



Watson Elementary School Newsletter



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Our Code of Conduct

Watson Wildcats *R.O.A.R. to Success* – **R**espect, **O**utstanding Attitude, **A**chieve Goals, **R**each Out

Our Goals

1. In what ways can a school community systematically respond to the learning needs of students, staff and parents? (How do we meet the needs of all of our learners?)
2. Watson Elementary student, staff and community are responsible school citizens. (Teaching expectations and strategies to help develop responsible behaviour?)



Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that heading into the holiday season! We are excited about our Christmas Concert this year. All of our classes are participating and Miss. Thom and staff are working hard. We will be looking for parent volunteers to help out with various tasks.

The Watson Staff are committed to academic success for all students. We will do whatever it takes to help each student do their best! As our partner, we need your assistance to achieve our goal. Do you read to your child each night? No matter the age, all children benefit from hearing fluent readers. This exposes your child to quality literature that he/she may not be able to read and provides a special bonding time for you and your child. Just 20 minutes a night can make a world of difference!

You can also help by having your child arrive on time each day. There is a very high correlation between good attendance and good grades. Being punctual is an important life skill that kids can learn at an early age. This helps students begin their day on a positive note. We also need your help in reducing classroom interruptions. If you need to visit with the teacher, please do so before school or after school. If your child forgets something, please leave it at the office, and we can have them pick it up at a convenient time. Please do not pick up your child early unless you cannot make other arrangements. Our students' learning time is precious, and as adults we need to show them that we respect what they are doing each day. Once again, I am asking your assistance in keeping our parking lot safe. Modeling courtesy and obeying the rules helps everyone end their day in a positive manner. Remember, our students are watching our character!

As always, if you have any questions, please let me know. Your partner in education,
Terry Bateman

Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home Dec. 10th to 14th. Your children really are working hard and all have strengths in at least one subject. Please read the report card with your child and take time to highlight the positives. When looking at the work areas, make a plan together and reassure your child that they can continue to learn and change. Thank you for your support and encouragement for your child and our school.

Christmas at Watson!

Salvation Army We are collecting canned food, and non perishable items for the month of December for the Salvation Army food bank. All items will be donated to the Salvation Army on Dec. 21st. Thank you in advance for your support.

Christmas Concerts

"Christmas is right around the corner and our Watson students have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming Christmas Concert!

In order to keep concert times a reasonable length, we have divided the school into two groups:

Kindergarten to Grade 2, and Grade 3 (including Ms. Stradling's 2/3 class)- Grade 5 (including Glee Club).

On **December 12th**, K-2 will perform at 1pm, while grade 3-5 will perform at 6:30pm.

The following day, **December 13th**, grade 3-5 will perform at 1pm, while K-2 performs at 6:30pm. Mark the dates in your calendars and we are excited to see you there!"

Lost and Found items

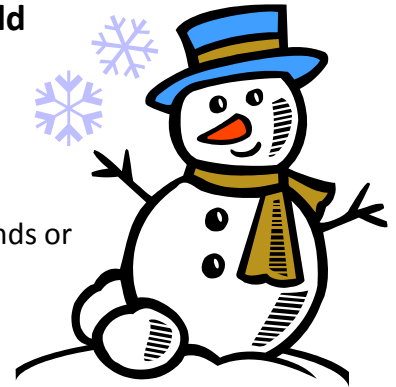
Please check the lost and found for any items that you may be missing. We will be laying items out in the hallway of the school the week of December 17th. Any items left over after Friday, December 21st will be donated. Thank you!

Winter Clothing

Brrrrr! It's cold this week but we do expect our students to be outside at recess and lunch on most days. Please make sure your child comes dressed for the weather- hat, mittens, warm jacket and maybe even boots are necessary to stay warm. Your child might need some reminders. Thank you for helping your child remember.

Is School Open? - Poor Weather Guidelines

Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall, high winds or power outages can occur during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, decisions on the opening or closure of school district facilities are made by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with management and supervisory staff who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions and general condition of buildings.



While service to students and parents is a priority and schools will be kept open as much as is reasonably possible, student and staff safety is the primary consideration.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to check the School District website www.sd33.bc.ca, tune into radio stations STAR FM 98.3, The Drive 89.5 FM, or CBC 91.7 FM to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on the buses. Reports will start after 6:00 a.m. and will be repeated often. The information broadcast is directly from the School District. The reports are confirmed and there is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station. Students will be marked absent for the day, but such an absence will not affect a perfect attendance record.

In the event that there is inclement weather but the school remains open, it is the parent's decision, based on their assessment of the relative safety of travel conditions, as to whether or not their children attend school.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

A big thank you to all for supporting our book fair! It was a huge success! The library was able to purchase a number of books for our collection as well as a huge amount of prize books to give away to our super readers!

Please continue to fill out your Super Reader page in your planners with each date that your child has read at home for at least 15 mins. If you are unsure of how to fill this out please see Mrs. Vaillancourt in the library.

We will be having regular book exchange the last week before winter break. This means your child will likely be bringing library books home over the holiday. We encourage our students to keep reading over the break, but please remember to return all library books to the library the first week back to school in January. Thank you!

Reminder that the library is open at 8am every morning for parents and students, as well as after school until 2:45.

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:

- December 1 Salvation Army food drive begins
- December 5 Wildcat Wednesday! Deck the Halls!
Mad Science after school
Girls volleyball game after school at Watson
- December 10 Report cards will be sent home this week
- December 11 Poinsettia orders will be delivered today
Glee club after school
- December 12 Christmas Concert (1:00 K-2; 6:30 gr.3-5)
Mad Science after school
- December 13 Christ Concert (1:00 gr.3-5; 6:30 K-2)
- December 19 Mad Science after school
- December 21 Last full day of school before Christmas Break
- December 24 to January 4 – Christmas Break!
- January 7, 2019 – Back to school!

