



December 2019

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

December continues to be a busy month at Sardis Elementary. The Halls have been decorated and there is excitement in every classroom. We are getting ready for our Christmas concert on Wednesday. Our tree in the foyer has non-perishable food donations around it and we hope that we will have more boxes to fill by December 19th. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed.

Teachers are also working hard to complete their report cards as they will be handed out on Friday. Please take the time to go over the report card with your child and discuss the successes and challenges. Celebrate the successes and share how everyone is going to work on the challenges. Students need to know that home and school are a team and that we are working together.

As we get closer to the last day of school before the holiday, students will become more and more excited. Maintaining a regular routine and getting enough sleep will help everyone have an enjoyable last 2 weeks.

As 2019 ends, I would like to say thank you for the warm welcome that I have received at Sardis Elementary. It has been wonderful getting to know your children and I look forward to learning more about them in 2020.

Finally, on behalf of the staff of Sardis Elementary, I would like to wish all of you a terrific holiday season and I hope that you find throughout the holidays time to spend with family and friends.

Until next month and next year!
Janine

Merry
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
New Year

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, December 11th – Christmas Concert– “The Littlest Reindeer” @ 1:15PM & 6:00PM
 Friday, December 13th – Report Cards go home
 Friday, December 20th – Last day before holidays
 Monday, December 23rd – Friday, January 3rd – Christmas holiday
 Monday, January 6th – Welcome Back
 Monday, February 17th – Family Day – No School
 Friday, February 21st – Non-Instructional Day – No School
 Friday, March 13th – Last Day before Spring Break
 Monday, March 16th – Friday, March 27th – Spring Break
 Monday, March 30th – Welcome Back – School Reopens
 Friday, April 10th – Good Friday
 Monday, April 13th – Easter Monday
 Friday, May 1st – Non-Instructional Day – No School



WELCOME and GOOD-BYE



Please extend a warm Sardis welcome back to **Mrs. Michelle Robinson**, who is our Child and Youth Care Worker. She is returning from her Maternity Leave. Welcome Back!!

Ms. Joy Falk, our Music teacher, has moved on to a full-time position at FG Leary Elementary. We wish her well at Leary!

We are also extending a welcome back to **Ms. Cindy Halvorson**. Ms. Halvorson will be returning to her Grade 5 classroom in January. She will be sharing with Mrs. Frose. Welcome Back!!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Our Christmas Concert for Kindergarten to Grade 2 students will be happening on **Wednesday, December 11th at 1:15 PM and 6:00 PM.**

Students have been busying rehearsing and learning lines for the presentation of “The Littlest Reindeer”.

A special thanks to Mrs. Hipwell and Mrs. Murphy for all their extra work in organizing this performance.

Doors will open at 12:50 and 5:40 for the performances. Please only attend 1 Concert so that there is an opportunity for all to see the Christmas Concert.

We will be collecting nonperishable food donations at the concert in support of the Salvation Army.

FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE



The Salvation Army Food Drive and the Clothing Drive for Sardis Doorway are continuing. The clothing drive will continue until December 16th while food drive will go until December 19th. Thank you for your continued support.

PAC MEETING



Our next PAC meeting will take place on, **Monday, January 13th @ 6:45 PM** in the Library. All parents are invited to attend.

LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found bin still has a lot of items in it – coats, boots, sweaters, hoodies, etc. All of these items will be donated at the end of December so please make sure you have a look before then and claim anything that might belong to you. Thanks

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



It is that time of year again. If you have a child who will be turning **5 before December 31, 2020** then it is time to register for **Kindergarten**. If you have a neighbour who has a child who needs to register, please remind them too.

All registrations are now completed online. Please either go to our School District website or follow the link - <https://sd33.vivosforms.com/Home>

You will need to provide a copy of the birth certificate as well as something that shows proof of residency.

Please give the office a call if you have problems or need access to a computer. Thanks

INCLEMENT WEATHER GUIDELINES



Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall or high wind can occur during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, decisions on the opening or closure of school district facilities are made by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with management and supervisory staff who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions, walking/sidewalk conditions, and general condition of buildings and accessibility to sites. For more details on how this is done, [click here](#).

While service to students and parents is a priority and schools will be kept open as much as is reasonably possible, student and staff safety is the primary consideration.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to check the **School District website** www.sd33.bc.ca or tune into radio stations **STAR FM (98.3 FM)** or **THE DRIVE (89.5 FM)**, to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on the buses. Reports will start after 6:00 a.m. and will be repeated often. The information broadcast is directly from the School District. The reports are confirmed and there is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station. Students will be marked absent for the day, but such an absence will not affect a perfect attendance record.

In the event that there is inclement weather but the school remains open, it is the parent's decision, based on their assessment of the relative safety of travel conditions, as to whether or not their children attend school.

A **Transportation Snow Plan** is in place for students who rely on travel by school bus and live in higher elevations such as Chilliwack Mountain, Little Mountain, Majuba Hill, Ryder Lake and some areas of Columbia Valley and the Eastern Hillside. An announcement will be made should travel in these areas become challenging due to slippery road conditions. *(Please note: the greater Promontory area does not have a snow plan).*

All inclement weather announcements will be posted on the District website www.sd33.bc.ca