

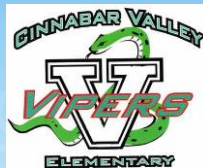
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Cinnabar School News

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Happy Holidays

It's hard to believe that December is already upon us. We have many special events and activities planned including our famous Door Decorating Competition and collection of food for hampers. Thank you to our PAC for providing the candy canes on Red/White Day and hot chocolate on our Christmas PJ Day. We appreciate your kindness (and treats 😊).

Please review the class/school calendar as December is a busy month.

Enjoy the holiday with your families. I would like to extend warm wishes to everyone this Christmas Season.

All the best,

Mrs. Young



Save the Date!

Please check out all of our celebrations and events on our website:
<https://cb.schools.sd68.bc.ca/>

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| December 1 | Door Decorating Competition / food hamper collection begins |
| December 3 | Red/White Candy Cane Day |
| December 10 | Elf Day/ Food collection ends |
| December 13 | Christmas Hat Day |
| December 14 | Door Decorating winners announced Wrap yourself like a present Day |
| December 15 | Dress up as your favourite reindeer |
| December 16 | Christmas/Winter Sweater Day |
| December 17 | Christmas/ Winter PJ Day/Last Day before Christmas Holidays/ Raffle Draw |
| Dec. 18- Jan. 3 | Christmas Break |
| January 4 | Return to School |

*Please refer to your child's agenda as each class has their own activities/field trips throughout the month as well.



PAC MEETING

Please join us for our next PAC meeting on December 14 from 6:30pm until 7:30pm. 😊 Please see the Cinnabar PAC page for the meeting link. Upcoming meeting dates: January 11, February 15, March 10, April 12, May 10 and June 14😊

PAC RAFFLE TICKETS

If you have raffle tickets, please make sure you return your sold one as soon as you can.

CHRISTMAS DOOR DECORATING/ COLOURING COMPETITION

Please stay tuned for the January edition of the newsletter to see which classes won the door decorating competition. The classes will be competing from December 1 until December 13. Check out all of the creative doors. Our students are extremely talented!

COUNTRY GROCER RECEIPTS

Please remember to drop off all receipts to your child's homeroom teacher. For every \$1000 in receipts collected our PAC receives a \$10 gift card to go towards food items for our students.

SCHOOL SPIRIT/ LEADERSHIP CLUB

Thank you, in advance, to the leadership club for organizing our spirit days which will begin on December 1. This group of grade 7 students have a lot of spirit days planned to begin in the New Year. Please stay tuned for the upcoming spirit days.

COATS FOR CHRISTMAS

Youth 20/20 Can & partners are giving the gift of warmth this year. Can you help? Donate your gently used coats, hats, gloves & socks on December 10 & 11 @ Maffeo Sutton Park in Nanaimo.

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

We continue to urge parents/families to exercise caution when dropping off or picking up children. When you are dropping off/picking up children, please keep physical distance (2 metres) in accordance with COVID-19 protocols and/or wear a mask. We would ask that you encourage students that are able, to walk independently to the lineup. If you are staying after school for your child to play on the playground, please keep distance and/or wear a mask. Adults without masks should not be in close proximity to other students. Thanks for helping to keep our school community as safe as possible. Because people are standing together for a period of time, we recommend parents/ families wear masks to assist in keeping our school community healthy.

MONTHLY HULQUMINUM WORD- We acknowledge each day that we live, work, learn and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Snuneymuw (se-nae-mo) people and for that we are grateful. Each month I'd like to share one **Hulquminum** word as one way to work on our goal of truth and reconciliation. This month's word/phrase is **Please**. Please scan the icon below to hear the pronunciation. Tth'ihwum



THE SHOE BOY: A TRAPLINE MEMOIR

Join us on Wednesday, December 8 from 3-4pm to share a conversation with Duncan McCue and learn about his personal exploration of Indigenous identity and connection to the land. [Register today.](#)

MOVING

Are you moving? If you are moving to a new address and/or to a new school over the Winter Break, please inform the office as soon as possible. We want to make sure that we have up-to-date information.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING AND OUR VALUE FOR THIS MONTH: HONESTY

Honesty is about both speaking and acting truthfully. How do we show we are being honest? Here are some ways to be honest and practice honesty:

1. Admitting When You Were Wrong

Honest people are willing to say that they were wrong about something.

2. Choosing Not to Cheat

Cheating is dishonest while following the rules is honest.

3. Saying When You've Had Your Fair Share

An honest person will choose not to take more than their fair share.

4. Speaking Up When Something Upsets You

Sometimes honesty means having the courage to speak when you don't have to.

5. Saying An Unpopular Truth

Throughout history, brave people have been honest about sharing the truth even if it was harmful to them.

6. Returning Something That Belongs To Others

If you have something that doesn't belong to you, the right thing is to return it.

7. And finally being honest, means being the best version of yourself.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Formal report cards will be issued **February 4**. Teachers have been and will continue to provide **Ongoing Communicate Student Learning (OCSL)** to you in a variety of ways through work samples sent home in paper form or electronically, or Celebrations of Learning. Our teachers have been working very hard together to create templates and samples of student learning that will clearly inform you of your students' ongoing progress and achievements at school.

Remember, in OCSL you can expect to see 1) Learning Outcomes (curricular competencies) that the students are practicing, 2) descriptive feedback from teachers regarding student work, 3) student self-reflection, 4) real-time samples of everyday work.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

If district schools are closed due to snow, or any other weather-related problems, announcements will be made on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM, WAVE 102.3 FM, and 91.7 COAST FM) by 7 a.m. on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station – tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis. In addition, the district will post the information on the district's website, Twitter, Facebook and mobile app. Please keep in mind, however, that there may be situations where this is not always possible, for example power outages or technical problems. The most reliable method is to listen to the local radio stations. As always, whether schools remain open, it is always your right to decide if it is safe for your children to travel to school. The district makes a best decision for all children as a whole, but you can determine what is best for your individual children in any given circumstance.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

FROM our Cinnabar family to yours!

