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The Bayview Bulletin

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School-Wide Dates to Remember:

- Dec. 4 — PAC Meeting 5:30 pm
- Dec. 12—Rotary Dinner 6:00 pm—registration open to first 70 people
- Dec. 17—Stage/Christmas Store Set-up (Volunteers needed)
- Dec. 18-20—Christmas Store
- Dec. 20—Rotary Turkey Lunch 11am
- Dec. 20—Winter Festival 1 pm
- Dec. 22 — Last Day of School before Winter Break
- Jan. 8—First Day of School, 2024

R.O.C.K.S.

Recognition

Thank you to our PAC who is working tirelessly to raise funds for a new playground.

A huge shout out to our VIU student teachers as they finish up their practicum and enter the teaching world! Congratulations!!



Principal's Message

Aaaaaand here we are already writing our December newsletter! So many great memories, experiences, and learning opportunities have been happening at Bayview this last month, with Wildwood Ecoforest plant identification tours of the Catstream, our Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast, and amazing learning opportunities from our VIU nursing students and VIU student teachers.

We head into another busy month of winter concert, Rotary school-wide turkey lunch, our first community dinner night, the Christmas Store, and winter break. Please keep reading down the newsletter for more information about each of these events. With December comes colder weather, so please make sure your children are dressed warmly. If you are in need of a winter coat for your child, please let me know! I am happy to help out.

Our PAC has been busy creating opportunities for fundraising and family events. Unfortunately, the work to run these fundraising events is landing on very few of the same shoulders and they need your help. They are tired. Please come to our PAC meeting to see how you can support with just a few hours of your time. They are working hard to raise funds for a new playground for our students, which is desperately needed. This is a great way to get involved in your child's school, and with more help we can do greater things!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Winter concert. Your children are working hard on their performances already. I wish you all a joyful and restful winter break. See you in the new year!

Ms. DeRosa, Principal of Bayview

WINTER CONCERT 2023

We are looking forward to putting together a Winter Concert. Each class will perform a song, story or dance. The concert begins at 1:00 with doors open at 12:45. 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 on social media or in any other public way if other children can be identified.**



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NOVEMBER "Caught you beeing..." WINNERS!!



Walker (Div.1) for beeing a good listener
Judy (Div.1) for beeing a helpful friend
Kylie (Div.2) for beeing helpful
Jerome (Div.2) for beeing a good listener
Dante (Div.2) for beeing a good listener
Jessie (Div.3) for beeing a good helper
Hunter (Div.3) for beeing organized
Desmond (Div.4) for beeing a good listener
Octavia (Div.4) for beeing helpful
Eric (Div.4) for beeing a quiet walker in the hall
Carson (Div.4) for beeing a helpful friend
Carissa (Div.5) for beeing a good friend
Shaylee (Div.5) for beeing a hard worker
Oakley (Div.6) for beeing awesome
Noah (Div.6) for beeing helpful
Majude (Div.7) - for beeing a leader
Zephyr (Div.7) - for beeing brave
Ryder Div.8) - for beeing a very hard worker
Emmett (Div.9) for beeing helpful
Collen (Div.9) for beeing focused during math
Shedrach (Div.10) for beeing helpful.

CHRISTMAS STORE

Our student population has grown and our storage space has not. Donations for the Christmas 'store' will be a collection blitz like last year. Donations of clean toys and other used/new items can be dropped off at the school, during school hours, from **December 12th—December 15th.**

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 with a completed Criminal Record Check!** The store will be open for buying items on December 18, 19 and 20.

TOY DRIVE

The Great Nanaimo Toy Drive 2023 will be providing toys/gifts for children 0-17 years old in Nanaimo and area, this holiday season.



Children must be registered ahead of time. Registration is from Nov. 14th—Dec. 2nd by phone at (778)787-1803 Tuesday—Saturday.

For more information, please check out www.thegreatnanaimotoydrive.ca

BOTTLE DROP-OFF

Please mark your calendars for our Bayview Drop-Off Bottle Drive which will take place on **Wednesday, November 29th, 2023 and January 31st, 2024**. Bottles and cans can be dropped off at the front of the school between the hours of 8:30 am—11:00 am. 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!**



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.



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.

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.

BIKES FOR KIDS

Together with the RCMP, the Nowek Mortgage team came up with a wonderful way of giving back. Bikes are donated by the RCMP, local businesses, clients and community. With the donation of time and repairs from volunteers these bikes are serviced and ready to get out to children and adults in our community who could really use them. If your child needs a bike, please call the school and talk to Danika, our Child Youth & Family Support Worker, so she can measure up your child and put in a request for a bike.



YOU ARE INVITED TO A
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FAMILY DINNER



- WHEN: DECEMBER 12, TUESDAY, 6:00PM
- WHAT: PASTA DINNER, CAESAR SALAD, GARLIC TOAST
[HALAL/VEGETARIAN OPTIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE]
- WHERE: BAYVIEW ELEMENTARY GYMNASIUM
- HOW: REGISTER VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE 250.754.3231
- WHY: SEATING IS LIMITED TO 70 PEOPLE

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.

