you do not need all of the tickets you asked for, please email Karen Dalep ([kdalep@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:kdalep@sd61.bc.ca)) right away so that we can make more tickets available to those looking to attend.

Please, make every effort to allow your child(ren) the privilege of performing at both the afternoon and evening concerts. They have worked very hard and are proud to show off their efforts.

If you are unable to get tickets to the evening show, please know that we have supervision for your child(ren) during that time (perhaps it might be a great time for a relaxing dinner or coffee or a quick holiday shop☺). The evening concert time should be approximately 1 hour 15 minutes long (supervision available from 6:00 – 7:45).

It is worth noting that the support for music and fine arts at our school is overwhelming and I'm honored to be a part of this supportive community. Please know that we are looking at potential options to alleviate this for future concerts that our school performs.

### **Winter Concert Arrival Times (Evening):**

Choir and Strings students are requested to arrive between 6:00 and 6:15 to allow us get choir vests on and strings instruments tuned!

**If there are a few choir parents able to help with vests for the afternoon or evening shows**, please let Mr. Martin know A.S.A.P.

### **Winter Concert "Costuming":**

We are not doing specific costuming for the concert this year. Winter colours or "dress clothes" always look great!

If your child is in grade 2 and has a pair of mittens or gloves to perform with, that would be fantastic (no worries if not possible).

Choir and Strings: Black bottoms and white tops are the requested dress for this concert.

Choir vests will be done at the choir room, (12:45 for the afternoon, 6:00pm for the evening).

### **Winter Concert Donations:**

This year we are looking for warm items such as socks, mittens, scarves, blankets, etc. that we will donate to the St. Vincent de Paul for those less fortunate in our area. With temperatures having taken a recent plunge, those without proper shelter have great need for items to keep them warm. Thanks for considering helping this cause.

### **Choir Update:**

The choir has been working very hard to prepare 5 songs so far this year! They are excited to perform at the Winter Concerts and at the Victoria Airport on December 18. Thanks to all the forms that have come back for the Victoria Airport trip. Mr. Martin will be in contact with all parents around drivers shortly.

### **Basketball Update:**

The Basketball team is progressing well this season! Practices are productive and students are gaining valuable skills for games that will begin in the New Year. Special Thanks to Larry Lakos for helping coach the team this year. Please note that there will be no practices on the 11<sup>th</sup> or the 13<sup>th</sup> of December due to Winter Concert preparations.

All the best,

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## Warm Winter gear for children:

As the cold weather approaches, we will be collecting gloves, mittens, scarves, toques and socks for children and families in need. We will have a donation bin set up on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Winter Concert. St Vincent de Paul will be collecting our donations on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to focus on providing warm winter gear for children the same age as our students but all donations are greatly appreciated. If you would like to send things in early we will have a collection spot outside Division 3.

Thanks for all you do to support families in our community,  
Division 3

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## TREE CHIPPING & BOTTLE DRIVE



SUNDAY, January 6th  
**11am-1pm**  
in the SVE Parking Lot

*Help us raise money for our school by dropping off your Christmas tree for chipping (by donation) or your pile of cans and bottles for recycling.*



[Sign Up](#)

We need your help! We're looking for at least 10 sets of hands to help accept, sort, and count donations. Food and refreshments will be provided. Click above to volunteer!



## Community News:



# 1000X5

1,000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

### 3 Books = 1 Gift Make it Happen

**This is the second year of the three book challenge.** As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. And what can be a better gift than a bag of 3 books for babies and toddlers? Every month 1000X5 pops 2,400 books in 800 gift bags. Last year, the challenge yielded thousands of books. Thank you.

If each child in Strawberry Vale Elementary School brought in 3 gently used books for babies and preschoolers, we would collect 825 books, enough for gift bags of books to 275 children. **Let's make it happen.**

Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin in the hallway by the school office.

**Child Alert: Attention Parents!! Please let the school know if your child is going to be late or away from school..... This saves our office staff, parent volunteers and teachers valuable time. Child Alert 250-479-5322 or e-mail: [alert32@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:alert32@sd61.bc.ca)**

#### Strawberry Vale Elementary

#### Daily Times

School Starts	<b>8:40 am</b>
Recess	<b>10:22-10:42 am</b>
Lunch Playtime	<b>11:50 am - 12:20 pm</b>
Lunch Eating	<b>12:20-12:45 pm</b>
Dismissal	<b>2:48 pm</b>

## **Upcoming Important Dates:**

### **December 2018** No PAC Meeting this month.

Dec.13 Winter Concert 6:30 pm

Dec.17-21 8:30 am Caroling in the Halls

Dec. 21 Red & Green Day/Whole School Movie 1:00

**December 24-January 4: Schools Closed for Winter Break**

### **January 2019**

Jan. 6 Christmas Tree chipping/Bottle Drive 11:00 - 1:00

**Jan. 7 School reopens**

Jan. 9 6:30 pm PAC meeting in staff lounge

Jan.24 Ready\*Set\*Learn 10:45-11:45 am

Jan.25 PJ Day

Jan. 28-Feb.1 Kindergarten Registration Week