

Strawberry Vale Happenings for December 3rd to December 7th

Monday, December 3rd

- Toonies for Tanzania Fundraising Campaign continues this week and runs until Friday, December 7th
- Send in your ticket request forms for Winter Wonderland Concert

Tuesday, December 4th

- Division 9 field trip to RBCM in morning
- Division 2 field trip to Chinatown 9:30-1:00
- Dance Club at lunch recess in the gym
- Basketball practice today in the gym from 3:00-4:00

Wednesday, December 5th

- Division 11 field trip to Craigdarroch Castle 8:45-11:00

Thursday, December 6th

- Basketball practice in the gym 3:00-4:00
- Division 13 field trip to Centennial Library 1:00-2:30 pm

Friday, December 7th

- Last day for Toonies for Tanzania
- Report cards going home with all students today

Toonies For Tanzania



Please Help Us Help Roda Gidungureda Go To School

Once again, our Strawberry Vale School Community will be raising money to send our CHES (Canadian Harambee Education Society) student to school. **Roda Gidungureda** is a girl who lives in Tanzania. In Tanzania, families must pay for their children's schooling after the first few years. Many

families are very poor, and sending their boys to school is seen as a priority. Roda's parents are much too poor to be able to afford to send her to school. All of us at Strawberry Vale have the good fortune of living in a country where every child, regardless of gender or financial circumstances, has the opportunity to attend school. We are choosing to remember this privilege, and to contribute towards providing this same opportunity for Roda in Tanzania. Our goal is to raise at least **\$600.00**. (This is the cost of Roda's tuition for one year. Any amount that we raise above that will be put towards some school supplies.)

We are encouraging students to bring a "Toonie For Tanzania" to school sometime between November 26th and December 7th. Families who are able to make contributions of \$20.00 or more (and provide their complete mailing address) will receive a tax receipt.

Mrs. Catriona Harker, a former principal at Strawberry Vale School, is our contact person for supporting Roda, our CHES student.

Thank you for helping us help Roda!

Kiersten Brookes and Jenn Horton

According to UN and World Bank Studies, educating women results in:

- Lower infant and maternal mortality
 - Smaller families
 - Longer life expectancy
 - Girls returning to help their communities
 - Higher economic productivity in the community
 - More educated families
 - Healthier children
 - Long term solution to HIV
 - The reduction of the conditions that lead to terrorism
- (From CHES Poster)

Winter Concert Update:



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

Afternoon Performance: Thursday, December 13th at 1:15pm

Evening Performance: Thursday, December 13th at 6:30 pm

Ticket request letters have been sent home with all students. There is a limit of 4 tickets per family. Please submit your ticket request form as soon as possible, as tickets are filled on a first come first serve basis.

Tickets will be sent home on Monday, December 10th.

The ticket request letter is attached to this email and also posted on our website, www.strawberryvale.sd61.bc.ca.

The concert will include performances from our strings students (under the direction of Mrs. Whyte), the Strawberry Vale Choir (under the direction of Ms. Parlee, accompanied by Mr. Martin), and songs by all Strawberry Vale students organized by grade groups.

Costuming for the concert is very simple as we are seeking winter colors (whites, blues, etc.)

Choir and Strings students will have their uniform of black bottoms and white tops.

Song recordings for practice can be found on the music weebly site: <http://strawberryvalemusic.weebly.com/general-music-updates>

Are you able to help with concert preparations or supporting supervision? Let Mr. Martin know at mamartin@sd61.bc.ca

Choir Update:

Please continue to encourage your students with their choir commitment (Wednesdays at lunch recess) as attendance at all rehearsals is necessary to gain the appropriate skills for performance.

There are two more upcoming concerts before winter break:

December 13: Winter Concert at the School (2 performances)

December 18: Noon performance at the Victoria Airport (DRIVERS WILL BE NEEDED!)

More information will be out shortly!

All the best,

Matthew Martin

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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 13th at the Winter Concert. St Vincent de Paul will be collecting our donations on Friday, December 14th. 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

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**

Strawberry Vale Elementary Daily Times	
School Starts	8:40 am
Recess	10:22-10:42 am
Lunch Playtime	11:50 am - 12:20 pm
Lunch Eating	12:20-12:45 pm
Dismissal	2:48 pm

Upcoming Important Dates:

December 2018 No PAC Meeting this month.

Dec.7 Report Cards Home/Toonies for Tanzania ends

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

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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