



December 3, 2021

**Dear BCA families,**

The sound of Christmas music is already ringing through the school halls and decorations for the class Christmas trees are already being made. Each class is preparing a tree for next weekend's Festival of Lights. Last year's event was such a great success the PTA is preparing once again to bless our school community and all our family and friends. But, they need your help with the preparation, set up and participation in the event, in order for it to succeed. Please contact them at [bcapta@bcaschool.ca](mailto:bcapta@bcaschool.ca) if you can help out in anyway. This is a great opportunity to get the whole school involved in a night of celebration at a time when we still have restrictions on what we can do as a school. I am looking forward to seeing you at this drive through experience, make sure you invite your family and friends to an event that is sure to be one of the highlights of the Christmas season.

Thank you to all those who purchased books at the Scholastic Book Fair last week. The children had a great time selecting books from the huge display of books available. We sold a total of \$4219.22 worth of product from Scholastic Books, which means we will be able to purchase over \$2336.52 worth of books to replenish our library with new exciting books for the students.

As much as I am not a big fan of the colder weather, it sure has been fun to see the excitement created by the first snow fall this past week. The children bounded out of the cars Monday morning with their hats, mitts and sledding boards, all ready to hit the slopes on the playground. What a scene that was at recess, it looked like a Hallmark Christmas card with the children sledding and making snowmen in this winter wonderland. With more snow expected in the coming weeks please make sure and check the Inclement Weather policy, found on the school website.

There will be plenty of opportunities for GIFTS hours in the next few weeks. Parents who can not come into the school due to vaccine regulations are able to help out with events or activities outdoors. We can always use help at dismissal time and we can use extra help monitoring the playground at recess times. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please let one of your PTA reps know.

We were hoping we would be able to once again invite family and friends to come and enjoy the children's Christmas presentation. But due to the current restrictions and vaccination issues, it is not going to be possible yet. The children will be presenting in front of the rest of the student body and the presentation will be streamed live. You will also receive a link that you can share with family and friends

to watch at a later date. There may be a few added features as well, so stay tuned to Edsby for news regarding the release date of the Christmas link.

Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, December 9 – Gingerbread Fundraiser – pickup at the school 3:00 – 5:00 pm.
- Friday, December 10 - Classroom Christmas Tree Contest – students wear Christmas colours
- Saturday, December 11 – Festival of Lights 5:00 to 9:00 pm
- Tuesday, December 14 – Tacky Toonie Tuesday, prizes and crazy Christmas sweaters
- Thursday, December 16 – Christmas Concert – livestream at 1:00 pm.
- Friday, December 17 – Christmas Holidays begin – 12 noon dismissal

Please remember that school finishes for the Christmas holidays at noon on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>. There will not be extended care available so please make sure arrangements are made for the early pickup. Have a great Christmas, we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Yours in Christ,

Rob Lofthouse