

December
2024

School-Wide Dates to
Remember:

- Dec. 2—PAC Family Photo Night—call office to register
- Dec. 3—Purdy's Orders Due
- Dec. 4 — PAC Meeting 5:30 pm
- **Dec. 6—Curriculum Implementation Day—no school**
- Dec. 9—Beef Jerky Orders Due
- Dec. 15—Christmas Store Set-up (Volunteers needed)
- Dec. 16, 17 & 18—Christmas Store
- Dec. 18— Rotary Turkey Lunch for all students
- Dec. 18—Winter Craft Night—5:30-6:30 pm
- Dec. 20 – Last Day of School before Winter Break
- Jan. 6—First Day of School for 2025

R.O.C.K.S.

Recognition

To Mr. Varner and Ms. Miscavish for doing such an amazing job running the school!!



The Bayview Bulletin

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Principal's Message

Every December, I sit amazed at how much our students have grown in the first 3 months of school. Not only in height, but in maturity and their learning. I am so proud of all of our students. December will be a busy month with some fun holiday events, and the Winter Break will be here before we know it.

We head into another busy month with the Family Craft & Caroling night, Rotary school-wide turkey lunch, 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.

A huge shout out to Mr. Varner and Ms. Miscavish who have been doing an amazing job taking the reins here at Bayview. I will be returning for Wednesdays to support our amazing Bayview team for the month of December and hoping to return fully in January. I am really missing our community and students, so it is nice to be back.

I understand that there is some disappointment about not having a winter concert this year. We are trying something new to be able to accommodate families who can not attend during the day, but also considering staffing limitations with successfully pulling off a 'concert'. Concerts take a lot of time, a lot of work, and require a lot of support from EAs and support staff who are not available to us in the evening. I know this will be a great, relaxing family event that everyone will enjoy.

Ms. DeRosa, Principal of Bayview

WINTER CRAFT NIGHT 2024

We are looking forward to putting together a Winter Craft Night. We invite your family to join us at 5:30 and make your way through the different winter craft activities that will be offered in classrooms. Then, at 6:10, everyone will make their way to the gym for a school winter sing-a long until 6:30. The Christmas store will also be open during this time.



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 9th—December 13th.

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 16, 17 and 18.

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

Alison in Division 1
Christina in Division 1
Mairin in Division 1
Rayna in Division 2
Jerome in Division 2
Rose in Division 2
Rylie in Division 3
Akira in Division 3
Hayley in Division 3
Maame in Division 4
Owen in Division 4
Yuna in Division 4
Charlotte in Division 5
Lexi in Division 5
Dylan in Division 5
Wylie in Division 6
Angelina in Division 6
Alyssa in Division 6
Leeum in Division 6
Bryce in Division 7
Abijot in Division 7
Ayson in Division 7
Nicola in Division 8
Jennaya in Division 8
Kelsie in Division 8
Nana Kofi in Division 9
Nevaeh in Division 9
Jace Strangways in Division 9
Milo Busch in Division 10
Ember Dukeshire in Division 10
Brynn Hughes in Division 10



HEAD LICE

We are having a growing problem with head lice. 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. It is also extremely important to **wash all bedding, coats and clothing during the treatment period, multiple times**, as the nits can transfer back and forth. If you need materials to help treat your child, please call the office and we can send them home for you.

TOY DRIVE

The Great Nanaimo Toy Drive 2024 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



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.



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.



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.

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.

