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In the Grove

The Newsletter of Beach Grove Elementary School

December 14, 2018

Events Calendar

December:

- 20- Band Concert @ 9:45
- 19- 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 6)

January:

- 7 - Back to school
- 11- Walk to school Day
- 16- PAC Mtg 6:30 pm
- 18- Fun Lunch
- 25- Pro D day

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 few 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 19th.

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.

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, Mikey R, Cedar C, Theoren D, Ella A, Emily N, Audrey H, Rebecca B, Griffin K, Justine M, James S, Everly L, Kim N, Riley P, Dohee H, Maximus F, Mae C, Isaac W, Jackson P, Ariana R, Fallon M, .

Christmas Performance

We hope you will be here to enjoy our Christmas performance of 'A Beach Grove Christmas'. The show, which has been written by our grade 7 students, will consist of several Christmas themed skits. All our students and staff have worked hard to put the show together. Thanks to our lead teachers Mrs. Calder, Ms. Klassen and Ms. Cogle, it should be a wonderful performance and a wonderful opportunity for our students to shine.

We look forward to seeing you all there on Tuesday, December 18 at one of our two performances.

Doors open at 1:15 pm or 6:00 pm

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 2pm.

Emergency Preparedness Container

As many of you may have heard our Emergency container was broken into over the past month and all the equipment that was stored inside was taken. The emergency container is something that is put together by schools and PAC's in preparation for an emergency such as an earthquake. If, in such an emergency, the school and surrounding community is in need of supplies then they have access to those within the container. Generally, the schools PACs emergency preparedness rep and often PAC chair has a key to the container if the emergency occurred outside of school hours. The school's principal also has keys to the emergency container for access if the emergency were to occur during school hours.

I want to thank all of you who have offered financial support in replenishing supplies for our emergency bin. I also want to be transparent around details for solving the supplies problem.

Our school has money in our emergency contingency fund that we will use to start replenishing the supplies. I will be putting out a notice in the new year asking for a \$5 donation from each family within the school community. Finally, the school district has offered us financial support to meet any of the outstanding purchases so that our emergency container can be brought up to the high standard it was at prior to the theft. Finally, I have met with our engineering group and the bin will be moved to a more visible location at the front of the school in order to detract the possibility of a future occurrence. Thank you again for all your support!



Beach Grove Food Drive

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have been contributing to our food drive these past weeks. Beach Grove is always a main contributor to the Christmas food drive and your support is appreciated. The final day for our drive is today, however we will be collecting contributions at both the afternoon and evening performances of our Christmas concert. Please feel free to drop any further donations off at that time in the boxes located at the entrance to the gym during those performances.



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