



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

December is upon us and for many homes the craziness of the season begins. Have you started your Christmas shopping, is the house decorated, are the cookies baked? Our busy lives become even busier. In all of this hustle and bustle it is important to remember that children thrive on routine. So, if possible, please try to make sure that bedtimes and normal after school habits are maintained as much as possible. This will allow all of us to experience and appreciate the excitement of the next few weeks at Watson Elementary.

On the week of December 9th report cards are coming home for 1st term. Please take the time to celebrate the successes that your child has had and also have a conversation about any goals or changes that need to occur for second term.

Our Christmas concert practices are beginning and we hope to see everyone here at our performances.

"Was the Week Before Christmas"

We are pleased to announce this Year we will have two Christmas Concerts. We will be hosting a Kindergarten to Grade 2 concert and a Grade 3 to Grade 5 concert. Our concerts will be performed over two days. Below are the dates and times for our concerts.

Thanks for your support, we are looking forward to 2020!!! - Mr. Bateman

Report cards will be sent home Dec. 16th to 20th. 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 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 - Grade 5 (including Glee Club).

On **December 11th**, K-2 will perform at 1pm, while grade 3-5 will perform at 6:30pm.

The following day, **December 12th**, 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!"

WE WILL GRATEFULLY ACCEPT A CANNED FOOD ITEM FOR ADMISSION!!!!

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Book Fair in November! It was a huge success! We were able to add a number of books to our library collection as well as purchase many, many books to give away as prizes thanks to you.

In case you are in need of some gift giving inspiration...

Top Six Titles from the Book Fair this year:

6. Can I Be Your Dog by Troy Cummings (Primary)
5. A Friend for Dragon by Dav Pilkey (Primary)
4. Best Friends by Shannon Hale Art by LeUeyn Pham (intermediate)
3. Pig the Star by Aaron Blabey (Primary)
2. Wings of Fire: The Hidden Kingdom (GN) by Tui T. Sutherland Art by Mike Holmes (Intermediate)
1. Guts by Raina Telgemeier (Intermediate)

Also a reminder that students will be allowed to take library books home over the winter break. Please remind students to keep them in a safe spot when not enjoying them so they can be exchanged for new books the first week back. Thank you!

Happy Reading!

Lost and Found items

Please check the lost and found for any items that you may be missing. Any items left over after Friday, December 20th will be donated. Thank you!

NEWS FROM THE PAC

We would like to ask for some volunteers to help set up the gym for the Christmas Concerts Monday during school hours, and Tuesday after 11am. Those able to volunteers will get reserved seating in the first 2 rows. Also that we are looking for volunteers for the movie night Dec 13 for set up/take down, concession etc We are excited for the movie night and will be collecting non perishable food items to fill hampers for our Watson families!

December 20th will be a Frozen Yogurt treat day.

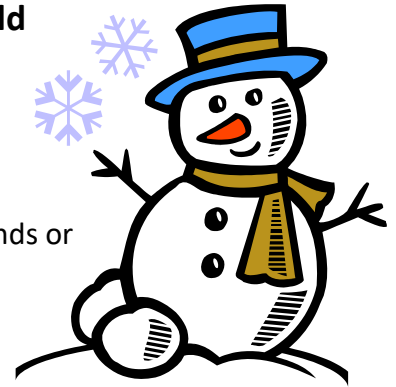
Thank-you for supporting your Watson PAC!

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.

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:

- December 9 Christmas concert dress rehearsals
Movie night pre-order forms due today, no late orders accepted
- December 10 Christmas concert dress rehearsals
- December 11 Christmas concert: 1:00 – Primary (K-2); 6:30 Intermediate
- December 12 Christmas concert: 1:00 – Intermediate; 6:30 Primary
- December 13 PAC Movie Night “Smallfoot”. Doors open at 5:30 pm
- December 19 Recycle Club pizza party at lunch!
- December 20 PAC frozen yogurt treat day
Last full day of school before Christmas Break
- December 23 to January 3 – Christmas Break!
- January 6, 2020 – Back to school!

