



# Aspen Park Elementary School Newsletter

Hello Aspen Park Families,

Here are this week's information items. New items are in **Yellow**.

## Week at a Glance

November 24	November 25	November 26	November 27	November 28
Open Gym  Career's Week  2:30 – EA Meeting	8:00 – SBT  Field Trip – D05, D10, D12 – Skating  Elder in Residence  2:45 – Staff Meeting	Open Gym  Strong Start  Salad Bar  Volleyball Gr 6 @ Home (Vs Coeur de L'ile)  Volleyball Gr 7 @ Robb Road	Toonie Sale  PAC Dance (6:00 – 7:30)	Open Gym  Hot Lunch  Elder in Residence
December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5
Open Gym  Kindergarten Immunization Clinic – Island Health	8:00 – SBT  Kindergarten Hearing Clinic  Field Trip – D05, D10, D12 – Skating  2:45 – Health and Safety Meeting	Open Gym  Strong Start  Salad Bar  Grade 7 Volleyball Tournament @ Queneesh	Toonie Sale	Open Gym  Hot Lunch  Elder in Residence

Upcoming dates to note:

- December 16 – Winter Concert
- December 19 – Last Day Before Winter Break
- January 5 – First Day Back After Winter Break

## **Winter Concert – Tuesday, December 16th**

Get ready to celebrate the holiday season with the wonderful musical talents of our students! We are delighted to offer two performance options for families, an afternoon concert and an evening concert.

To ensure we have enough space for everyone, we kindly ask families to choose one concert to attend. This helps us accommodate all guests comfortably.

### **Afternoon Concert**

- Time: 1:00 pm

### **Evening Concert**

- Time: 6:00 pm

We look forward to welcoming you for an afternoon or evening of festive music and holiday cheer. These performances are a special opportunity for friends and families to come together and enjoy the creativity our students bring to the stage.

## **School Closure Information**

There will be occasions when schools must temporarily close due to inclement weather, power outages or for emergency reasons. The superintendent may make the decision to temporarily close *any or all* district schools when the safety of students and staff may be compromised.

Parents, students and school district staff will be informed through the school alerting system, email, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) & [Instagram](#), and by notifying local media by **6:30 a.m.** – at the latest. Every attempt will be made to post announcements about closures on the school district website, however, power outages may interfere.

If there is no announcement on the school website /social media, please be sure to listen to one of the local radio stations:

- **97.3 FM** – The Eagle
- **98.9 FM** – The Jet
- **100.7 FM** -The Raven

**No announcements by 6:30 am indicates schools are open and operating at usual.**

[School Closures and Bus Schedules during Inclement Weather / Power Outage \(PDF\)](#)

## **Aspen Glows School Dance – November 27**

Aspen PAC invites you to the Aspen Glows School Dance on November 27 from 6:00–7:30pm. A parent or guardian must attend with all students.

Admission is by donation. Concession items and glow sticks will be available for purchase.

If you're interested in volunteering, please sign up using the link below.

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/752793862072/false#/invitation>

### **Careers Week – November 24-28, 2025**

In BC, a new governmental proclamation has now identified November 24-28, as our provincial "Careers Week", to support Career Education and expand students' knowledge of diverse career pathways.

This week is all about helping students explore future pathways, learn about different careers, and connect with possibilities in a fun and meaningful way.

Throughout the week, students will take part in class activities that encourage curiosity, highlight diverse professions, and support them in thinking about what they want to do next. It's a great chance for the whole school community to spark conversations, set goals, and imagine future opportunities.

### **Strong Start Update**

Our Strong Start program will be on hold for January, February, and March due to construction-related changes on our site. With our portables being removed and our new building not yet ready, we are unable to host the program during this transitional period.

We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work through these temporary challenges. We look forward to welcoming Strong Start families back in April in our beautiful new space!

### **Re-Gift Sale – December 11**

Aspen Park PAC is very excited to bring the Re-Gift sale back for another year on Dec 11.

We need donations!! These can be dropped off at the school office beginning on Nov 27. We ask that donations be in a clean and usable condition and games/puzzles contain all pieces. Popular items include: pottery, mugs, scarves, small framed art, ties, vases, costume jewelry, toys, games, books, home decor etc.

Note. We are unable to accept cosmetics, toiletry items or other personal products.

We also need donations of wrapping paper, tissue paper, tape, bows, tags, bags, and small boxes (amazon, sturdy food boxes) etc.

Every class will get a chance to shop during their classes time slot on Dec 11 for gifts for their loved ones. Every item is sold for \$1.00. This is a great fundraiser for our school PAC, but the best part is watching how excited the kids are to carefully choose their gifts. All purchases will be gift wrapped for students to bring home. Purchases may be limited depending on the number of donations received.

**If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Luba at [aspenpac@gmail.com](mailto:aspenpac@gmail.com).** Set up will be 6:00pm on Dec 10th. And the sale begins at 8:50am on Dec 11 and will run until the end of the school day. If you can't stay the whole time, no problem - we'd love help for any portion of the day.

## Photo Orders — Delivery to the School Ending Soon

Order by **November 25th** to save on shipping (*for orders delivered to the school*) and ensure your order arrives in time for the holidays.

After Nov 25th, orders will be mailed directly to your address and will incur a shipping fee.

Holiday delivery is **NOT GUARANTEED** for these orders, please plan accordingly.

visit [islandschoolphoto.ca](http://islandschoolphoto.ca) and have your online code (*same # as your school issued pupil # - not pen #*) ready.

or email: [info@islandlifephotographics.ca](mailto:info@islandlifephotographics.ca) and provide your student's full name and the school they attend.

### Pictures



















Community Information



**SANTA'S WORKSHOP**  
IS NOW MAKING APPOINTMENTS  
FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF GIFTS THIS  
CHRISTMAS  
FOR THEIR CHILDREN  
**AGES NEWBORN TO 15 YEARS**  
CALL 250-871-7273  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER HOURS: 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.  
DECEMBER HOURS: 9:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.  
OR VISIT THE WORKSHOP  
2967 Kilpatrick Ave, Courtenay  
(The old Mr.Pets)  
Our Boundaries are  
Oyster River to the north  
And Cook Creek to the South  
**LAST SHOPPING DAY: December 19<sup>th</sup> 2025**

Feel free to email me at [zale.darnel@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:zale.darnel@sd71.bc.ca) if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,

**Zale Darnel**  
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