



November 13, 2018

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Principal: Mr. Steve Laird

Vice-Principal: Mrs. Debbie Stapleton

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, November 14th – Picture Retakes

Friday, November 16th – Theme Day – Crazy Hair Day

Tuesday-Thursday, November 20-22 – Book Fair in Library

Thursday, November 22nd – Parent/Teacher Conference Day

Friday, November 23rd – Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)

Monday, December 3rd – Gr. 1-5 - Ice Skating at MSA Arena

Monday, December 17th – Christmas Concert at Abby Arts Center 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 19th – Theme Day – Red & Green; Santa visit & Christmas Craft Day

Thursday, December 20th – Theme Day – Christmas Hat Day

Friday, December 21st – Theme Day – Pajama Day; Carol Sing @ 8:45; Last day before Christmas Break

Monday, January 7th – First day back after Christmas Break

Tuesday, January 15th – Arts Starts Performance – Axe Copeira @ 11:00

Friday, January 18 – Theme Day – Crazy Hat Day

Friday, January 25 – Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)

Remembrance Day - Reflections

At our Remembrance Day assembly last Friday, many of our students and teachers had a chance to honour and respect those who have fought for peace... and to reflect on how we can practice being peaceful in our homes, in the classroom, and on the playground. We are fortunate to live in a peaceful country, and our resolve to protect ourselves makes us strong as Canadians.

Lest We Forget!

Report Card – Information

Please see the link below to a video created to give parents an overview of the new report cards.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ziUS6xnFFac&feature=youtu.be>

Parent/Teacher Conferences – Thursday, November 22nd

Last Wednesday, the Parent/Teacher Conference on-line link to book a parent/teacher interview was sent to each Godson household. If you are interested in having a meeting with your child(ren's) teacher, and you have not booked a time, please be sure to do so soon. The parent teacher interviews are scheduled for Thursday, November 22nd. If that date does not work for you, please contact your child's teacher directly to arrange another time to meet. Please use the link below to book an appointment.

<https://godsonelementary.simplybook.me/v2/>

2018 Christmas Concert – ‘Christmas Through the Decades’

This year, Godson students will be preparing for and presenting songs and reflections around the theme ‘Christmas Through the Decades’. Starting over the next few weeks singing and creative movement practices will begin as students (and staff) prepare the big show on Monday, December 17th at the Abby Arts Center @ 6:30pm. If you have not already done so, set aside this date and time in your schedule and plan to attend with family and friends. It will be a show you will not want to miss. I guarantee that the Godson students will not disappoint you!

Visitor & Parent Sign-In/Sign-Out Procedure

To ensure safety for all Godson students, we would like to remind everyone (parents and students) of our school entry procedures. All visitors and parents are asked to enter the front door and sign in or check in at the office. If the parent/visitor is assisting in the school, they must wear a visitor’s tag. If an adult is in the school to pick up a student, be sure to check in with Mrs. Kenyon in the office. Students arriving late or returning from an appointment are required to stop and speak with Mrs. Kenyon. Thanks in advance for following these important safety procedures. For the most part, this system works very well, and goes far to ensure all students are safe.

Cold/Flu Season

The first signs of cold and flu have arrived at Godson Elementary. This is a good time to take some proactive measures. You can call Health Link BC at 8-1-1, 24 hours a day, seven days a week to speak to a nurse if you have questions or if you are feeling ill. This service is available in many languages.

Influenza is caused by viruses and is generally spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Here are six simple, common sense precautions that can help safeguard everyone’s health:

1. Stay home when you’re sick or have influenza symptoms. Get plenty of rest and check with a health care provider as needed.
2. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. If you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick.
3. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, throw the tissue away immediately and wash your hands. If a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your bent arm. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
4. Wash your hands. Washing your hands often will help protect you from getting sick. When soap and water are not available, use disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers.

5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. You can become ill by touching a surface contaminated with germs and then touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

6. Practice other good health habits. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage stress, drink plenty of fluids, eat nutritious foods, and avoid smoking, which may increase the risk of serious consequences if you do contract the flu.

For more steps on how to protect you and your family visit FightFlu.ca

** This is a reminder to please contact the school to let us know if your son/daughter will be absent. We want to make sure that all of our students are accounted for every day, and a phone call really helps all involved.