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In the Grove

The Newsletter of Beach Grove Elementary School

December 15, 2017

Events Calendar

December:

- 18- Band Concert @ 9:45
- 20- Term one Report cards home
- 21- Christmas Movie for students (Bring a pillow)
- 21- Last day Prior to Winter Break (Winter Vacation December 22-Jan 8)

January:

- 8 - Back to school
- 12- Walk to school Day
- 17- PAC Mtg 6:30 pm
- 19- Fun Lunch
- 24- Parent Math Night @ 6:30

Principals Message

As we come very close to our Christmas break I reflect back on the past 4 months at Beach Grove. I want to let you know what a privilege it is to work and be part of this wonderful community. The children who make up our student population, the many supportive parents and family members and of course the fantastic school staff all work together to benefit student learning and development. Thank you !

Over the next several weeks we will celebrate the holidays in our individual traditional ways. No matter how we celebrate please remember to take some time to slow down and reconnect as a family, spending time together and enjoying one another. Happy Holidays to you all !

Report Cards

Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home Wednesday, December 20th.

Assessment, evaluation and reporting are integral components of the teaching-learning process. The purpose of assessment, evaluation and reporting is to enhance and support student learning.

- **Assessment** involves the systematic gathering of information in order to describe what students know, are able to do, and are working toward.
- **Evaluation** involves the analysis, synthesis and interpretation of the assessment information based upon those standards as mandated learning outcomes. These learning outcomes outline what students need to know and should be able to do in particular curricular areas.
- **Reporting** is the consultative process of clearly and concisely communicating to parents how well students have achieved the learning outcomes in their educational programs.

This year in both Primary and Intermediate grades, students do not receive letter grades. Children's progress is reported in relation to the prescribed learning outcomes for each grade. These expectations are general statements about children's development and learning over time. They take into account children's knowledge, experience and interest in an integrated curriculum.

All formal reports describe:

- what students are able to do;
- the areas in which students require further attention; and
- ways to support students in their learning.

A new component of our pilot report cards is the addition of the student self assessment piece. Be sure to talk to your child about what they are learning and how they feel about that and about the goals that they and their teachers have set for their future learning.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found box is overflowing! All items will be displayed next week in the main hallway outside the gym. On Thursday any items left will be sent to the thrift store. Please encourage your children to look for lost items. Parents are welcome to sign in at the office and take a look for missing clothes.

December Birthdays:

Happy Birthday to these students who are celebrating birthdays in December:

Noah O, Kyan D, Kaelyn B, Mikey R, Cedar C, Theoren D, Ella A, Audrey H, Aurelia R, Rebecca B, Griffin K, Justine M, James S, Milo M, Kim N, Riley P, Dohee H, Maximus F, Mae C, Isaac W, Jackson P, Kennedy O, Fallon M, Charlotte H, .

Christmas Performance

We hope you enjoyed our Christmas performance of 'A Canadian Christmas Vacation'. The show, which was written by our grade 7 students, loosely followed the National Lampoon movie 'A Christmas Vacation'. All our students and staff worked hard to put the show together. Thanks to our lead teachers Mrs. Calder, Mrs. Klassen and Mrs. Cogle, also thank you to Mrs. Masters who came back and worked with our singing groups and to Amie Calder who came in and played the piano for several of our classes. It was a great performance and a wonderful opportunity for our students to shine.

Christmas Video

On the last day of school before the Christmas Holiday, Thursday, December 21, I will be hosting a holiday video for the students. The video will begin at 11 am after our recess break. Students will go back to class for their lunch and playground time and then resume watching the movie after lunch until approximately 2 pm. Parents are welcome to join our students in watching 'The Grinch'.

Report card envelopes are to be signed and returned to the school. The typed comments can be kept at home for your records. Please return the envelopes to your child's classroom teacher ASAP.



Sincerely,

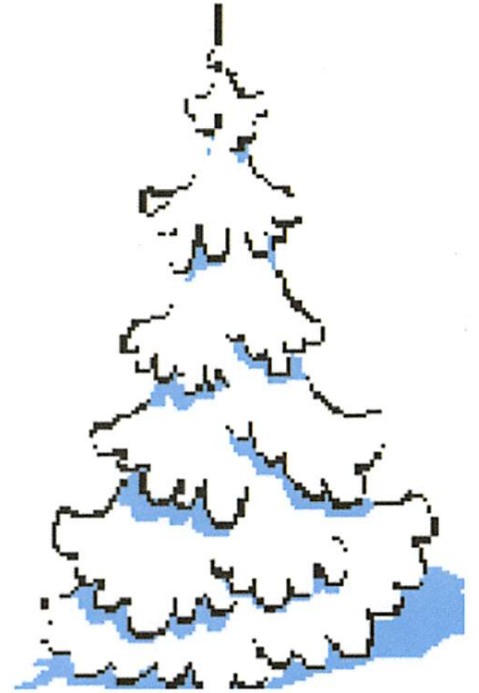
Rick Hall,
Principal

and the staff at Beach Grove

Dear Parents,

Another Christmas is upon us. The staff at Beach Grove would like to take the opportunity that the season brings to say **THANK YOU** to our very supportive parents, for all of your help so far this year. Your contribution, no matter how small, combines with everyone else to make a HUGE difference for the students at Beach Grove. Some of the many ways you support our efforts include:

- Helping your children with their homework
- Reading with them each evening
- Volunteering at the school in so many ways, from driving on field trips to work in the classrooms with students
- Supporting our PAC by attending meetings, putting together hot lunches, and supporting their fundraising efforts.
- Signing your child's planner regularly
- Supporting the schools community programs such as Our 'Me To We' activities, food drives
- Always being available to talk when we call and to solve problems in a positive way
- And for helping make Beach Grove a wonderful place for students in so many other ways.



*We Wish You a Very Merry
Christmas*

Niki Gilmour
Paul Adams
Mrs. Varkley
Phoebe
L. Hansen
M Hardy
Angela Vaughan
Madie.
Lorraine
Janyla Durman
M Klaser
Janice
Bonikowsky
John Carter
Mahima Lamba
Hardy
Heather Drake
Ante
Amanda Boyd
Wanda Brown
Donna Fenitt
R. West-Sells