

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 8	December 9	December 10	December 11	December 12
	PAC Build Your Own Festive Bough 3-5pm	Div 1/2 Potluck Lunch in Gym PAC Meeting 6:30pm		School-Wide Spirit Day - Pajamas Div 6/7 Field Trip to Aquatic Centre
December 15	December 16	December 17	December 18	December 19
	Health & Safety Meeting 2:45pm		Winter Concert 1:00pm & 6:00pm	Seniors Tea 10-11am LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Upcoming dates to note:

- **December 8 – 15 – Annual Food Drive for Bread of Life Food Bank**
- December 9 – PAC Build Your Own Festive Bough
- **December 12 – Miracle Beach Pajama Day!**
- December 18 – Christmas Concert (afternoon & evening)
- December 19 – Seniors Tea
- December 22 – January 2 – **WINTER BREAK**

IMPORTANT

****FROM THE BUS DRIVERS****

Please **do not** park on the left side of the buses when dropping off or picking-up your children. This makes it impossible for the buses to move safely. Also, please **only walk on the RIGHT side of the buses** (to the right of the barriers).

****As the weather starts to take a turn for the worse, please ensure that students are coming to school in weather-appropriate clothing, and everyone has a full change of clothing in a waterproof (ie: Ziploc) bag either in their backpack or kept in their classrooms****

****Please note that the parking lot is for STAFF ONLY. If you are dropping off or picking up at the school, you will need to park along the shoulders of Paulsen Rd. ****

****If emailing to report an absence, please ONLY send it to miraclebeach@sd71.bc.ca as all of the office staff have access to this email. Alternatively, you can download the School Messenger app to report absences, late arrivals, or early departures.****

Our First School-Wide Spirit Day is Coming Up!

Get out your finest pajamas Miracle Beach – our first school-wide Spirit Day is coming up on Friday, December 12th! Show off your sartorial splendour in your best flannels, fleeces or cozies!

****Please *no* stuffies or blankets at the school unless your teacher says otherwise. We don't want any tears if something special goes missing!****

Food Bank Drive for Bread of Life Food Bank

The school is collecting non-perishable food for the Black Creek Food Bank, from Monday, December 8th -15th. Please donate what you can! The most requested items are:

- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Canned beans (chickpeas, black beans, kidney beans)
- Canned tuna
- Peanut butter
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Rice, oats, barley
- Hearty soup, stew, chili
- Small snack items (granola bars, fruit cups, applesauce)
- Toiletries (feminine hygiene products, baby diapers)

December Ordering is OPEN for Hot Lunch!

December ordering is open for Hot Lunch on the Munch-a-Lunch website! If portions are feeling a bit too small, please note that **you can order more than 1** portion for each day.

****Reminder to please return any **BLUE** containers with clear lids (if they happen to make it into a backpack by mistake). If your child would like to bring any leftovers home, please pack them a reusable container from home as we return the blue containers each week to be cleaned.****

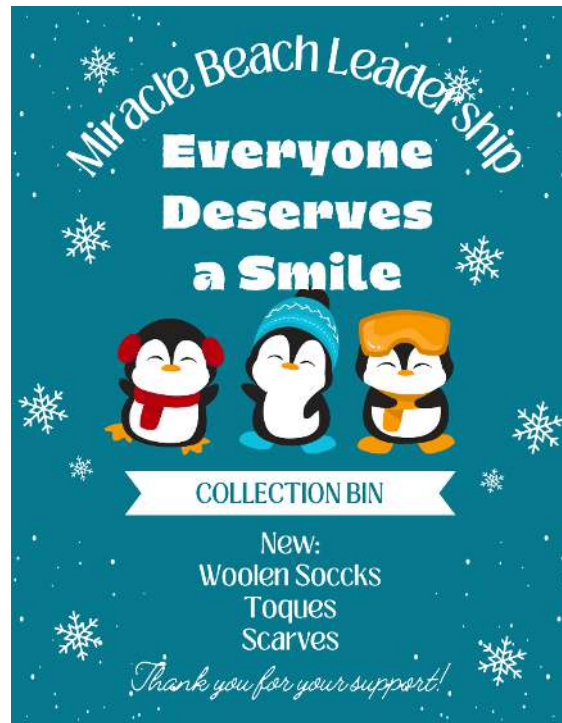
For the Vegetarian and Gluten Free options - if not specified, these items will be as close to the regular option as possible with those modifications.

Still having troubles logging in to Munch-A-Lunch? Contact Ashley for help (ashley.lefley@sd71.bc.ca).

If you would like to order Hot Lunch for your child/children, but finances are a barrier, please note it is a 'Pay What You Can' program and is subsidized by the school district.

Time for Everyone Deserves a Smile!

Our Leadership students are collecting new scarves, toques, mittens and socks for 'Everyone Deserves A Smile' from now until **Monday, December 8th**. Collection bins can be found in the office, Mrs. Cadden's room and Mrs. Gravel's room.



Seniors Christmas Tea

Please extend an invitation to the seniors in your families and community to join us for Miracle Beach's annual Seniors Christmas Tea! The tea will take place on Friday, December 19th at 10:00am.

****Seating is limited, so please phone the office (250-337-5114) to reserve your seats****

Open Gym Every Friday at MBE



Back by Popular Demand — Open Gym Fridays!

The community school is so excited to bring back Open Gym Fridays from 2:35 to 4:00pm! Come burn off some energy, explore the gym equipment, and connect with other families.

Please note: All kids must have a guardian in attendance — school rules apply.

Our awesome coordinator Heather is ready to welcome you and make it a fun afternoon for everyone!

Every Friday | 2:40–4:00pm | School Gym

(NO Open Gym on December 5th)

Let's play, laugh, and build community together!

Volunteering and Driving for the 2025/26 School Year

If you would like to volunteer at the school and/or drive for field trips this school year it is important that you supply the necessary documentation ahead of time.

Please consider submitting the documents required in advance so when the time comes you don't have to wait to be approved. It also makes it easier on teachers to know ahead of time when planning field trips and activities.

The following items are required yearly (email to miraclebeach@sd71.bc.ca):

- A **Personal Driving Record** from ICBC, can be done online [Driving Record and Insurance History](#)
- A copy of a valid driver's license
- vehicle insurance showing minimum \$1 million liability

(emailed photos emailed will suffice, or we can photocopy at the office)

Required every five years:

- Criminal Record Check - if you think you have one on file please don't hesitate to call or email the office to confirm

*Criminal Record Checks can take weeks to be approved so must be submitted well ahead of time.

Online Link: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>

Access Code: XGAX6D8B53

Lost and Lonely Clothes

We have an abundance of clothing, water bottles and other items in our Lost and Found. We will be putting them in front of the school each afternoon in an attempt to reconnect them to their owners 😊. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the year.

School Supply Fees – 75% collected

Thank you to all those that have paid, we are getting closer! The fee is \$40 per child. If you haven't already, please pay by cash or cheque in the office or e-transfer to miraclebeach@sd71.bc.ca. Please write your child's name and division in the comment section.

If this payment will be a hardship, please let Ms. Shepherd know in the office, and she will have the fees covered.

Life in the FAST BRAIN

A 5-Week Series for Parents & Caregivers of Tweens aged 8-11.

ADHD is one of the most common neurodivergent profiles among young people today. Parenting a child with ADHD is a unique journey full of energy, creativity, and complexity.

You are not alone. Let's navigate this together!

Designed by fast brains, for fast brains.

FREE admission the LINC Youth Centre & Indoor Skatepark for your tween included!

Details

- Dates:** Tuesdays, Nov 18 - Dec 16
- Time:** 5:30 - 6:30 PM
- Location:** The LINC Youth Centre
- Cost:** FREE

Increased understanding of the ADHD brain

Practical strategies to support your child at home, at school, and in daily life

Connection with other parents who get it

Guided support from experienced facilitators

Contact information:
rachel.ducommun@jhsn.bc.ca

Scan QR code for registration form

JohnHoward
John Howard Society of British Columbia

LINC
Youth Centre

FOUNDRY
youth centre

Counsellor's Corner

Please see the poster below for information on an awesome, free offering for parents and tween happening at the LINC for kids with ADHD.

Pictures



Big Buddies with Div 2 and Div 7



EDAS bags from Div 11 and Div 12



Ms. Gravel's class





Fun with Ms. Erin!



Gingerbread houses with Ms. Pinchak's class