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Dear Edwin S. Richards Families,

It's hard to believe sometimes how quickly time flies! We are busily preparing for our Christmas Concert, which is just around the corner. Here are some of items of interest for the month of December. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very safe and Happy Holiday, and a prosperous New Year.

Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 13th – ODD divisions, and Thursday, Dec. 14th – EVEN Divisions. There will be an afternoon performance on both days at 1:00 pm for grandparents and extended family members. The evening performance is reserved for parents due to fire regulations. Concerts will begin at 6:30 pm.

A few words about **audience etiquette**:

Please do not leave to collect your children until after their performance. All students deserve to perform for a full audience, and gym doors will be closed during performances, open only to allow performing classes to enter and exit the gym. Holding concerts over two days ensure that the evening is a short one, so please stay until the end. At the end of the performance I will ask that parents remain seated until all students have left the gym so that students can get back to their classrooms before the halls are full of people.

We do not sell tickets to our concerts; rather, entrance is by donation to the local food bank. In previous years, we have had students collect food items in their classrooms which we will continue to do from time to time. You may have seen or read recent articles in the news or on social media about food banks. Simply put, food banks can supply more food to more families with cash donations due to the buying power of cash for charitable organizations. As per our integrated arts philosophy of helping community, we would like to assist the food bank this year by collecting cash donations for the concert. After much discussion, we have agreed that a twoonie per person would be a suggested donation amount. We will have a container set up in the gym lobby where audience members can leave their donation. We will continue to accept non-perishable donations if that is your preference. Thank you for your generosity in supporting those less fortunate than ourselves.

Rotary Carol Festival

This year the event will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 6th at the Clarke Theatre at 7:00 pm. Entrance to the performance is by donation to the Mission Food Bank.

'Jammies and a Loonie' Spirit Day

This year our student council will organize a pyjama day on Dec. 22nd, the last day before the break. They would like to include a \$1.00 donation for the food bank as part of this spirit day. This was suggested by our students and we hope it will not be onerous for families.





Kindergarten Registration

As you are aware, our school has been growing rapidly and we are now at 372 students.

If your child has a sibling born in 2013, it is time to register them for Kindergarten if you would like them to also attend Edwin S. Richards Arts Based Curriculum School in September 2018. You may have already completed an application form with Miss Amy in the past but now we are ready for official registration. If you choose not to complete a registration package at this time, we may not be able to guarantee a space for your child in the future.

Registration for siblings for Kindergarten is December 1 - 22 between 9:00 am – 3:15 pm.

If you would like to complete the Registration Form online at home, please go to the Mission Public School District Website and click on Kindergarten Registration (Left Side Tab) and click on the Link K-12 School Registration Form. Once you have completed filling out the Registration Form, please bring it to the school with the following documents when you come to complete the registration process:

- Birth Certificate or Passport
- Child's Care Card
- Parent's Driver's License

If you have any questions, please contact the Edwin S. Richards Arts Based Curriculum School Office at 604-826-2834.

Basketball

Mr. Beckmann, Mrs. Hampton and Mrs. Falk spent a great deal of time coaching our basketball teams and we made it to the playoffs! We came in second place for the district and are very proud of the sportsmanship our teams demonstrated throughout. Well done!

Parking Lot Committee

As you are aware, our parking lot at times is a source of concern. We would like to form a committee of dedicated individuals who are interested in working together to make some changes to our existing parking area in order to create a safer area with smoother traffic flow. If you are interested in being part of this committee please let me know as soon as possible so that we can begin working on this early in the New Year. In the meantime, ***please remember that there is no parking along the yellow curb. Once you have dropped students off, you must pull ahead and leave the parking lot. It is not necessary to wait until students have entered the building. This results in an increasingly longer line of cars to come to a complete stop, making it impossible for others to enter the parking lot.***

Public Library Events

Please follow the link to see some events planned at the Mission Library. <https://fvrl.bibliocommons.com/events/>

Some exciting events include:

LEGO Club

Tuesday, Dec 5-19, 3:30-4:30 pm

We provide the LEGO, you bring your imagination! Come play, create and experiment.

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Snowflakes and Sleighbells! Puppet Show

Tuesday, December 5, 6:45 pm – 7:30 pm

‘Tis the season to sing songs, enjoy some holiday stories and a puppet show because Christmas is coming!

December dates:

Dec.

6 Rotary Carol Festival

8 Div. 8 & 9 Skating

13 Christmas Concert – Odd Divisions 6:30 pm

14 Christmas concert – Even Divisions. 6:30 pm

15 Pick up Purdy Orders

22 Last Day

Happy! Holidays!

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Happy New Year!

8 First Day Back!

PAC Meeting Tuesday, January 9th @ 6:45 pm

Please consider becoming a member of our PAC. Some of our PAC parents have children who are nearing the end of their elementary school career and will be leaving ESR soon. It is their hope that parents will become involved so that we may continue with many of the hot lunch and fundraising projects that are currently in place. Becoming involved in our Parent Advisory Council is a great way to contribute. Children love to see parents in their school and becoming involved is a great way to support our school.

Outside Rainy Days

Living in a Coastal Rainforest means that we can experience many rainy days in succession during certain months of the year. Children need to be outside in the fresh air during rainy days just as they do when the weather is nice, so we will be outside on most days. *Please ensure your child arrives to school with clothing that is designed for play and the weather for those rainy ‘West Coast recesses’ and lunchtimes. Now that cooler temperatures will soon be here it is important to send your child(ren) to school with clothing designed to keep them warm and dry.*

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