

Miracle Beach Elementary School Newsletter

Hello Miracle Beach Families,

Here are this week's information items. New items are in **Yellow**.

Week at a Glance

December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6
Gym Unavailable First Day of Term 2 Mr. Nelson's Class – Yard Clean Up	Gym Unavailable Recycling - Leadership 2:45 – Health and Safety Meeting	Gym Unavailable 1:00 – Winter Concert – Primary Students 6:30 - Winter Concert – Primary Students	Gym Unavailable 1:00 – Winter Concert - Intermediate Students 6:30 – Winter Concert – Intermediate Students	Gym Unavailable UBC – STEM Visit with Classes Hot Lunch Seniors Tea 2:30 - Open Gym
December 9	December 10	December 11	December 12	December 13
Mr. Nelson's Class – Yard Clean Up	Ms. Street's Class – Field Trip – Swimming Term 1 Reports Due in Office	Ms. Street's Class – Winter Crafting Ms. Stride & Ms. Berg's Class – Winter Potluck Party 6:30 – PAC Meeting	Salad Bar - Div 5, 6, 7, & 8 will receive free salad Staff Christmas Party	Hot Lunch MyEd Reports Sent Home (Intermediate Only) 2:30 - Kids Market

Upcoming dates to note:

- December 20 – Last Day Before Winter Break
- January 6 – First Day Back to School
- January 8 – PAC Meeting

Club Kidz Afterschool Care - Help Wanted

Looking for a rewarding opportunity working with school-age children? Join Club Kidz and make a difference!

Position Details:

- Rate: \$25/hour
- Location: Club Kidz Afterschool Care

Minimum Requirements:

- Cover Letter & Resume
- References
- First Aid Certification

- Criminal Record Check
- Immunization Record
- Proof of training to work with school-age children

Apply Today! Email Sara at clubkidz2022@gmail.com Be part of a fun, supportive team helping kids thrive!

Winter Concert

Celebrate the holiday season with the musical talents of our students! This year, we are excited to showcase two wonderful concerts featuring our primary and intermediate students.

Primary Students Concert

- **Date:** Wednesday, December 4th
- **Times:** 1:00 PM & 6:30 PM

Intermediate Students Concert

- **Date:** Thursday, December 5th
- **Times:** 1:00 PM & 6:30 PM

Join us for an afternoon or evening filled with festive music and holiday cheer! Family and friends are welcome to attend these magical performances that highlight the incredible creativity and talent of our students.

School Closure Information

There will be occasions when schools must temporarily close due to inclement weather, power outages or for emergency reasons. The superintendent may make the decision to temporarily close *any or all* district schools when the safety of students and staff may be compromised.

Parents, students and school district staff will be informed through the school alerting system, email, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) & [Instagram](#), and by notifying local media by **6:30 a.m. – at the latest**. Every attempt will be made to post announcements about closures on the school district website, however, power outages may interfere.

If there is no announcement on the school website /social media, please be sure to listen to one of the local radio stations:

- **97.3 FM** – The Eagle
- **98.9 FM** – The Jet
- **100.7 FM** -The Raven

No announcements by 6:30 am indicates schools are open and operating at usual.

[School Closures and Bus Schedules during Inclement Weather / Power Outage \(PDF\)](#)

Parking for Winter Concert

Our Winter Concert is coming up on **December 4th and December 5th**, and we're excited to welcome you! To ensure parking runs smoothly, we've made special arrangements and ask for your cooperation with the following guidelines:

Parking Details:

- **Staff Assistance:** Staff will be on hand to direct parking for the evening concert.
- **Limited Parking:** Please note that parking at our school is extremely limited. You may need to park further away from the building and walk.

Important Reminders for Parking:

1. **Carpooling:** If possible, consider carpooling to reduce traffic and ease congestion.
2. **Pedestrian Safety:**
 - Be mindful of pedestrians as the shoulder is limited.
 - Wear highly visible clothing to ensure you're seen by drivers when walking along the road.
3. **Drive Carefully:** Slow down and stay alert—it will be busy, and safety is our priority.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping make this a safe and enjoyable event for everyone. We look forward to seeing you there!

Salad Bar – Community School

We are reaching out to inform you about a temporary change to our Thriving Thursday (Salad Bar) Lunch program. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties, we will need to pause the salad bar program for the remainder of December. Rest assured, we are actively working to resolve these issues and are committed to restarting the program in January.

In the meantime, to ensure students still have the opportunity to enjoy nourishing foods, we have arranged the following:

Divisions 5, 6, 7, and 8 will receive free salad on **Tuesday, December 12.**

Divisions 9, 10, 11, and 12 will receive free salad on **Tuesday, December 19.**

Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4 will receive a share plate for their classroom on both days. **Please note this is more of a sample plate and not a lunch replacement. Please be sure to pack your student a lunch those days.*

For families who have already ordered and paid for upcoming lunches, we will credit your account to use when the program resumes in January.

We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to serving your children again soon!

Food Bank Donations

This holiday season, we are collecting non-perishable food donations to support the Black Creek Food Bank and help families in need. Classes will be gathering donations from **November 25 to December 18**, and we encourage all families to bring an item, if they are able, when attending the Winter Concert. Together, we can make a difference in our community! Thank you for your generosity and support.

Everyone Deserves a Smile (EDAS) – “Where education meets compassion to create a community of belonging. We are dedicated to rehumanizing individuals who are unhoused, disadvantaged, and marginalized through a holistic approach that spans kindergarten to grade 12 and extends to all community members” - <https://edas.ca/>



Camp Homewood

**Purdy's Chocolates Fundraising
for Mrs. Gravel and Mrs. Cadden's Classes
To Go To Camp Homewood**

How to Order:

1. Go to fundraising.purdys.com
2. Click "Join a Campaign"
3. Create an account
 - a. Customer number: **36933**
 - b. **IN THE FIRST NAME BOX:** your first and last name, and relationship to the seller (For example: Jennifer Gravel, teacher)
 - c. **IN THE LAST NAME BOX:** type the name of the student selling to you (for example, Ben Gravel). THIS STEP IS VERY IMPORTANT. THE MONEY RAISED IS ATTACHED TO THAT STUDENT.
 - d. The rest is straight forward.
4. Click "Shop Online" from the top menu bar
5. Click "Use Marketplace" to see items and add goodies to your cart!
6. At checkout, payment is by Visa or Mastercard.
7. **Orders are due Dec 3. Delivery on or around Dec 16.**

Thank you for supporting the Grade 6 and 7 classes at Miracle Beach Elementary!

Questions:
Mrs. Gravel jennifer.gravel@sd71.bc.ca
Mrs. Cadden julia.cadden@sd71.bc.ca

Kids Market

Join us for a festive and creative experience at the Miracle Beach Community Kid Made Market!

Do you know a young artist or budding entrepreneur? Let them shine this holiday season! On December 13th, we're hosting our 3rd Annual Kid Created Market, where kids can sell their handmade crafts, gifts, and baked goodies! This is a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase their talents and earn a little holiday spending money, too!

📁 Event Details:

- Set-up: 2:00 PM
- Doors Open to Public: 2:30 PM Close at 5PM
- Location: Miracle Beach GYM

Tables are free of charge, and kids keep 100% of their profits! Just in time for holiday shopping.

📧 Sign up now! Email us at miraclebeachpac@gmail.com to reserve a table for your child.

👉 Parent participation is required on the day of the event. Let's make this a holiday season to remember. Tag friends and spread the word! Let's support our young creators and celebrate the season together.

At the fair, we will have a donations table set up for anyone that would like to donate some previously loved toys or clothing. Before the kids get new things for Christmas, this is a great time to empty out those drawers to make space!

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Kid Made Market

Does your child have a talent for making crafts, gifts, or baked goods? Empower your child by giving them the opportunity to sell their creations at our 3rd annual kid created market, on **DECEMBER 13th**.

Tables are free of charge set up starts at 2pm, doors open to the public at 2:30, and the kids get to keep all of their own profits just in time for the holidays.

Sign up for your table today!

Email: miraclebeachpac@gmail.com

Parent Participation is Required the day of the event.

Music



Pictures









Community Information

Comox Valley Volleyball December Camp

Join us for an exciting two-day volleyball camp this December at Highland Secondary School!

 **Dates:** December 21st & 22nd

 **Sessions:**

- **Morning:** Grades 5–8
- **Afternoon:** Grades 9–12

Whether you're looking to sharpen your skills or learn the game, this camp is perfect for players of all levels.

 **For More Information:**

Contact Brian at bdstevens@hotmail.com

Don't miss out—get ready to bump, set, and spike your way into the holiday season!

Family Smart

Next week we will be continuing our Coffee and Connection series for parents/caregivers on Thursday mornings at the Lewis Centre:

What: Informal drop-in groups for parents/caregivers interested in connecting with other parents about child/youth mental health topics while enjoying some coffee and snacks.

Where: Lewis Centre, Craft Room A, 489 Old Island Hwy

When: 9:30-10:30 am on the following dates:

Thurs, Dec. 5: [Parenting in the Deep End: Parenting Kids Ages 9-12](#)

Let's talk about the challenges when our kids are 9 – 12 years old and what helps to make it a bit easier.

Thurs, Dec. 12: [Parenting in the Deep End: Parenting Kids Ages 13+](#)

Let's talk about the challenges when our kids are 13+ years old and what helps to make it a bit easier.

Registration: Click on the links above to register for any you would like to attend or simply drop-in that morning.

Cost: Free.

*****Childminding is not included as part of this event, but the Lewis Centre does have childminding available during this time for \$3/child.**



Coffee & Connection

Are you a parent or caregiver interested in connecting with other parents about child/youth mental health topics?

FamilySmart's Family Peer Support Workers Carolyn and Megan invite you to join them for snacks, coffee and connection. These events are for parents/caregivers only and childcare is not provided.

Cost: Free

Register: familysmart.ca/monthly-events/
Drop-ins are also welcome.

Dates & Topics

Thursday, Nov 14 - Screen Time: The Struggle is Real

Thursday, Nov. 28 - Parenting in the Deep End: Parenting Kids Ages 4-8

Thursday, Dec. 5 - Parenting in the Deep End: Parenting Kids Ages 9-12

Thursday, Dec. 12 - Parenting in the Deep End: Parenting Kids Ages 13+

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 AM all events

Location: Lewis Centre, Craft Room A,
489 Old Island Hwy, Courtenay

Questions?

email: carolyn.mccarthy@familysmart.ca
or phone: 250-890-2391



familysmart.ca

Feel free to email me at zale.darnel@sd71.bc.ca if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,

Zale Darnel

Principal, Miracle Beach Elementary