

The Lion's Roar



Walter Lee Elementary

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Dear Lee Lion families,

On behalf of the staff, we would like to take this early opportunity to thank you for your support and to wish all of our Lee Lion families a safe, happy and funfilled holiday. We hope you enjoy the upcoming break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday, January 4th.

Happy Holidays! Mr. Elcombe



CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. KISELYOVA!

We are happy to announce that Ms. Kiselyova, our Band teacher, had a baby girl last month! We are very happy for her and congratulate her family on the new addition. We are now in the process of hiring a replacement for Ms. Kiselyova.

STUDENT EXTENDED VACATION

A friendly reminder to all families, if you are planning on a family vacation, please fill out an Extended Leave Form, which can be found at the office. Remember that the Richmond School Board only allows for 20 school days absence at one time to stay enrolled at our school. If you plan on travelling for more than 20 school days, your child will be removed from the school, and you will need to reregister your child on the Richmond School District website upon your return to Richmond.

Please also keep in mind as per federal requirement, anyone that travels outside of Canada and is not fully vaccinated, cannot attend school for 14 days after arrival. Please refer to the here for more information: https://www.canada.ca/en/public-

health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/fullyvaccinated-travellers-without-covid-19-symptomsreturning-canada.html

LOST & FOUND



Is your child missing any items of clothing? We have accumulated a large number of items in our "Lost and Found" bin over the course of the term. These items will be put onto tables so students

can look to see if any items belong to them.

Also, a reminder to please label all items that come to school so that lost items can be returned to your child easily.

** Please note that items not picked up by Thursday, December 16th will be donated to local charity. **

FOOD DRIVE



Our annual Food Drive is happening once again! We will be collecting non-perishable items for the Richmond Food Bank until Thursday, December 16th.

Currently the most needed items for the Food Bank are:

- Canned and Powdered Milk
- Rice •
- **Chunky Soup** •
- Pasta •
- Peanut Butter (all sizes) •
- **Canned Beans and Lentils** •
- Diapers (size 4, 5 and 6) •
- **Toiletries and Personal Hygiene Items**

We will also be collecting monetary (cash) donations in support of the food bank and the flood relief in support of those families affected by the recent flooding. Donations of \$20 or more are eligible for a tax receipt. If you would like a tax receipt, please provide your full name and address when handing in your donation.

Thank you for all of your support!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Children that are born in 2017, turning 5 in 2022, will begin kindergarten in September 2022. Families are encouraged to register any time during our Priority 1 registration period (November - January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school.

All registration applications completed during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions via e-mail from the school by February 4, 2022.

For more information, please visit Richmond School District's Kindergarten Registration Website: https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergartenregistration

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PAC UPDATES

Our next **remote** PAC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday**, **December 8th at 7:00 pm via Zoom**. Please email us at LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com



to receive Zoom details. Everyone is welcome! Please take this opportunity to participate in your PAC.



Our Neufeld Farms, and Purdy's Chocolatier Fundraisers have now closed. They were a huge success, and we raised over Thank you to our Lee community

\$1400 combined. Thank you to our Lee community for participating and supporting our spring and fall PAC fundraising.

What gives? **FlipGive** gives! In fact, every time you shop online through the Lee **FlipGive** link, our PAC earns cash back on your purchase. Before you shop online or buy a gift card, click on our **FlipGive** link <u>www.flipgive.com/c/232105</u> (FlipGive app



search for team 232105) and help us fundraise by simply shopping online (no extra cost to you).

All the money PAC raises goes right back to our students in the form of fantastic programming, events and opportunities, field trips, and additional educational resources.

Check the PAC website regularly for details of upcoming PAC-related activities and news, including Hot Lunch in the New Year! Receive PAC updates on WhatsApp by joining our group. Email <u>LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com</u> to receive the secure invite link.



Happy Holidays from the PAC. Enjoy a happy, healthy and restful Winter Break!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



We would like to send our best wishes to Lee families celebrating the Winter season, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or Christmas!

Wed, Dec 8	PAC Meeting via Zoom at 7:00 pm
Fri, Dec 17	Last day of school before the Winter Break
	Pyjama Day!
Mon, Dec 20 - Mon, Jan 3	Winter Break – No school
Tues, Jan 4	First day of school after Winter Break
Wed, Jan 12	PAC Meeting via Zoom at 7:00 pm
Wed, Feb 9	PAC Meeting via Zoom at 7:00 pm
Fri, Feb 11	CSL Mid-Year Report Cards posted for parents
Fri, Feb 18	Pro-D Day – No school
Mon, Feb 21	Family Day – No school



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SNOW DAYS – WHAT TO EXPECT



In anticipation of the potential snowfall on or before school days, we would like to outline what you can expect from us on a snow day. Snow days cause inconvenience for all of us. Closing schools is a difficult decision for the school district – trying to weigh the safety of our students and staff traveling to and from school with the inconvenient repercussions for families who are forced to make alternate arrangements. Due to the unpredictable nature of these events, we feel that it is important for us as a school and you as families to prepare for such occasions. To help assist families, we would like to outline what you can expect from us on a snow day.

- The following things will happen:
- Schools will be OPEN unless conditions reach civic emergency proportions. Radio will also only announce those schools that are CLOSED. Please listen to radio CKNW 980AM, NEWS 1130AM, CBC 690AM, 1470AM, CHQM 103.5FM or watch on television CBC, BCTV, City TV and CTV.
- 2. It will not be a regular school day as many students and teachers may be absent. We will ensure that the children are cared for and are safe. Many alternate activities may be planned so that students who are absent will not miss any work.
- 3. Walter Lee School will remain open as regularly scheduled and in the event that we have to close early, students will not be sent home without contacting parents first.
- 4. In the event of a school closure, there will be a scrolling message on the school and district website.

You have some choices:

- 1. Students are not required to attend school on a snow day if you feel that their safety or your own safety may be at risk. You may keep them home.
- 2. Make plans in advance for what you and your family will do on a snow day.
- 3. You may send your child/children to school knowing that they may be participating in alternate activites for the day.

