

Miracle Beach Elementary School Newsletter

Hello Miracle Beach Families,

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

Week at a Glance

November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30	December 1
Yard Clean Up – Mr. Biegler's Class Fruit Delivery – Mandrin Oranges 6:30 - PAC Special Meeting	Noon – Choir 1:00 - Art Starts Performance 2:45 – H&S Committee Meeting	Grade 6 Volleyball @ Home Grade 7 Volleyball @ Gaglardi	Last day of Term 1 Soup Day Noon - Intermural Soccer Noon- Leadership	First day of Term 2 Wear orange in support of Truth and Reconciliation Hot lunch Noon - Tone Chimes Noon - Intermural Soccer PAC Open Gym
December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7	December 8
Yard Clean Up – Mr. Nelson's Class Noon - Intermural Soccer	Recycling - Leadership Noon – Choir Noon - Intermural Soccer 2:45 – Staff Meeting	Vanier Volunteers Winter Potluck Party (Ms. Berg & Ms. Stride's classes) TBD – Grade 7 Volleyball Tournament	Soup Day Noon- Leadership Noon - Intermural Soccer Staff Lunch Team 1 Staff Party	Hot lunch Noon - Tone Chimes Noon - Intermural Soccer Community Craft Fair Term 1 MyEd Reports Sent Home

Upcoming dates to note:

- December 19 – Winter Concert
- December 22 – Last day before Winter Break

PAC News - SPECIAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 27TH

6:30pm MBE Library

Are you interested in being a voice for our parent/guardian community? Do you have hopes and dreams about how we can better support the school and its students? The Parent Advisory Council currently has three (3) open executive positions. We will be holding a "special meeting" on Monday, November 27th to hold elections by secret ballot for the positions of:

Vice Chair

Secretary

DPAC Representative

An objective third party will be running the election and determine the outcome. If you are a parent or guardian, you are invited to come vote.

On Monday, you will receive an email with a link to an online nomination form. Please complete the form if you or someone you know is interesting in holding one of these important positions. We look forward to inviting any parent or guardian of a MBE student to run. Please note: Most PAC activities are currently on hold until these positions are filled.

Further information will be posted on the Miracle Beach PAC Elem Facebook page.

<h2>Secretary</h2> <p>Want to know more about this important PAC Executive role?</p>	<h2>Vice Chair</h2> <p>Want to know more about this important PAC Executive role?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Secretary shall record, prepare, and distribute the minutes of the membership, special, and executive meetings.• The Secretary shall keep an accurate and safe copy of all PAC documentation.• The Secretary shall issue and receive correspondence on behalf of the Council. <p>Sound like you?</p> <p>GREAT! This is a very important role that needs to be filled ASAP. Nominations can be submitted here:</p> <p>https://forms.office.com/r/kAtpyW4epV</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Vice Chair shall assume the responsibilities of the Chair in his/her absence. Chair responsibilities to be assumed include speaking on behalf of the Council.• Shall create and distribute meeting agendas.• Shall be a signing officer. <p>Sound like you?</p> <p>GREAT! This is a very important role that needs to be filled ASAP. Nominations can be submitted here:</p> <p>https://forms.office.com/r/kAtpyW4epV</p>
<h2>DPAC REP</h2> <p>Want to know more about this important PAC Executive role?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The DPAC Representative shall attend SD71 DPAC meetings or if unable will send an alternate.• Shall report back to the MBE PAC about district news. <p>Sound like you?</p> <p>GREAT! This is a very important role that needs to be filled ASAP. Nominations can be submitted here:</p> <p>https://forms.office.com/r/kAtpyW4epV</p>	

Music Program Fundraising



Support our Music Programs!

No sorting or standing in line required. Just bring in your clean refundables in a CLEAR or BLUE plastic bag. Go to the Express printer (at the depot) and print off a label using the school phone number. Attach a label to each bag and drop it in the bin! All money will go to support the Performing Arts programs at Miracle Beach Elementary!

1. Use a clear or blue bag
2. Print off a label using 250-337-5114
3. Attach the label
4. Leave the bag in the bin



Parent Roadmap to Technology

LEARN71 Comox Valley Schools

COMOX VALLEY PARENT'S TECHNOLOGY HANDBOOK
LEARN71
Comox Valley Schools Website
Learning at home

INITIATED BY TECHNOLOGY TEAM
District Instructional Technologist
Support Teacher:
Kara Dawson
kara.dawson@71.bc.ca

District Support Teacher for
Positive Technology
Jane Rindow
jane.rindow@71.bc.ca

District Inclusion/Educational IT
Support Teacher:
Sharon Hagen
sharon.hagen@71.bc.ca

PARENTAL DIGITAL DIVE:
A PARENT'S ROADMAP TO LEARN71.CA AND OFFICE 365

LEARN71.CA/ONLINE/

Choir and Tone Chimes

The Choir Retreat was a lot of fun! Thank you to all who were able to make it! Remind your child to be checking the Choir section on my website. I will be updating it soon with the songs we are currently working on.

Upcoming Choir Performances

- Winter Concert – December 19 @ 1pm and 6:30 pm
- Holiday Tea for Seniors – December 20 @ 10 am (if you would like to help out, please let Miss Boersma know)



YOU ARE
INVITED TO A

HOLIDAY

Tea for Seniors

Miracle Beach Elementary would love for you to join us for a free event including coffee, tea, treats and entertainment.

Groups please phone to confirm
250-337-5114

Accessible parking is limited,
call if needed and we will do our best to
accommodate

Please carpool if possible

Masks are optional, students will not be wearing them.

AT 10 AM

WEDNESDAY **20** DECEMBER

MIRACLE BEACH ELEMENTARY
8763 PAULSEN RD
BLACK CREEK



Miracle Beach Leadership Campaign

Miracle Beach Leadership is collecting donation for Everyone Deserves a Smile. (In addition to the food bank drive our school does.)

- Everyone Deserves a Smile (EDAS) makes care packages for people experiencing homelessness.
- Care packages are delivered in the Comox Valley, Victoria, and the downtown eastside of Vancouver.

From November 24 to December 5, Leadership is collecting new:

- Woolen socks
- Toques
- Mitts/Gloves
- Scarves



Sizes:

- ✓ Men/non-binary: XL
- ✓ Women: M

Collection boxes are located in the school office and Mrs. Gravel's classroom.

Leadership is also making cards, decorating gift bags, and baking cookies for the care packages.

Thank you from Miracle Beach Leadership!



Cares

Miracle Beach Community Craft Fair - On December 8th we will be hosting our second annual Community Craft Fair for you and yours to sell their holiday creations. Between 2:35 and 4:30. Come by and help support our children's creative minds! Please email Mbpacdad@hotmail.com to reserve your spot at one of our tables. More information to come next week.



IT'S TIME FOR A

COMMUNITY MARKET

DECEMBER 8TH 235 TO 430

HELP YOUR CHILD MAKE CHRISTMAS GIFTS
OR BAKED GOODS TO SELL.
PLEASE KEEP THE PRICE LOWER THAN \$10
BOOK A FREE TABLE WITH YOUR CHILD BY
EMAILING MBPACDAD@HOTMAIL.COM

ARTS CRAFTS ALL KID MADE



Miracle Beach Elementary Open Gym - Starting November 17th at 2:35 going until 4:30 join us and other parents with your kids and enjoy some open gym time. This will be an ongoing event every Friday, and the only requirement is that a guardian be present. We will start off with open gym, but as it goes along, we could include more organized sports if there is interest. Please email Mbpacdad@hotmail.com if you need anymore information. Hope to see you there!

**A PLACE TO
CONNECT AND
HAVE FUN**

Open Gym

- Play Together
- Explore gym equipment
- Fun
- Build community
- Indoor activities

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**Every FRIDAY
230 to 430
Guardians MUST Attend**

Emergency School Closure - 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/ offices 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. No announcement by 6:30 a.m. indicates that schools are open and operating as usual.

If there is no announcement on the school district 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



**erase Family Sessions
2023/2024**

Questions regarding general *erase* training may be emailed to: erase@gov.bc.ca

Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities – Everyone Welcome! Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sextortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

Nov 28, 7:00pm	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732343096917?aff=oddtcreator
Nov 30, 6:30pm	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732346587357?aff=oddtcreator

Volleyball – Thank you to Mr. Biegler (Grade 7) and Ms. Berg (Grade 6) for Coaching Volleyball this year.

We are in need of drivers for Volleyball games. If you are able to drive, please contact the school to complete the necessary paperwork.

Date	Grade 6	Grade 7
November 29	@ Home vs Valley View	@ Gaglardi

Ministry of Education and Child Care Survey

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, we are sharing the survey information below to help inform the Province’s [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives:

We know that many families depend on school-age child care to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent’s full work day. That is why the Province’s [ChildCareBC plan](#) is working to expand access to child care for all families that want and need it.

The Ministry of Education and Child Care is conducting a parent survey to better understand the regional and provincial demand for school age child care.

While we know there is unmet demand for school-aged child care, there is no current provincial or regional data quantifying the demand. Your participation will help the Province plan for future school-aged child care expansions.

This survey is intended for all parents, regardless of the type of child care you currently use or even if you are not using any child care at all.

Who should fill out this survey?

If you have children attending Kindergarten to Grade 7 at a B.C. school, we want to hear from you about your family's child care needs.

What will this survey be used for?

The survey results will be used to support planning for future initiatives under the ChildCareBC plan. All responses are voluntary and anonymous; you and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Information received will be combined and shared with your school and district as a summary.

How do I complete the survey?

The survey is now available online at:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/SchoolAgeParents.asp?SchoolNumber=1527>

and is available in 18 languages. The survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete and is available starting November 21. Please only complete the survey once. The link is intended especially for you. Please do not share the link with anyone else. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca. If you encounter any technical difficulties, please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) at support@awinfosys.com.

We greatly appreciate your input and thank you in advance for your participation.

School Bus

Rules for Riding the Bus

- Be at the bus stop 5 minutes ahead of the posted schedule. The bus will not wait for those who are late
- Stay on the shoulder or sidewalk, well away from the pavement, while waiting for the bus
- Do not run beside the bus while it is moving
- Boarding the bus will be in single file
- No saving spots in line or seats on the bus
- Take your seat right away
- The bus driver is always in charge
- Remain seated while the bus is in motion
- No eating on the school bus
- No fighting, bullying or horseplay on the bus
- Do not throw litter out the window of the bus
- Always keep head and arms in the bus

Community Information

ROBOTICS71

ENGINEERING YOUR FUTURE

'Tis the season to donate...

The Robotics71 district program is comprised of 50 - 60 students from Highland, Isfeld, Vanier, Cumberland & NIDES and is looking to fundraise for travel/hotel costs this year!
Please be generous and support these students with a donation of any of the following...

Drop off @ Highland - AutoBOT Shop with Travis Lawrenuk & Greg Downing

Old Christmas Lights



House Wiring



Network Cables



Copper Pipe/Fittings



Any other wiring...



Thank you for your support!



The Robotics71 competition season is now underway and there is need for old Christmas lights, house wiring, cables, copper fittings and other wiring. Donations can be dropped off at the Highland AutoBot shop during school hours. Saturday, December 9th the Vex Robotics Tournament will be at Highland Secondary. 40+ teams from across Vancouver Island are competing including our own local Robotics71 teams (made up of Cumberland, Highland, Isfeld, NIDES and Vanier students) This is the second of five tournaments of the season for Robotics71.

Family Information Session

In partnership with The Ministry of Education and Childcare's [erase strategy](#), due to high demand, [Safer Schools Together](#) are offering an additional "Social Media Awareness" Family Session on December 5th at 6:30pm. This 60-minute session will be held virtually via zoom. To register for this session please click on the link below:

[Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities Tickets, Tue, Dec 5, 2023 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Pictures





Feel free to email me at zale.darnel@sd71.bc.ca if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,

Zale Darnel
Principal, Miracle Beach Elementary