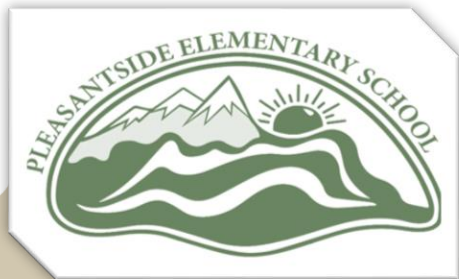


PleasantSide Winter Newsletter

December 2023



Message from Mr. Watkins

Dear PleasantSide parents and caregivers,

There is a lot on the calendar for December and I'd like to personally thank the amazing staff at PleasantSide who have worked tirelessly to create safe and welcoming learning environments for all of our students. It has been amazing to see the growth in our students over the past three months.

We will welcome families to attend our Winter Concert at either the 1:30pm or 6:00pm show on December 20th. We ask that anyone who is able to attend the afternoon performance to do so in order to reduce the attendance at the evening performance. At our concerts we encourage families to donate to our local Food bank via our Coins for Cans Campaign. We will collect any cash donations as you enter the gym. These donations will be delivered to our local Food Bank to help brighten the holiday season for many local families in need. It is this sort of kindness and compassion that helps make our PleasantSide community so special.

Finally on Friday, December 22nd our school will be celebrating the last day of school with a PJ Day. Students are welcome to come in their coziest PJs and enjoy a comfortable and fun time with their classmates. Any parents who would like to, are welcome to pick their child(ren) up at noon on Friday the 22nd and get a head start on your holidays.

We wish everyone a safe and healthy Winter Break and a prosperous New Year!

Sincerely, Ceri Watkins
On behalf of our entire PleasantSide Staff
Best wishes for the holidays and a Happy New Year!

December Events

Wed. Dec. 6:
HOT LUNCH
(Order through Munchalunch)

Thursday Dec 14:
PAC MOVIE NIGHT
6:00 in the gym

Wed. Dec. 20:
PANCAKE LUNCH
(Order through Munchalunch)

Wed. Dec. 20:
WINTER CONCERT

Fri. Dec. 22:
PAJAMA DAY

Fri. Dec. 22:
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



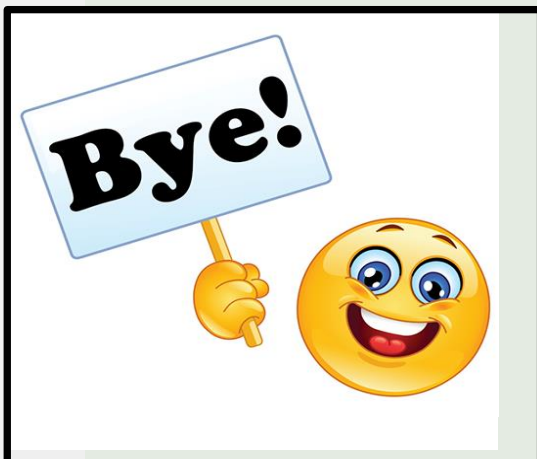


Absences and Drop Off

We just want to remind parents of a few things regarding Absences and Drop-Off:

If your child is going to be away, please fill out the Absence Report found on the school website. If the absence is last minute, you can phone the school office at **604-469-9288**. Please do not email the teacher or Ms. V. directly, as the absence may be missed if the person you email is also away.

We encourage all families to prioritize getting to school for our **8:45am** line-up on the black-top. The transition to the classroom is easier for all children when they go up with their classmates. If you do find your family running late, we remind you to check in with the office. We also ask that parents do not walk their child into class as it can be very disruptive. We have put up new “Bye” signs by the doors leading to the classrooms (see example below). This is where parents should say goodbye on days you are running late. If your child is having trouble going to class, one of our staff members are always here to help with the transition.



When you see this sign it's time to say goodbye!

WINTER WEATHER

Our students go out for fresh air at recess and lunch on most days, even when it is raining or snowing. As we enter the cool and rainy days of winter, please ensure that your child comes to school prepared for the weather conditions. Students should all have a change of clothes in the classroom.

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.
- ***If our school is open but you decide to keep your child home, please be sure to complete the “Absence Report” form on the school website.***



January 2024

Mon. Jan. 8:
SCHOOL REOPENS

Mon. Jan. 15:
GYMNASTICS STARTS
(Gymsense -2 weeks)



Mon. Jan. 29:
PRO-D DAY
(School not in Session)

WINTER CONCERT

The Winter Concert is back! Your children have been working with Ms. Henderson on their performance for the past month.

There will be two shows on Wednesday December 20th. The first will be a daytime performance at 1:30pm, the second will be an evening performance at 6:00pm. We encourage all families who can attend the daytime performance to do so, so we have room for family members who are only available for the evening performance.

We will once again be having a raffle for front row seats with proceeds being donated to the SHARE Society.

Keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks!



Families' circumstances can change. Our school has funds available to help families when times are tough. If any family requires financial support, we ask that you reach out to Mr. Watkins.
All support is confidential.

Don't Forget:
Holiday cookie decorating will take place in class from December 11th to 15th.
Students are invited to bring a very small selection of candies to decorate with.



**Pink Shirt Day is Wednesday
February 28th, 2024!**

Orders for Shirts and Hoodies (Pink and Black available) can be purchased on School CashOnline until December 10th.
The shirts are designed by Terry Fox Secondary students with proceeds going to "Kidsport Tri Cities".



Report Cards will be available in the MyEd Family Portal after 3:00pm on Thurs. Dec. 21st.

If you are having trouble accessing the Portal please reach out to Ms. V. prior to this date. Us ernames and passwords remain the same, year over year.



**PAJAMA DAY
Friday Dec. 22nd**

