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The Bayview Bulletin

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School-Wide Dates to Remember:

- Dec. 5 — PAC Meeting 5:30 pm
- Dec. 11—Stage/Christmas Store Set-up (Volunteers needed)
- Dec. 12-14—Christmas Store
- Dec. 14—Rotary Turkey Lunch 11am
- Dec 14— Winter Festival 1 pm & 6 pm
- Dec. 16— Last Day of School before Winter Break
- Jan. 3—First Day of School, 2023

Principal's Message

Our community is truly "Paddling Together" at this time in the year—thank you to everyone for their work to get the year off to a great start. I am very pleased, excited and grateful to be the Principal of Bayview. I want to also acknowledge and raise my hands in appreciation to our staff. Every day they bring laughter, safety, acceptance, love and most of all, create a sense of belonging for your children.

With the 'triple threat,' Respiratory Virus (RSV), Flu and cold, and COVID—this is a reminder on how we can help reduce the transmission: limit our social interactions; wash hands often; sneeze or cough in a tissue or elbow and please stay home if you are sick. Symptoms range from mild to severe, which may include:

- fever/chills- cough - difficulty breathing - fatigue
- Headache - sore throat - runny nose/congested - nausea
- diarrhea

Continue to perform daily health checks. Pharmacies continue to hand out free COVID test kits. If a student comes to school showing any symptoms, a call will be made for pick up.

As we head towards the holiday break, I want to express a safe Season's Greetings to all Bayview families! We are so grateful for your continued love, support, respect and kindness.

Ms. Stephens, Principal

WINTER CONCERT 2022

We are looking forward to putting together a Winter Concert. Each class will perform a song or story. The first concert will be at 1:00 pm and the second at 6:00 pm. Doors will open 15 minutes prior to the start. Please do not attend if you are not feeling well or have any symptoms mentioned above. Please remember when taking photos or videos at school events, your photos/videos are for your family's enjoyment only. Please be respectful of the privacy and potential sensitivities of the other children and families in your photos/videos by not posting them on the Internet or sharing it in any other public way if other children can be identified.

CHRISTMAS STORE

We are now accepting donations of clean toys and other items that would make a nice gift for another Bayview family to add to our Christmas 'store'. Please drop off donations into the office during regular school hours.

Parents, staff and student leaders will be running a Christmas 'store' for our students to purchase gifts for their family and friends for Christmas this year. Items in the 'store' will be very reasonably priced (10¢ - \$2) and gift wrapping will be available. If you have any gently used items to donate, please send them in. If you are able to help sell and wrap items, please let Jody Lennox (Secretary) know. We need lots of volunteers! The store will be open for buying items on December 12 and 13.

R.O.C.K.S.

Recognition

Thank you to our EA, Naomi, for preparing tasty emergency meals for our students.



TOY DRIVE

The Great Nanaimo Toy Drive 2022 will be providing toys/gifts for children 0-16 years old in Nanaimo and area, this holiday season.

Children must be registered ahead of time. Registration is now from Nov. 20th-Dec. 2nd by phone at (250)933-3439.

For more information, please check out thegreat-nanaimotoydrive.ca or contact Krista Simpson at 778-968-6621.



HEAD LICE

This is the time of year when head lice begins to show up. Head lice are a nuisance. They do not carry disease and are not a health risk. Staff have noticed that having head lice does affect students' ability to concentrate on their work. Early detection and appropriate treatment will benefit your child and significantly limit the spread of head lice in our school. Please check your child's hair weekly and, if you detect head lice, please notify the school and treat immediately. One of the keys is to comb out the hair every three days for two weeks after the initial treatment. If you need help, let us know. We can send materials home for you.

WET/COLD WEATHER REMINDER

Bayview is located in a beautiful climate that permits outdoor recreation and activities year-round. In recognition of the benefits of physical activity during recess, days with light rain will be outside days. Please prepare your child for wet/cold weather with appropriate footwear and a suitable jacket. Parents should also provide a change of clothes for their child at school. Days with heavy rainfall or other severe weather will be inside days. Colder days, students should have touques and gloves.



DROP OFF & PICK-UP

It is important that we all abide by some simple safety guidelines during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

Reminders:

1. All vehicles should park prior to children entering and exiting their vehicles.
2. The school zone limit is 30km/hr.
3. Vehicles should only park on the school side of View Street—not on the other side.
4. Additional parking is available on Princess Street, behind the school.
5. Parents/Guardians are to stay off of the school grounds. Please wait outside the fence for your child.



Walk like a penguin to prevent Winter Slips, Trips and Falls

Over half of all reported slips, trips and falls occur during the winter months of November through February. Please take care to tread safely and walk like a penguin to prevent snow and ice-related injuries:

- ❖ Keep hands free and out of pockets and use arms for balance.
- ❖ Go slow, being in a hurry increases your chances falling.
- ❖ Use special care when entering and exiting vehicles; use the vehicle for support.
- ❖ Avoid taking shortcuts over snow piles and other frozen areas.
- ❖ During bad weather, avoid boots or shoes with smooth soles. Wear footwear that provides traction on snow and ice.
- ❖ Point your feet out slightly like a penguin! Spreading your feet out slightly while walking on ice broadens your base of support which lowers your center of gravity.
- ❖ Bend slightly and walk flat-footed with your center of gravity directly over the feet as much as possible.
- ❖ Remember to use proper body mechanics and ergonomic tools when removing snow.



BOTTLE DROP-OFF

Please mark your calendars for our Bayview Drop-Off Bottle Drive which will take place on **Wednesday, November 30th and January 25th, 2022**. Bottles and cans can be dropped off at the front of the school between the hours of 8:30 am—1:00 pm. The proceeds of the bottle drive will go towards supporting our students in their sport programs and field trip costs throughout the year. **SAVE YOUR BOTTLES!**



BAYVIEW R.O.C.K.S.

Everyone at Bayview participates in a school-wide approach to learning safe, responsible & respectful behavior to ensure a safe, caring, and orderly school environment. We are focusing on 'doing the right thing' – even when no one is watching. All staff describe, teach and practice, acknowledge, and reteach whenever needed.

We are reviewing our school matrix and 'Bayview R.O.C.K.S.' (Respect, Ownership, Cooperation, Kindness, Safety) and reviewing using WITS (Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it Out, Seek Help) as a problem solving strategy.

We thank you for your support and encouragement of your children to 'do the right thing' and for your interest and involvement in what is happening at Bayview.

Happy Holidays