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### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians;

Having just finished reviewing all our students' report cards at Cherry Hill, I'd like to say that I am very pleased with the progress everyone has made so far. My hat goes off to our entire school community: students, teachers, support workers, and parents. The educational journey our young students embark on takes an entire community to make possible. Thank you everyone for all your hard work over the last few months.

We are quickly approaching our winter holiday time. We have a lot of wonderful events and special days coming over the next few weeks. Please see the schedule below and/or visit our website for updates.

We have a few important dates coming up:

- Dec 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>** Parent Teacher Conferences
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup>** Non-Instructional Day, *No School*
- Dec 10<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>** School Community Food Drive
- Dec 11<sup>th</sup>** PAC Meeting, 6:30pm
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Concert
- Dec 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** Spirit Week:
  - Mon** Pancake Breakfast with Santa  
Holiday Movie in the Afternoon
  - Tues** Toque Day
  - Wed** Ugly Sweater Day
  - Thurs** Red & Green Day
  - Fri** Dress as a Christmas Tree Day
- Dec 19<sup>th</sup>** PAC Hot Lunch
- Dec 21<sup>st</sup>** Last Day of School Before Winter Break
- Jan 7<sup>th</sup>** First Day Back to School After Winter Break
- Jan 12<sup>th</sup>** PAC Bottle Drive, 10am-2pm

Thanks,  
Shane Sliziak, Principal

### Winter Weather and Dress

Temperatures are now consistently below zero in the mornings and early evenings. While most of our students are arriving to school with warm clothes, we still have a few that are drastically underdressed for the weather.

Parents, please make sure your son or daughter has a coat on (hoodies are no longer warm enough) before they leave for school each morning. Thank you ☺

### Christmas Concert

A letter was sent home a few weeks ago outlining our Christmas Concert showings. In brief, we will have a dress rehearsal at 10:45am which is open to extended family (grandparents, aunts/uncles, etc) or parents that can't make the main showing. The main showing at 1:00pm is for immediate family only (parents, young siblings, etc). Staff and students have been extremely busy over the last few weeks preparing. The theme is "Hoping for Christmas" and we are very excited to showcase all the talented students we have at Cherry Hill. If you have any question regarding the concert please contact the office.

### Christmas Food Drive

This year our Christmas Food Drive will run from Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. We are asking students to bring in non-perishable food items to their classrooms during this time. Food will be collected in classroom hampers. The classroom with the most food items will win a pizza party. Non-perishable food items will be donated to Cherry Hill families in need, as well as the local food bank. If you are, or know of, a Cherry Hill family in need, please contact the office so that we can create a food hamper for them. Please note, non-perishable food items that have expired cannot be donated. Last year we had to throw a number of items away. ***Please check expiry dates before donating.***

### Spirit Week

Traditionally, Cherry Hill has held a 'Spirit Week' the week before Winter Break. This year will be no different. On Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, PAC will be running a 'Pancake Breakfast with Santa' event in the morning. In the afternoon students will gather in the gym for a holiday movie showing. On Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, students are encouraged to wear toques. On Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, students are encouraged to wear ugly Christmas sweaters. On Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, students are encouraged to wear green and red clothes. Finally, on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, students are encouraged to dress up as Christmas Trees.

**Lego Club**

We'd like to thank parents that donated Lego to Cherry Hill for our upcoming Lego Club. Ms. Hodson has graciously donated her time to run the club. We will send out communication regarding dates, times, and sign-up procedure after the Winter Break. Stay tuned!

**Healthy School Committee**

Cherry Hill has formed a Healthy School Committee under the guidance of community nurse, Janice Walsh. We had our first committee a few weeks ago and are currently working on collecting school and community data so that we can best support Cherry Hill in the new year. I sent out a parent survey last week and have had a lot of response. Thank you parents; your feedback has been very useful. Our next meeting will be December 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm. Please contact the school office or principal if you would like to join our committee. To learn more about the Healthy Schools initiative, visit [fraserhealth.ca/schoolhealth](http://fraserhealth.ca/schoolhealth).

**PAC Meeting**

Our first PAC meeting of the year is December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in our school library. If you have a child at Cherry Hill Elementary you are already a member of our PAC! All parents have voting power regarding how PAC funds are used around the school. All you need to do is show up to the meeting to help influence our school community! Participating at our PAC meetings is a great way to support the 'parents as partners' philosophy.

**7 Sacred Teachings: Student Recognition Program**

This year Cherry Hill has decided to incorporate the 7 Sacred Aboriginal Teachings into our student recognition program. Each new month, a Sacred Teaching is focused on in the classroom through lessons and teachable moments. Val Leibel, a teacher at Cherry Hill with aboriginal heritage, created some wonderful classroom resources for teachers. Students of the week are chosen from each classroom that exemplify the particular Sacred Teaching of the month. These students have their picture and a short write up posted on our school wall. In addition, they are honoured in our monthly assembly with a certificate tailored to the specific sacred teaching. September and October focused on Respect, and November was Courage. Our next Sacred Teaching is Honesty, and will be honoured at the end of January.

**'Great Things' at Cherry Hill**



Cherry Hill's most recent addition, 'The Beach', is a sensory room designed to help calm and relax students in need of emotional regulation.



Cherry Hill's 2018/19 Green Team! They recently did a presentation at an assembly that helped educate our student body on how to recycle properly.



Yummy treats from our most recent cookie and hot chocolate day!