

December
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The Bayview Bulletin

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School-Wide Dates to Remember:

- Dec. 1—PAC Movie Night, 6pm
- Dec. 6—PAC Meeting 6pm
- Dec. 17— PAC Last Stop Holiday Shop 10am-2pm
- Dec. 19-22 Christmas Store
- Dec. 21—Rotary Christmas Lunch
- Dec. 22—Christmas Concert 1:30 pm
- Dec. 23—Final Day of Class for 2016
- January 9— School re-opens.

**Winter Break
December 24-
January 8**

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Recognition

The student leaders and staff who went to We Day and brought back inspirational leadership ideas!



Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that December is upon us already! We are excited to be heading into the holiday season, with all that it entails. Our student leaders are busy preparing plans for making Christmas special around the school and community!

In November we welcomed a new secretary to Bayview, Mrs. Sanderson. Please take a moment to pop into the school office and introduce yourself if you have not already done so.

As we proceed with changes to assessment and reporting, there will not be a report card coming home in December as you have been used to; instead, the first formal report for the year will be February 10. If you have questions about your child's learning or progress, you are always encouraged to contact their classroom teacher.

Mr. Kevin Brand, Principal

WE ARE GOING PAPERLESS

In an effort to be environmentally friendly, we will soon be distributing all newsletters electronically. Starting in January we will not send paper copies home. Instead we will share newsletters in 3 easy ways:

1. An email will be sent with the link to the electronic newsletter.
2. The newsletter will be posted on our school website on the first school day of every month.
3. The newsletter will be posted on the PAC Facebook site.

Please ensure that the school has your email address so we can send the newsletter link to you.

We will always have paper copies of the newsletter in the school office.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Most school notices will only be sent home with the youngest child in a family and with children who do not have siblings in the school. There will be some exceptions (e.g. hot lunch order forms or forms requiring a signature for each child). You can also stay informed by checking out our school website:

<http://schoolsweb.sd68.bc.ca/bayview/>

The PAC Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/bayviewpac

The Strong Start Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/www.bayviewstrongstart.ca

And be sure to follow us on Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/bayviewboxers>

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Christmas Concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 22 with an afternoon performance only at 1:30 PM. We hope that you will be able to join us to see each class perform. Please bring along a non-perishable item to donate to our food hamper drive. We need some help for stage set up on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 2pm and take down the morning of Friday Dec. 23. Please call the office and leave your name and number if you can help out.

FOOD HAMPER DRIVE

Student Leadership is collecting non-perishable food items to support local families. You can also send in donations of money or gift certificates to grocery stores. We will be collecting food hamper donations up to Dec. 18.

CHRISTMAS STORE

Parents, staff and student leaders will be running a Christmas 'store' for our students to purchase gifts for their family and friends for Christmas this year. Items in the 'store' will be very reasonably priced (10¢ - \$2) and gift wrapping will be available. If you have any gently used items to donate, please send them in. If you are able to help sell and wrap items, please let Mrs. Sanderson (Secretary) know. We need lots of volunteers! The store will be open for browsing by students on December 19 and for buying items on December 20 & 21. Families will be able to visit the store after the afternoon Christmas performance on December 22 if there is anything left!

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Nanaimo Rotary group is once again spoiling us with their Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 21. All students and staff will be able to enjoy a full turkey dinner and receive a goodie bag. Sorry, this one isn't for families.

CHANGES TO ASSESSMENT & REPORTING

As shared through email and the recent parent meeting, the Province of British Columbia and Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools are changing the way we assess learning and report to parents. Some of the significant changes include:

- Increased Ongoing Communication
- Increased Student Voice
- Increased focus on Core Competencies
- Reduction of Formal Report Cards from 3 to 2 per year, February and June

Join the discussion at: <http://www.sd68.bc.ca/>

LOCKDOWN and HOLD & SECURE DRILLS

All schools in SD68 have Lockdown and Hold & Secure procedures in place. These important practices aim to ensure the safety of staff and students.

When we would Lockdown...

There is a major threatening incident or threat of school violence within the school, or in relation to the school. Students and staff are out-of-sight and secured in the school.

When we would Hold & Secure...

There is an ongoing situation outside and not necessarily related to the school. The school continues to function normally, with all the exterior doors being locked.

How you can help...

It is natural for children to feel some anxiety about emergency procedures and drills; calm adults are the best support we can offer. The aim of practice drills is to make emergency procedures calm, routine and effective. Parents can discuss the drills with their child and reassure them that they are safe.

FIRE SAFETY AT HOME

Keep your family safe with a working smoke alarm in every bedroom.

Did you know that roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep?

Smoke alarms save lives. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. In fact, having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire in half!

When it comes to smoke alarms, it's about "location, location, location".

The key message of 2015's Fire Prevention Week campaign was to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms.

From: National Fire Protection Association, Available online:

<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week>

WET WEATHER REMINDER

Bayview is located in a beautiful, mild climate that permits outdoor recreation and activities year-round. In recognition of the benefits of physical activity during recess, days with light rain will be outside days. Please prepare your child for wet weather with appropriate footwear and a suitable jacket. Parents should also provide a change of clothes for their child at school. Days with heavy rainfall or other severe weather will be inside days.

PAC FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Families are invited to join us on Thurs., Dec. 1 for the movie *The Wild Life*. Doors open at 6:00 and the movie will start at 6:15. Students must come with an adult. The movie is free and there will be concession items for sale.

**FROM OUR FAMILIES TO YOURS,
THE STAFF AT BAYVIEW WISH
EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



