



BAKER DRIVE ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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December Social Responsibility Focus: Generosity

This month at Baker Drive we are discussing a timely virtue - Generosity. Generosity is giving and sharing. It is giving freely because you want to, not with the idea of receiving something in return. Generosity is being aware that there is plenty for everyone. It is seeing a chance to give what you have and then giving just for the joy of giving. It is one of the best ways to show love and friendship.

We are teaching the children that we can all practice generosity by:

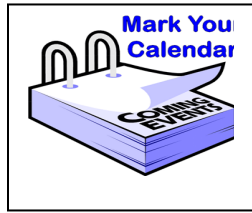
- thinking of ways to share what you have
- thinking about what other people need and do things to give them happiness
- sharing your time, your ideas, your things, or your money (with parent permission of course!)

As well,

- When you give away something that is really special to you, that is a very generous way to show love
- It feels good to give freely, just for the sake of giving

We are proud to be part of such a generous community. For instance, this week have been demonstrating generosity with the wonderful donations to the SHARE food and new toy bank. We are very proud that our school community can help support tri-city families in need at this time of year. (SHARE will be collecting our donations on Thursday December 8th).

Although we will probably see you in person at the Baker Drive Staff and Family Christmas Skate on December 9th, the staff at Baker Drive would also like to take this opportunity to send you best wishes for a safe and wonderful Christmas and Holiday Season.



DECEMBER

- 05 Monthly Assembly/ Air Band 9:45am
- 08 Food Bank/New Toy Drive PICK UP
- 09 Baker Drive Family Christmas Skate 4:30
- 12 - 16 School Wide Sing-A-Long Daily at 9:05am
- 19 Christmas Break Begins

JANUARY

- 3 First day back to school
- 16 PAC Meeting 6:30 ALL WELCOME
- 27 School Based Pro D Day - NO SCHOOL

Look ahead on our calendar: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/bakerdrive/calendar/calendar.aspx>

STUDENT RECOGNITION FOR NOVEMBER

November		
Teacher	Div	Student
Ms Capel	1	Connor D., Andrew A. and Nico H. for being very kind and considerate of others.
Ms David	2	Angela Y. for being helpful and always doing her work on class assignments. Dave L. for working so hard in class and always doing his best work. Nathan C. for being so helpful, both in the class and with assemblies.
Ms Cooper	3	Rex Y. for being an outgoing and friendly student who enthusiastically participates in all aspects of school. Ava S. for being a kind and thoughtful student who always contributes peaceful ideas and solutions in the classroom.
Ms Sabourin/Ms Capt	4	Kianna S. for being an extremely enthusiastic and helpful member of the class. Sara S. for actively participating in all lessons and for being a very conscientious student.
Ms Osborne	5	Parker D. for trying her best to listen to class instructions and get her work done. Sierra K. for trying to get her things organized quickly after school so she can leave on time.
Mr Christensen	6	Lily K. - Little Miss Smiley Award, Stewart G. - Captain Responsible Award and Quinn M. - Yoda - there is no try do or do not Award.
Ms MacKay	7	April A. for being a wonderful listener and always cooperative. Nicole L. for showing great improvement in her reading skills.
Ms Bain	8	Sieun A. for writing so many wonderful letters to her friends and teachers at the writing centre and for doing such lovely artwork. Joseph D. for being a good friend and always trying to fill his friends buckets everyday!
Ms Lederer	9	Joshua K. is showing his leadership skills by modeling listening behavior at carpet time. Paying attention when it's hard is a fantastic kindergarten skill. Way to go Joshua. Thomas J. is successfully managing powerful emotions and is able to demonstrate for others how to problem solve during centre time. Awesome job Thomas.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



Trivia Night Thank You

A big thank you to Charlene D and the PAC (see PAC Section below) for organizing a terrific Baker Drive parent fundraising event. This event helps provide many more opportunities for all of our kids!

Thank you to PAC for Rollerblading Lessons

All of our students from K - 5 enjoyed 5 rollerblading lessons and rentals from Stardust Rollerblading this week. This opportunity was entirely paid from the PAC. Thank you!

Thank You PAC!!

Kids and Rocks Workshop - Division 3 & 4 will be enjoying this workshop also sponsored by our Baker Drive PAC.

First Formal Report Card

At the end of next week, you will receive the first formal report card of this school year. However, this report card will not contain all of the information that you have come to expect. A letter from our superintendent will be included to explain this report card.

Early Dismissal on Dec 7th Cancelled

As part of the BCTF Teacher Job Action, teachers will not be meeting for teacher parent interviews on Dec 7th as previously scheduled. Therefore, we will be cancelling our early dismissal on that day and school will end at 3:00pm as per usual.

SNOW PLAY

We encourage lots of safe play in the snow at Baker Drive! In order to ensure a safe environment for all, we will discuss the following with students in the event of snow play during recess and lunch! Please help your child to be prepared.

- a. Sleds, sliding toys dropped off under cover by the gym before school and stay outside for the day.
- b. Snow pants and appropriate wear, gloves/mittens and foot wear should be worn, helmets recommended for sledding and tobogganing.
- c. Have a Change of clothes in case you are wet.
- d. Safety first - specific rules and expectations will be discussed during the morning announcements and with each classroom teacher. Mrs. Parmar will make the determination as to whether the snowfall is appropriate and safe for sledding, etc.
- e. Snowball throwing is never allowed due to the uncontrollable risks.
- f. When sledding is allowed, all students will remain at the front of the school to maximize adult supervision. Gravel field side of the school will be closed during recess and lunch.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of heavy snow, ice or extreme temperatures, a decision on school closures will take place as soon as possible after 6:00 a.m. that day.

- Check the district website at www.sd43.bc.ca beginning shortly after 6:00 a.m.
- Be sure to hit Refresh when checking back
- The district website posting is official - there is no need to call the school or the Board office after viewing
- tune in to CKWX 1130 AM, CKNW 980 AM or CBC 690 AM for updates

SNOW SHOVELLING

We have a morning caretaker, now, at Baker Drive. Caretakers are responsible salting and shoveling sidewalks, stairs and ramps leading up to the entrances of the school. Please use the shoveled pathways to the school in the morning for your own safety. Our school district and or a contractor will shovel the street sidewalks outside of our school.

Student Absences

Please remember to call the office or complete and submit an Absence Report Form (found on our website under Parent eForms) when your child/children will be either late or absent. If you are emailing in this information to the teacher please cc the secretary at deburnett@sd43.bc.ca as sometimes there could be a TOC in the classroom for that day. If you are going to be away on vacation you can submit this form prior to the absence.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BAKER DRIVE



Airband/Assembly on Monday, Dec 5th

As part of our December assembly, several students have been rehearsing for an airband performance. This will take place on Monday Dec 5th at 9:45am in our gym. At the assembly, we will also be announcing student names for November recognition (see newsletter item above). As always, parents are invited to attend our monthly assemblies.

SHARE Christmas Food & New Toy Drive

This year Baker Drive is once again collecting food and toys for those less fortunate in our community. We are organizing this by divisions in order that we can target the items most needed.

The collection will be November 30th until December 7th. Pickup will be on December 8th.

Each division is responsible for the items listed below. As well, if you are able to donate any new toys those are always a welcome item.

- Div. 1 Juice
- Div. 2 Tomato Sauce
- Div. 3 Canned fruit/candy/chocolate
- Div. 4 Cereal/ Stuffing mix
- Div.5 Canned Vegetables
- Div. 6 Canned Meals
- Div. 7 Pasta/Rice
- Div. 8 Canned Fish and Meat
- Div. 9 Peanut Butter and Jam

ALL - NEW TOY DONATIONS

December 9th Family/Staff Christmas Skate

As per the email invitation, all families are encouraged to join our staff for a Baker Drive Family and Staff Christmas Skate on December 9th from 4:30 to 5:30 at Poirier Skate Rink. Families will need to rent ice skates and helmets (bicycle helmets not allowed) at the rink. Hot chocolate will be provided for the kids. This event has been generously sponsored by our PAC.

Christmas Holiday Week: Dec 12 - 16th

In addition to our Family and Staff Skate, we will also be enjoying this festive season with a morning school carol sing each day at 9:00am to 9:30 in our gym from Dec 12 to 16th. As well students may choose to dance each lunch hour that week in the gym. Parents are welcome to join us for both of these events.

MESSAGE FROM THE PAC



Special Thanks to the Following people who made Trivia night a grand success!!!!

Karla Scribner along with Jeff and friends behind the bar
Sylvia Cabuco - made and sold jello shots along with Julie and Kirsten
Anna Krol -decoration coordinator - everyone thought it looked fantastic
Leanne Gormann - ticket sales, basket collections, clean up , prizes, bonus round
Kim La Croix - signage, bonus round, coordinating fundraising games
Leah Papillo -paper bag raffle prize organizing and presentation
Teresa Hageman- prize canvasser extraordinaire
Louanne Midgley - communication coordinator
Lucy and John Barbour- technical support with equipment and running the evenings technology -
Molly Toutloff - spent hours of time designing questions and putting the rounds together
Patrick M - our terrific MC of the evening
Catherine Hubbs- judge/tallyier
Carol Anne - (wo)manned the ticket sales for the bulk of the evening
Charlene Dozzi- coordinated the non technical side of the evening
Kirsten from Toy Shoppe in Newport Village
Ping Hui - LaMontagne Chocolates
Pacific Breeze winery
Lisa Eckert - wine kit
Modernbathrooms.ca = Michelle and Sean Dixon
Ian Torgerson - thanks for some great dancing music

All the parents on the night of who stepped in and assisted with ticket sales and clean up, etc ..! WE couldn't have done it without you!!! Cindy [Sutherland](#), Tom Lloyd, Jenn [Bell-Irving](#), Jennifer (baby Cole's mom) Jenn and [Arno](#)

All the parents/relatives who donated either gifts or cash for a great array of prizes! Thank you

Along with...

Eaglequest Golf - Coquitlam
Refresh Salon and Spa
Sunscape Tanning Studios
Pure Nail Bar
Three Dog Bakery
Salon Glass
Rockwell's Grill and Bar
Thrifty Foods
Angelos Spa and Salon
SDM No frills mall
Boathouse Restaurant, The
Pasta Polo
Coquitlam Express
The Zone Bowling

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Kids Music Fun Night At Dr. Charles Best School!

Parents! Do you need an evening to do your Christmas shopping? (after the Baker Drive Family/Staff Skate)

Students from the Charles Best Music Department are offering to treat your child to a music filled evening, where they will be invited to experiment with a variety of instruments and learn songs. All music sessions will be led and demonstrated by the band and choir students themselves. Pizza, snacks and beverages will be provided along with other exciting activities. The childminding will take place at Charles Best Secondary School by the music students, many of which have completed babysitting courses. Additional supervision will be provided by the music teacher, Mr. Hughes and parents. This night is to raise funds for a scheduled band and choir trip to the Sun Peaks Music Festival in the spring where students will have a chance to perform and work with other band and choir students from across the province.

When? December 9th 2011, 5:30pm to 9:30pm

Cost? \$15 for one child, \$25 for two and \$5 for any additional children ***Potty Trained Please***

Ages? Activities appropriate for kids aged 3 to 8

RSVP? Register by contacting the music department at: charles.best.music@gmail.com

PLEASE REGISTER BY DECEMBER 4th

