



# BLAKEBURN ELEMENTARY

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December 5, 2014

## December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	8	9	10 Winter Celebration 10:30 1:30 7:00	11	12 PAC Hot Lunch	13
14	15	16	17 Bricks 4 Kids in the library 2:45	18	19 Pancake Breakfast	20 Winter Break School re-opens Jan 5, 2015



**Thank you** to the **PAC** for **treat day**. Mrs. McComb and Mrs. Fiset loved their treats. Mrs. Fiset loved hers so much she couldn't wait for the picture!

## **Simple Gifts: Winter Concert (Costume Details)**

Thank you to everyone for working with us to honour our gym capacity for the concerts. We are out of tickets to the afternoon and evening performances but still have tickets available for the morning. We encourage younger siblings to attend the morning performance. We will be altering **recess to 10:00** the day of the concert to ensure we are ready to start at 10:30. All performers are very excited and have worked very hard practicing their part in the concert. We are looking forward to sharing our "Simple Gift" of songs and performances for you.

Each Concert is about 45 minutes long (**10:30am, 1:30pm and 7:00pm**).

Performers should arrive in costume as follows:

### **Mr. Morwick, Ms. Weslowski, & Ms. Downing-King/Wade's**

Wearing: scarves, toques, boots and Christmas sweaters (or bright sweaters/sweatshirts).  
No Gloves because they have to play the recorder.

### **Ms. Yeager & Ms. Ferdinandi's**

Wearing: dark colours (black, dark grey, brown)

### **Ms. Vanderwood, Ms. Cawsey & Ms. Chrisite's**

Wearing: snow play clothes, boots mitts, scarves, toques and coats

### **Ms. Hartl/Pidlisecky & Ms. Harris/Rodgers**

Wearing: red, green, gold, silver, sparkle (like wannabe elves)

In the evening the gym doors will open at 6:30pm. Children should go to their classrooms and guests should proceed to the gym.

Please do not park in the staff parking lot as it will be needed for the staff.

## **Tennis**

From January 5<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, our students will be participating in a tennis program. This program will enhance the learning outcomes of the Physical Education program. The fee per student for this program is \$12.00 although no student will be denied access to this activity due to an inability to pay. If required, please contact Mrs. McComb to discuss a fee waiver. If you did not receive a notice, there is one posted on our website.

## Parent/Teacher Interviews & Early Dismissal

At the start of the year we originally had two early dismissal days schedule so that each teacher could have an interview with each family in their class. We missed those days due to job action. We felt like we could not give you enough notice to plan an early dismissal in this first term.

We have moved the early dismissal days to **March 3, 2015 Parent/Teacher Interviews**, where parents can request an interview with the teacher. Report cards will go home March 4, 2015

**April 16, 2015** will be an early dismissal for **student led conferences**.

On early dismissal days the day ends at **1:45**.

## Pancake Breakfast

**Dec. 19, 2014.** The **Lions Club** comes and makes **pancakes** for the kids in the school. Children wear their **pajamas** to school and go to their classrooms and enjoy their warm breakfast. **Santa** will visit. Then after recess we will have a **sing-a-long** in the gym. Many parents decide to take their children home following the sing-a-long. If you do so it is very important to **sign them out** in the office. Thank you PAC for providing us with this great day.

## Rainy Days

We want to remind families to send children in clothes that will hold up to the **weather**. We are going outside for **Westcoast Recess** and again at lunch. On rainy days we are going out for at least half of the lunch break to get **fresh air**. An **extra change of clothes** is helpful for when we get too wet or too muddy. Thank you.

## Organic Waste Recycling

In January, Blakeburn will be recycling organic waste. That means that we will have compost bins in each class that get emptied into a main bin each day. The new recycling bins will be stored near the entrance to the gym. To prepare for this shift we ask that each family tries to create litter-less lunches. As well we will encourage children to take home uneaten food and juice boxes that are empty. If there are parents that are willing to volunteer to support us with this start up please email [amccomb@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:amccomb@sd43.bc.ca)

## PAC News

Dec. 4 – 14	Winter Hot Lunch order period. Order through Munchalunch for Jan, Feb, March.
Dec. 12	Hot lunch (pre-ordered on Munchalunch)
Dec. 19	PAC Pancake Breakfast

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