



## *Weekly Update from Cinnabar Valley Elementary School*

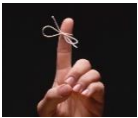


December 1, 2017

I cannot believe that it is December 1<sup>st</sup>! I have missed a few days this week due to a nasty cold, yet the school was in very capable hands with Mr. O'Hara at the helm!

### **Toys at school**

We all want students to have a great day at school. Many students choose to bring items from home to play with at our recess breaks. Some also like to have these items at the workspaces in the classes. While there are students who can function quite well with a treasured item within site/touch, many have great difficulty doing so. The toys become a distraction to the students or others in the class. Further, so students most treasured items go missing or get broken, leading to great heartache. We are asking that students keep their toys at home. If they do choose to bring something to school, toys need to be kept safely in backpacks until such time that it is appropriate to use them (recess, sharing in class). Please note that the school is unable to take responsibility for lost or broken items.



### **Forks and Spoons**



Everyday students come down to the office to get a fork or a spoon to be able to eat items in their lunch. Please do your best to ensure that your children have everything they need to eat their lunch with them when they leave for school. We are trying to reduce the amount of waste, for environmental and economic reasons. We actually have to shop specifically for forks/spoons for students to use. The cost for these items comes out of our operating budget – the more of these we buy, the less we have to spend on other items to support learning.

One further reminder: we are unable to warm up any lunch item brought to school. Please consider getting a thermos (I see many in use already!) if you would like your child to have a hot item in their lunch.

### **One week later... this is what the bank looks like**



The NLPS grounds crew has fenced off the bank area where the digging and discovering was occurring, for safety reasons. Work will be done, most likely in the spring when the weather is more favourable, around stabilizing the bank and determining the source of the water. In the mean time, this area is now off limits. The good news is the water still flows across the path area between the big forest and the field and students are continuing to find creative ways to play in this area. So yes, the mud continues (and we have not spoken about the shape of the field after 18 continuous days with some sort of precipitation!). As always, keep sending dry/clean clothes and socks/shoes, as students will be outside playing most of the time.

### **Welcome Back Ms. Laura**

We will be welcoming Ms. Laura, our school secretary, back to her position starting on Monday December 4. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chantelle Roberge for her excellent efforts in the office and wish her well as she moves on to her next assignment.



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### A note from the PAC

Please consider supporting this wonderful initiative for members of our greater community in need.

We look forward to seeing everyone on December 20<sup>th</sup> at the Port Theatre.

### PERSONAL CARE/HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES DRIVE

On December 20, we will be holding our annual Christmas Concert at the Port Theatre. As in prior years, we will be accepting donations for the less fortunate. This year we are focusing on personal care items/household necessities. Some recommended items are:

Diapers	Formula
Shampoo	Conditioner
Deodorant	Bar Soap
Toothbrushes	Toothpaste
Toilet Paper	Feminine Products
Laundry Soap	Dish Soap

COUNTRY GROCER HAS ONCE AGAIN GENEROUSLY OFFERED TO MATCH OUR DONATIONS ITEM FOR ITEM!

We will also be accepting cash donations for the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank.

Thank you for your support!

### Santa Bus Visits Cinnabar on December 7



### Discovering RDN Transit System!

We believe that getting children excited about riding the bus safely is one of the keys to creating life-long skills. The other key is education. BC Transit has worked with BC Curriculum Educator to create a concept-based competency-driven learning experience to help build students with life-skills in public transit choices.

Please be courteous and leave room in the Parking Lot for the bus to do its magic with our students! We hope to have as many students learn about riding city transit as possible on this day.

### Joyful Literacy in Action

Our primary teachers continue to use Joyful Literacy as a way of reinforcing reading skills. Students practice their letter sounds or site words through play-based strategies. Last year parent volunteers were instrumental in making our first Joyful Literacy Blitz hugely successful, as we were able to provide targeted and leveled support to over 50 students! The picture shows one of our grade 1 students proudly displaying his site words using stacking cups. He would choose a cup,



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read the word and, if correct, add it to the growing pyramid. This is just one example of some clever ways students are practicing the building blocks of reading.



### **Student Teachers**

Ms. Mullett and Mrs. Miscavish's classes both have student teachers working with them this year. Welcome Ms. Colby to Ms. Mullett's grade 2's and Ms. Pike to Mrs. Miscavish's grade 1's. We hope you enjoy your experiences with us.



### **The NED Show**

Our students enjoyed a wonderful assembly with Haley, our fabulous presenter from the NED Show this morning. NED stands for Never give up, Encourage Others, and Do your best. Students may be coming home asking to get one of the "tools" that was used to drive home the positive, message of being a champion. Please note: Haley was very clear with the students that the message really should be, "WHAT CAN I DO TO EARN A YOYO?" Please enjoy having that conversation with your child.

### **Calendar Updates December 4-8**

Santa Bus	December 7
Swimming Lessons – Div 11 and 13	December 8
Hot Lunch	December 8
All PAC raffle tickets are due!	December 8