

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 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!
January 5	January 6	January 7	January 8	January 9
1 st Day Back at School!	Staff Meeting 2:45pm			

Upcoming dates to note:

- **December 8 – 15 – Annual Food Drive for Bread of Life Food Bank**
- December 18 – January Hot Lunch Ordering OPENS
- December 18 – Christmas Concert (afternoon & evening)
- December 19 – Seniors Tea
- December 22 – January 2 – **WINTER BREAK**
- January 5 – First Day Back at School

Winter Concert Information

 **Bring on The Snow Concert Reminder** 

Date: Thursday, December 18th

Times:

- **Afternoon Performance: 1:00 PM**
- **Evening Performance: 6:00 PM**

Important Details:

- The **gym will open at 5:30 PM** for the evening concert.
- **Students should remain with their families until 5:45 PM.**

- Students meet in their classroom **between 5:45 PM and 6:00 PM** (not earlier than 5:45)

Dress Code:

- Clean, nice, neutral clothing
- Scarves, mittens, and toques
- Students with assigned parts have already received costume instructions

Please Note:

Space (and parking!) is limited—especially for the evening performance. We kindly suggest families attend **only one of the two concerts** if possible.

Thank you for helping make this a wonderful celebration for our students! 🎵🌟

REMINDERS

****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.****

Food Bank Drive for Bread of Life Food Bank

The school is collecting non-perishable food for the Black Creek Food Bank until **Monday, December 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)

January Ordering for Hot Lunch

January ordering will open for Hot Lunch on the Munch-a-Lunch website on **Thursday, December 18th**. 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.



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****

Counsellor's Corner

Raising Digitally Responsible Youth: A Parent's Guide: This [Parent's Guide to Raising Digitally Responsible Youth](#) will equip you with the knowledge you need to stay in the loop about the most popular applications and trends. Correspondingly, this guide will give you a better understanding of your child or teen's internet usage so you can relate to the digital world they live in.

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 2:40 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
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.

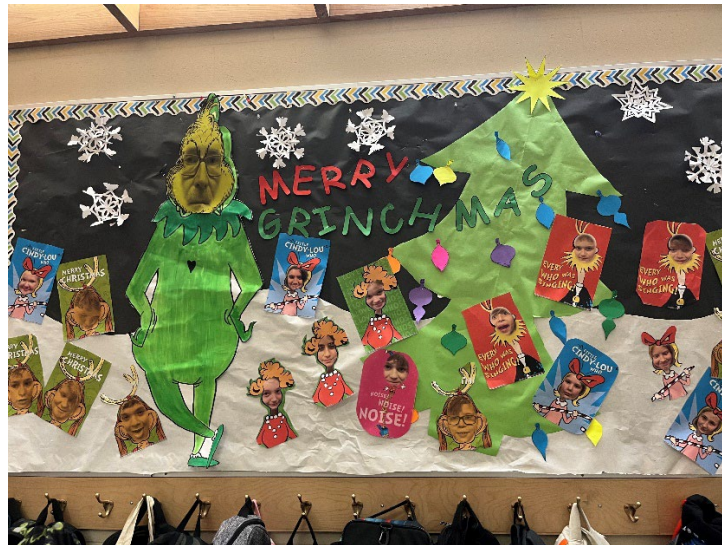
Online Link: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>

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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 before the Winter Concert in an attempt to reconnect them to their owners 😊. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the **end of this week!**

Pictures



Merry Grinchmas from Mr. Nelson's class!



Gingerbread fun and a Museum trip with Ms. Nesbitt's class



Pajama Day with the Grade 7s



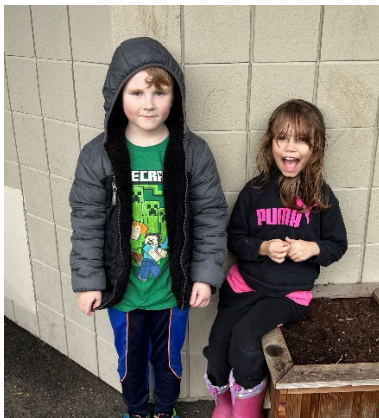
Reading time with Ms. Berg's class



Morning Announcements



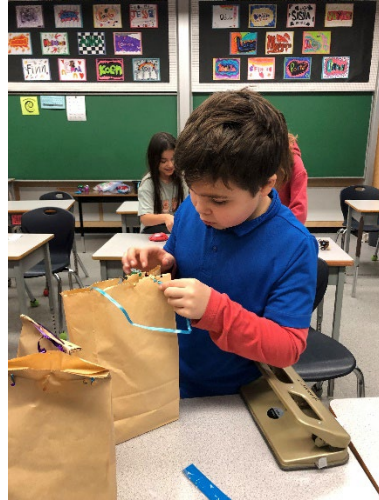
Learning the art of Furoshiki (Japanese art of gift-wrapping with fabric) with Ms. McKay's class



Friends hanging out outside



Our annual K/1 Christmas Potluck with Ms. Berg and Ms. Boersma's classes



Science and gift wrapping with Ms. Street's class



Always fun in Ms. Erin's room!



Peppermint is up to some serious hijinks in the office!