



November 23, 2018

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Principal: Mr. Steve Laird

Vice-Principal: Mrs. Debbie Stapleton

Dates to Remember:

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 @ 6:30pm

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)

Report Cards Home – Wednesday, November 21st

Term #1 Report Cards went home with students on Wednesday, November 21st. Please take time to read over your child(ren's) report card carefully and look closely at the general comments (listed at the beginning of the report) as well as the ways to support your child (listed just below). This will provide a good 'overview' of how your child is doing, as well as some action you can take as the parent(s) to make sure your child(ren) experiences future success. If you have any questions about the report card, please be sure to ask your child's teacher.

Update on the Book Fair

Book Fair results are in and just so you know, it was our most successful Book Fair yet. Over \$3500 was sold in books, posters and other items. We will receive roughly half of that amount back to stock the shelves in our library with new books for our students. A huge thank you to our extraordinary PAC, volunteers and parents for supporting our Book Fair.

PAC Christmas Raffle

The PAC Christmas Raffle books went out on November 21st, please check in your student's backpack or planner if you haven't seen one. For this great event, we need donations of food, gift items and gift cards to fill up our baskets. A list of needed items is available on the Godson PAC Facebook page or can be picked up at the office.

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 through 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 more 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.