

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

January 5	January 6	January 7	January 8	January 9
1 st Day Back at School!	Staff Meeting 2:45pm			
January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16
		PAC Meeting 6:30pm		

Upcoming dates to note:

- December 22 – January 2 – **WINTER BREAK**
- January 5 – First Day Back at School
- January 14 – PAC Meeting

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.

January Ordering for Hot Lunch

January ordering is now 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.

FoodSafe Course Being Offered for ALL Parent Volunteers!

Our district's DPAC is offering a subsidized FoodSafe course for any parents that would like to volunteer with food programs at their schools.

Offering: [FoodSafe Level 1](#) Class for School Food Volunteers

DATE: Sunday January 11th

TIME: 10AM to approx. 5PM (exam time varies)

LOCATION: Courtenay Community School Library 1540 McPhee Avenue

COST: \$30

Who is it for:

Parents & Caregivers volunteering in food-serving roles within the school. FoodSafe Level 1 is not currently required to operate a school food program, but it is good practice for Salad Bar teams, volunteers that prepare food, and may be a bonus resume addition for parents returning to work.

This class, if passed successfully, will result in a [certificate](#) of Food Safe Level 1 that is good for five years. DPAC is funding the instructor's time and location, with PACs or the parents themselves purchasing the \$30 booklet/certificate processing for their volunteers.

Thank you to Courtenay Community School for hosting the event. This class is being funded with our DPAC funding, which is mandated specifically for parent/caregiver education (no student registrants.) We have asked that PACs or parent/caregivers cover the cost of the \$30 booklet/certificate (theirs to keep) to ensure commitment to attendance.

Deadline to register is Monday, January 5th.

To Register:

Step 1: Email DPAC@sd71.bc.ca including the volunteer's name and PAC;

Step 2: CC' your PAC main email;

Step 3: include the name of volunteer attending and;

Step 4: include who will be funding the \$30 booklet/certificate processing fee.

Please reach out with any questions.

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>

Access Code: XGAX6D8B53

Pictures

It's a Christmas Extravaganza!







Our wonderful Senior's Tea, with our amazing Leadership students serving up the goodies!





Naughty Peppermint!



At least we know now who made the Nice List at the school!



Thank you to everyone who made our Winter Concert such a success!