



December 2019

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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

For many families, Christmas is a time to enjoy opening presents, a dinner feast, and time with family. This isn't the case for all families though, as money can be tight, family may be far away, and the pressure to get the desired gift can be stressful. We are thankful for the donations provided to students in Chilliwack by Murray Honda in the way of winter coats, MainStreet Church for Christmas hampers, and the work of the Salvation Army in helping make Christmas a little brighter for so many families. Our donations of non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army and toys for children at Children's Hospital who won't get to be home with their families at Christmas are a way that we as a school community can give back to support those who need a little extra help at this time of year. For me, time spent with my family watching Elf or the Grinch, baking cookies and sipping hot chocolate, walking along the Vedder River Trail, or enjoying a good game of Clue or Scrabble is all I need to make my heart feel full. I hope that the holiday brings you and your family lots of joy and happiness, regardless of how you spend the time!

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- December 3 Poinsettia Order Pick up-1:45 pm Multipurpose portable
- December 10 Fruit and Veggie Program-Milk and Mandarin oranges
- December 11 Last Day of Children's Hospital unwrapped Toy Drive - **DONATE NOW!**
- December 13 Hot Lunch Orders and North Pole Musical front row seats raffle entries due
- December 13 Report Cards Home
- December 16 Draw date for front row seats raffle
- December 18 Hot Lunch - Jim's Pizzeria
- December 18 Christmas Concert 12:30 pm + 6:30 pm
- December 19 Salvation Army Food Drive Ends - **DONATE NOW!**
- December 20 Last day of classes before the holiday
- January 6, 2020 First day back to school after the holiday



**FOOD AND TOY DRIVE**

We are currently collecting non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army until December 19. We are also collecting unwrapped toys for BC Children's Hospital, with our good friend **Owen Eidsness** in mind. Reach deep Tyson Tigers, as this is an important one; all unwrapped toys will be given to children whom are spending Christmas in the hospital. **We will be collecting unwrapped toys until December 11.**

## SPECIAL EVENTS

December 18 will be our **North Pole Musical Performance**. Students have been working hard learning the songs, choreography, and lines in order to bring you a top-notch performance! We will have performances at 12:30 and 6:30 pm. The doors to the gym and classrooms will open thirty minutes prior to each show time. Our amazing PAC has organized a raffle, \$2.00 per ticket, for a chance to win two front row seats, so watch for information coming home on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> about this opportunity.

## LOST AND FOUND

We have had many items lost but not found in our wooden box in the West hallway. We will be displaying our lost items in the hallway starting on Monday, December 16. Please take a look at the items when you are at the school during the day or for our Christmas Production. All items left after school on December 20 will be given to the Salvation Army.

## LIBRARY NEWS

We are looking forward to January in the Tyson Elementary School library. One School One Book kick off is on January 8, 2020! We are all looking forward to finding out which book Mrs. Klassen has chosen for us to read as one school.

## PAC NEWS

### North Pole Musical Front Row Seat Raffle

Will your family be attending the Christmas Concert, taking place on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm? How would you like a chance to win the royal treatment with TWO front row seats? Tickets are \$2.00 each with entries being due back to school by Friday, December 13, 2019. Winning tickets will be drawn on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> in the morning. All proceeds will go towards the PAC fund, which is used in a variety of ways to enhance student life at Tyson Elementary. Watch for information and tickets coming home Monday.

Our next PAC meeting will be Monday, January 13 at 6:00 pm in the Library. Join our fun group to work together for Tyson Elementary students. Check out the Special Events section to find out more about our fundraising raffle at the Christmas Production.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER GUIDELINES

With the change in seasons, we can often experience changes in the weather. We will still be sending students outside most days, even if it is raining a little, so please remember to have your child dressed for outside play even on wet or cold days. You can check the School District website, the Tyson Elementary website, or listen to STAR FM or The Drive to see if schools are closed due to extreme weather conditions. This link provides more information on school closure guidelines from the District if you would like to read more about inclement weather school closure guidelines:

*Merry  
Christmas*

<https://sd33.bc.ca/inclement-weather-school-closure-guidelines> .

## SSS NEWS

Do you need an afternoon break to get any gift shopping or chores done before the holidays? Let us help you out! Sardis Secondary Music department will be providing an afternoon of supervision for your younger kids. We will entertain your child with holiday movies, fun activities and a light snack while you're away. The money we raise will help send our students on our spring music tour.

Date: December 14, 2019 Where: Sardis Secondary School Time: 12:30pm-4:30pm Cost: \$10 per child

Note: There will be adults with first aid at the event.

Please use this link to register for participation. <https://forms.gle/cSWmDZCNT52m4mBX8>

Payment will be taken at the event via cash. Please send questions to: [sardismusicassist@gmail.com](mailto:sardismusicassist@gmail.com)

