

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

December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7	December 8
Yard Clean Up – Mr. Nelson's Class Noon - Intermural Soccer New Lunch Monitors Start (Grade 5/6)	Recycling - Leadership Noon – Choir Noon - Intermural Soccer 2:45 – Staff Meeting	Vanier Volunteers Winter Potluck Party (Ms. Berg & Ms. Stride's classes) Noon - Star Draw Winners Lunch Grade 7 Volleyball Tournament @ Lake Trail	Soup Day Noon- Leadership Noon - Intermural Soccer Staff Lunch Team 1 Staff Party	Hot lunch Noon - Tone Chimes Noon - Intermural Soccer 9:00 - Leadership Trip to EDAS Community Craft Fair Term 1 MyEd Reports Sent Home
December 11	December 12	December 13	December 14	December 15
Yard Clean Up – Mr. Nelson's Class Fruit and Vegetable Program - Oranges Noon - Intermural Soccer	STEM Visit from UBC – (Ms. Gravel, Ms., Cadden, Ms. Stride, Ms. Berg, Ms. Nesbitt, & Ms. Ralph's classes) Noon – Choir Noon - Intermural Soccer 2:30 – EA Meeting	Noon - Intermural Soccer 2:30 - MyEd Session for Staff 6:30 – PAC Meeting	Soup Day Noon- Leadership Noon - Intermural Soccer	Hot lunch Noon - Tone Chimes 2:30 – Open Gym

Upcoming dates to note:

- December 19 – Winter Concert (Primary Students)
- December 22 – Last day before Winter Break

Winter Concert – December 19th

Get ready for a magical musical showcase at Miracle Beach Elementary! Our Winter Concert is just around the corner on December 19th, featuring two spectacular performances for your enjoyment.

- **1:00 PM Concert:** - Join us for a delightful afternoon filled with festive tunes and heartwarming performances by our talented primary students.
- **6:30 PM Concert:** -Experience the enchantment again in the evening as our primary students take the stage for a magical night of winter wonders.

This year, the Winter Concert is dedicated to our primary students, promising an evening of joy and seasonal spirit. But don't fret, intermediate students have a musical treat in store for the Spring!

Mark your calendars, invite friends and family, and let the melodies of the season fill your hearts with holiday cheer.

Strong Start

Strong Start is active at Miracle Beach! Our program runs Tuesday mornings from 9am-noon. Come join us for lots of fun activities such as art, playdoh, songs, and stories. We also visit the gym every Tuesday morning from 11:05-11:40am.

The program is open to all ages from birth to pre-Kindergarten and is meant to provide an opportunity for families to connect with their social community. It also helps provide for a seamless transition for those children entering Kindergarten each September as they become acquainted with their school and familiar faces.

For more information on Strong Start please visit the district webpage at <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/strongstart/>

We hope to see you soon 😊

Foodbank Donations

'Tis the season of giving, and we're excited to announce our Foodbank Donation Drive supporting the Black Creek Foodbank is running from December 6th to December 21st. Your generous contributions will make a significant difference in supporting local families during the holidays. Your donations directly impact our community, spreading joy and ensuring that everyone experiences the warmth of the season.

How you can contribute: Drop off non-perishable food items, toiletries, and essentials at the designated collection point at the front entrance of the school.

Thank you for making a positive impact in the lives of others.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Meet our newly elected PAC
Executive Members!

Candice Pauloski, Vice Chair
Joanne Barr, Secretary
Mike Jonston, DPAC Rep

A VERY SPECIAL
THANK YOU!

To our past PAC Executive members.

JODI SCHNEIDER 7 YRS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITMENT
VALERIE GREGOR 3 YRS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITMENT
JEN STOREY 2 YRS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITMENT

"VOLUNTEERS DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE THE TIME; THEY JUST HAVE
THE HEART." THIS IS BY ELIZABETH ANDREW

HEART IS EXACTLY WHAT THE THREE OF YOU HAVE!



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

A graphic titled "LEARN71" with a mountain background. It features a spiral-bound notebook titled "COMOX VALLEY PARENT'S TECHNOLOGY HANDBOOK" with a "LEARN71" logo. Next to it is a list of resources: "TABLE OF CONTENTS", "DISTRICT 71", "MY EDUCATION BC", "MICROSOFT TEAM", "TECHNICAL SUPPORT", "CREATIVITY", "DIGITAL LITERACY", "TECH SKILLS BY GRADE", "ACCESSIBILITY", "LITERACY", and "DOCUMENTATION". To the right is a list of contacts for the "INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TEAM": District Information Technology Support Teacher: Kara Dawson (Kara.Dawson@sd71.bc.ca), District Support Teacher for Assistive Technology: Jane Roudsaw (Jane.Roudsaw@sd71.bc.ca), District Inclusion/Educational IT Support Teacher: Shannon Hagen (Shannon.Hagen@sd71.bc.ca). Below this is a smartphone displaying the "LEARN71" app. To the right of the smartphone is a QR code and the text "PARENTAL DIGITAL DIVE: A PARENT'S ROADMAP TO LEARN71.CA AND OFFICE 365". At the bottom right is the text "LEARN71.CA/ONLINE/" and a QR code.

Music

The Miracle Beach Choir submitted a video to the CBC Music Class Challenge. Check out their performance on the CBC YouTube Channel! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSFnOKO2_w

A HUGE thank you to Jim Gailloux, John Martin, Doug Whiteford and Sam Lytle for their help with the recording of the video!

Winter Concert

Miss Boersma will be updating her website this weekend with all the concert music for students to be practicing at home. Please encourage your child to be practicing their songs at home. Here is a link to her website. <https://jboersma4.wixsite.com/music>

Look under Christmas Concert tab and Teacher name for the songs your child is working on.

Looking for donations of PVC pipe. Approximately 1 inch diameter. Minimum length of 2 feet in length.

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)



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 7
December 6	Tournament @ Lake Trail

Leadership

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.



Miracle Beach Elementary Open Gym – No open gym on December 8th



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

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



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!



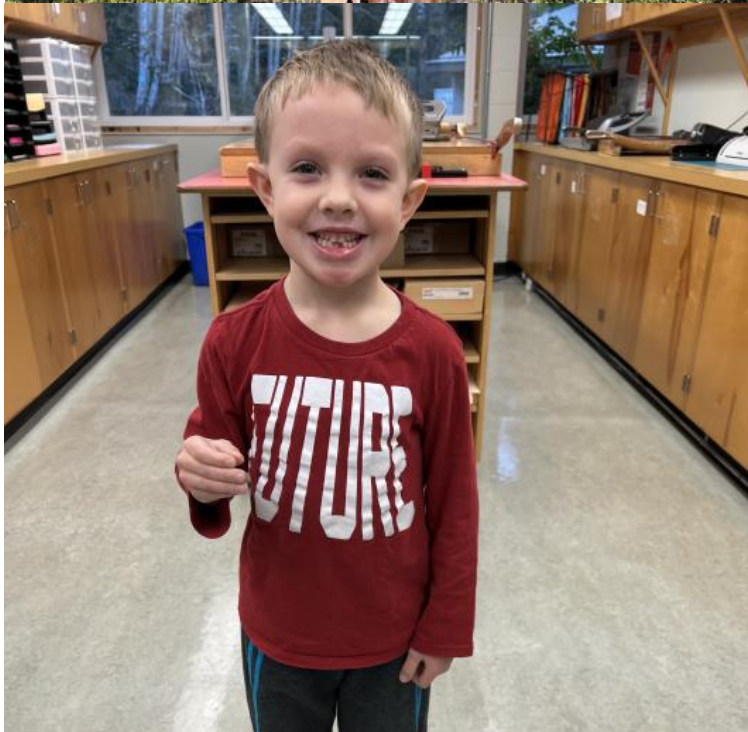
The Robotics71 competition season is now underway and there is need for old Christmas lights, house wiring, cables, copper fittings and other wiring. Donations can be dropped off at the Highland AutoBot shop during school hours. Saturday, December 9th the Vex Robotics Tournament will be at Highland Secondary. 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