

Cape Horn News

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Learning the Voyage of Discovery

Our Mission Statement:

To provide a safe, caring and challenging environment so that students will be prepared for their lifelong "Voyage of Discovery"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



Happy Holidays! It is difficult to believe that the holidays are around the corner. It is my hope that during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, you have a blessed holiday with family and friends.

As we look ahead to the month of December, there are many exciting activities happening at Cape Horn Elementary, some of these activities include:

- Syrian Refugee Drive
- Christmas Concert
- Pancake/PJ Day
- Early Dismissal

- Gingerbread Houses
- Treasure Trays - PAC Fundraising

As we turn the last calendar page for the 2015 year, we once again ask ourselves, where has the time gone? Two weeks left in the term seems almost impossible to believe!

On behalf of our staff at Cape Horn, we wish you and your family the very best of the season.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Bill McGovern
Principal



Christmas Musical



Students are working hard to prepare for our North Pole Musical! There will be two performances on Thursday, December 10th, an afternoon show at 1:00 p.m. and an evening concert at 7:00 p.m. Food donations will be gratefully accepted at both concerts. Mr. McGovern will be holding a raffle for front row seats, as well as his parking spot for each of the performances (see pg 3).



No PAC Meeting in December
Next PAC Meeting is January 13, 2016

CHRISTMAS BREAK

December 21st
(last day Dec. 18th
to January 1st
(back to school on Jan. 4th)



This is an important document. Please arrange to have it translated

此為重要文件,請翻譯成中文。

이것은 매우 중요한 서류입니다, 정확한 번역을 부탁드립니다.

این مدارک از اهمیت ویژه ای برخوردار است لطفاً ترجمه شده آن را در خواست بنمایید.

ESTE ES UN DOCUMENTO MUY IMPORTANTE. POR FAVOR, TRATE DE QUE SE LO TRANSLADEN AL ESPAÑOL LO MAS PRONTO POSIBLE.

To jest ważny dokument. Prosimy o przetłumaczenie go.

CALENDAR



DECEMBER

- 3 Early dismissal @ 1:45 for parent/teacher interviews
- 10 Christmas Concerts 1:00 & 7:00 pm
- 18
 - PAC Treat Day
 - PJ/Pancake Day-Last day before Christmas break

JANUARY

- 4 Back to school
- 13 PAC Meeting @ 8:00 p.m.
- 15 PAC Treat Day
- 22 PAC Movie Night "Minions"
- 23 Bottle Drive
- 29 Pro-D (no school for students)

FEBRUARY

- 2-4 2016/2017 Kindergarten Registration
- 8 BC Family Day—schools closed
- 9 Pro-D (no school for students)
- 10 PAC Meeting @ 8:00 pm
- 19 Pro-D (no school for students)
- 26 PAC Poker Night Fundraiser

MARCH

- 14- Spring Break/Easter Monday - back to school
- 28 on March 29th

APRIL

- 15 Pro-D (no school for students)

SCHOOL FEES

As you may have heard, you can now register to view and pay all your student fees (planners, field trips, etc.) online starting in January! Parents, please register your account now so you will be all set up and you will be ready to go in January.

Here's how to get started:

1. Go to <https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com>
2. Click on "Get Started Today"
3. Create your account
 - i) Enter your first and last name; click continue
 - ii) Enter fields: address, phone number, e-mail address; click continue
 - iii) Choose a password and security questions
 - iv) Make sure you OPT IN to receiving e-mail notifications for updated school information



WINTER RECESS/LUNCH

At this time of year, rainproof jackets and boots are a good idea as indoor playtimes are called only in severe conditions. Unless it is raining extremely hard, or very cold, children benefit from the fresh air and exercise they get outdoors even in the rain. To keep our school clean and safe, it is important for all students in the school to have an extra pair of indoor shoes to change into when they return to the classroom. If obtaining a second pair of shoes for your child is difficult, please give Mr. McGovern a call.

Thanks to all the parents who are sending their children appropriately dressed for the weather. The fact is that some of the older students may *forget or choose* not to wear their coats, or to pull up the hoods attached to their jackets is an issue of children being responsible for themselves. This is an example of how we need to work together with you to foster the skills we wish students to develop. Thank you for your support at home!

Please label your child's coats, boots, etc. as it's easier to match up lost and found items with their owners if things do get misplaced. Also don't forget to check our Lost and Found box for any of your children's wet weather clothing that has gone astray.



Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

Next year, all schools across the province will be implementing a redesigned curriculum in grades K-9. School districts have been mandated by the Ministry to add the two days of non-instructional time into the existing school calendar. The dates which have been selected for the two non-instructional days are Tuesday, February 9, 2016 (following BC Family Day) and Friday, May 13th, 2016. A letter from Superintendent of Schools with further information can be found on our Cape Horn website. There is also a revised 2015/2016 calendar with the two additional non-instructional days included on our website. Please watch our upcoming newsletters for an invitation to attend an information night for parents.

WINTER WEATHER



Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other weather conditions. All schools in the Coquitlam School District will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

Some of our schools are in very different climate zones from one another and there may be the need for select closings within the district. If there is a partial closure of schools within the district, these individual schools will be identified.

On occasion, full district or partial district closure is required.

Any district-wide or partial closure will be decided by 6:30 a.m. at the latest and will be announced via School District 43: website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes.

Parents seeking information on transit bus schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>



TREAT DAY



To celebrate the last day of school the PAC will be offering cookies and hot chocolate at recess on Friday, December 18th. Please send a loonie to school with your child if you wish to participate in this fun activity. Mmm mmm



LOST AND FOUND

The next time you are in the school, please take the opportunity to check out the lost and found. It is amazing how many items we have collected in our bin: jackets, hoodies, shoes, water bottles, etc. Please consider labeling your child's clothing, especially running shoes, coats, backpacks and lunch kits. The items that are left here over the Christmas break will be donated to Big Brothers with our clothing drive items.



BOTTLE DRIVE



Cape Horn School is planning a BOTTLE DRIVE on Saturday, January 23rd, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. This fundraiser is to purchase a document camera for the school.

Please drop off your refundable bottles/cans at Cape Horn School, on January 23rd. If you are unable to do so on that day we will gladly accept them early,

FRONT ROW RAFFLE

Do you want to get up close to the action? Mr. McGovern is hosting a raffle for front row seats (maximum 4 seats per winner) at each of the two performances, as well as his parking spot. A tear off raffle entry will be sent home at the bottom of the "North Pole Musical" information sheet.



Winners will be notified by phone the day prior to the concert.

SYRIAN REFUGEE DONATIONS

There are bins at the front entrance of the school to gather donations. The following items will be gratefully accepted:

- Clothes/shoes
- Toys
- Food
- Household furniture
- Kitchen ware
- Personal hygiene toiletries
- Diapers, lotions, etc
- Money (to office)

CLOTHING DRIVE



Right after Christmas our Student Leadership will once again host the clothing drive fund raiser. We will receive \$2.50 per bag or box based on FULL garbage bags that weigh no less than 15.5 lbs. Please feel free to drop your bags off at the school now if that is more convenient for you and we will store them until January. Please see below for a list of acceptable items:

Acceptable Items Include:

- Clothing for men, women and children
- Accessories (belts, hats, scarves, mitts)
- Purses and wallets
- Shoes, boots and slippers
- Towels and tablecloths
- Sleeping bags
- Blankets, bedding and pillows
- Backpacks and bags
- Curtains and linens



Basic Rules

- Items cannot be soiled or torn
- Items cannot be unsafe
- Items must be suitable for resale
- Items must be in working order



PJ'S AND PANCAKES



The last day of school is always a special time for our students. This year, Friday, December 18th students are welcome to wear their pyjamas and enjoy delicious pancakes made by teachers and parent volunteers!

We are looking for about 10 parent volunteers to help with cooking and serving pancakes. If you are available to help between 7:45 am and 10:00 am, please let the office know. Many hands make light work!



I love books!

"Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to read."

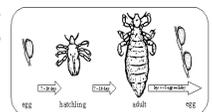
Marilyn Jager Adams

HEAD LICE

We would like your cooperation in stopping head lice in our school. So as soon as you see your child scratch, check his/her head right away. For more information please check on the internet: www.fraserhealth.ca click on "your health" tab, then "school health" and then on the "head lice" link. There is valuable information for checking and treating head lice.

Here are a few tips to help you get rid of or prevent you from getting those pesky critters.

1. Wash your hair with half Listerine & half shampoo.
2. Use hairspray, oils, & gels. Head lice (ukus) don't like it.
3. Dawn dishwashing liquid is an excellent head lice treatment. You can wash not only your head but also your clothes, bedding, and pets too.
4. Parents, please check your children's heads weekly.



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announcements!
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Merry Christmas and
Best Wishes for a
Happy, Healthy
2016!



Staff Recognition

The Board of Education announced this year's recipients for their years of contributory service to our school district.

CUPE: Mrs. Donald - 25 years
Mrs. Girond - 15 years

Mrs. Vnuk - 20 years

CTA: Mrs. Dressel - 15 years

Miss Goodheart - 10 Years

Mrs. Mott - 20 years

Congratulation and thank you for your
years of dedication!

PAC News

There will be NO PAC meeting in December as it is a very short month! The next meeting will be in the new year, Wednesday, January 13th @ 8:00 pm.

Fundraising News:

Treasure Trays:

Our popular *Treasure Trays* are featured again this year. Each class is responsible for putting together a theme basket that will be wrapped by PAC volunteers and on display prior to the Christmas concert on December 10th. We are asking if each child could bring a \$5.00 item pertaining to the theme chosen for its division or a \$5.00-\$7.00 cash donation. All cash donations are used to purchase items pertaining to the theme baskets. Please send in your items this week. The baskets will be wrapped on Monday, Dec. 7th and will be displayed in the front hallway. Order forms for ticket purchases for

the *Treasure Trays* were sent home and ticket orders will be filled and sent home with your children. Remember to write your name and phone number on the back of each ticket.

All draws will be held in the gym right after the 7:00 p.m. Christmas concert.



Movie Night:

The movie "Minions" will be showing on Friday, January 22nd. Bring your blanket and enjoy some popcorn!

Poker Night:

This popular fundraiser is back again this year - keep the evening of February 26th free so you can join the fun. More info will come home in January.

Delivery Date Reminders:

Purdy's Chocolates pick up:

Friday, December 11th right after school in the front foyer.



Cookies/pies pick up:

Tuesday, December 15th right after school in the front foyer. If you are available to help distribute the pies please contact Gina Papa at ginapa-pa13@gmail.com. If you can't make it to pick up your order, please arrange for someone else to pick up for you. There is no freezer space available at the school.

Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts. All Cape Horn students benefit from the profits we earn.