December 2019

Principal’s Message

A warm holiday season hello from Savory Elementary. Here we are again and December is upon us and with it comes all the excitement that the season brings.

As the time for our holiday approaches, many students find it difficult to concentrate on classroom related learning opportunities. While we want to acknowledge that this is an exciting time of year, and we certainly have lots of activities going on around the school in a seasonal theme, we also very much value the learning time December offers. We therefore continue to stress to students that these next weeks are very important for class time and learning and to remain focused and work hard right up to the season’s break.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, students and parents for their continued support. Our school is truly a community school and it is at this time of year when kindness shows up in many different places. The new-year will bring new learning experiences, new challenges and new fun.

I also want to take a moment to wish everyone a joyful and restful holiday. This is the time of year when many people take time to reflect on the things we are grateful for, as well as 'resolve' to change aspects of their lives. Whatever it is you are focused on this holiday, may it bring you happiness and fulfillment. We look forward to seeing everyone again in January well rested and eager to get back to the amazing learning opportunities that are found at Savory Elementary.

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**School Closure Due to Weather**

Schools in Sooke School District #62 will generally be open for students and staff on all prescribed school days. Closure announcements for extreme weather conditions or power outages will be made as close to 6:30 a.m. as possible after the Superintendent consults with staff,

Transportation officials and the RCMP. If the police issue a “stay off the roads” warning for the area, then the Superintendent may make an announcement that schools are closed to both students and staff. At other times, the choice to bring students to school is a parental decision.

**Outside in the fresh air**

Unless it is very cold or pouring rain your child will be going outside for a nature break. Please dress your child in layers to help facilitate this. If your child is not well enough to participate in our nature breaks – please keep them home until they are.

**Handball**

Our Girls and Boys Handball team did a remarkable job this season! This is an extracurricular sports team. Thanks to Mr. Walts, Mr. Dodds, Mrs. Bonsdorf for being our coaches and making this happen. Thank you also goes to Mr. Showers for being our ref.

**I’m so lonely . . .**

Please check out our lost and found next time you are in the building. We have a large number of items on the rack and will be taking them to a thrift store on the 22nd of December.

**Hot Lunch Days**

Our wonderful PAC hosts several hot lunches a year. Info will follow closer to the events.

Did you know that this fundraising helps to pay for items and services at the school like bus fees, entrance fees, piano tuning, jerseys, and projectors?

**Holiday Concert Schedule**

**Dress Rehearsal:**

**Wed. Dec. 4th 1:30pm**

**or**

**Dec. 5th @ 1:30pm or 6:00pm**

**We hope to see you there at one of the shows!**

**\*Your ticket in the door is one item for the Westshore Food bank!**

*We are a growing school and cannot accommodate all parents coming to the evening show. Please come to the afternoon show if at all possible. If there are too many people (over the fire limit) we will have to turn adults away at the door.*

*If you are a family with young preschool children, please come to the 1:00 show.*

**Dates to Remember**

Dec. 19 Movie night

Dec. 20 Photos with Santa

Dec 23 – Jan 3 – break

Jan 10 – Kindy screening