

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

| November 25 | November 26 | November 27 | November 28 | November 29 |
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| Mr. Biegler's Class – Yard Clean Up Careers Week | Noon - Choir (Grade 4 to 7) 2:45 – Health and Safety Meeting | Ms. Stride & Ms. Berg's Class – Christmas Crafts Grade 6 Volleyball @ Puntledge Grade 7 Volleyball @ MBE (Vs Puntledge) | Ms. Gailloux's Class – Field Trip – CR Museum Mr. Biegler & Mr. Nelson's Class – Field Trip - Swimming | Last Day of Term 1 Gym Unavailable/ Concert Setup Hot Lunch Noon – Tone Chimes |
| 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 | 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 |

Upcoming dates to note:

- December 13 – Community Market
- December 13 – Term 1 MyEd Learning Updates (Intermediate Students Only)
- December 20 – Last Day Before Winter Break

Thriving Thursday Lunches (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.

Thank You for Your Support During the Power Outage

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their patience and understanding as we navigated the unplanned power outage on Wednesday. A special thank you goes to our incredible staff for their hard work, dedication, and quick response to ensure all students remained safe and cared for throughout the day. Your support as a community made a challenging situation much easier to manage.

We are proud of how well we followed our health and safety procedures for student release. The process went smoothly thanks to the cooperation of staff, students, and families. Your support in ensuring these protocols are followed is deeply appreciated and highlights the strength of our school community. Thank you all!

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!



Music

Primary Christmas Concert- Students were sent home with a note about costumes. Please look for your child's letter. If your child has a speaking part of a feature role, their bug character is written on the paper, along with an attached script with their line / lines to be memorized. For students who have not been assigned a specific "bug" they get to choose which bug character they would like to dress up as. Please let your classroom teacher know which type of bug you have chosen. Costume ideas are on Miss Boersma's Website.

Please encourage your child to be practicing their songs. We have **only 1 week** until performance week!! Lyrics and audio tracks are on my Miss Boersma's website.

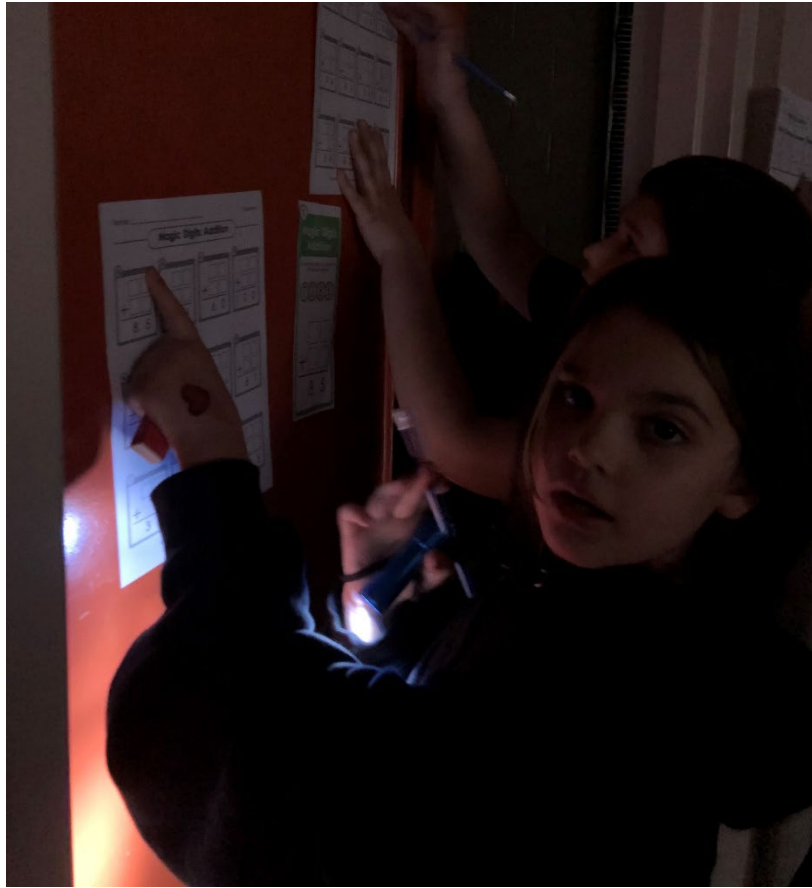
Miss Boersma's Website <https://jboersma4.wixsite.com/music> and the password when needed: miracle

Please speak to your classroom teacher if you have any questions or concerns.



Pictures



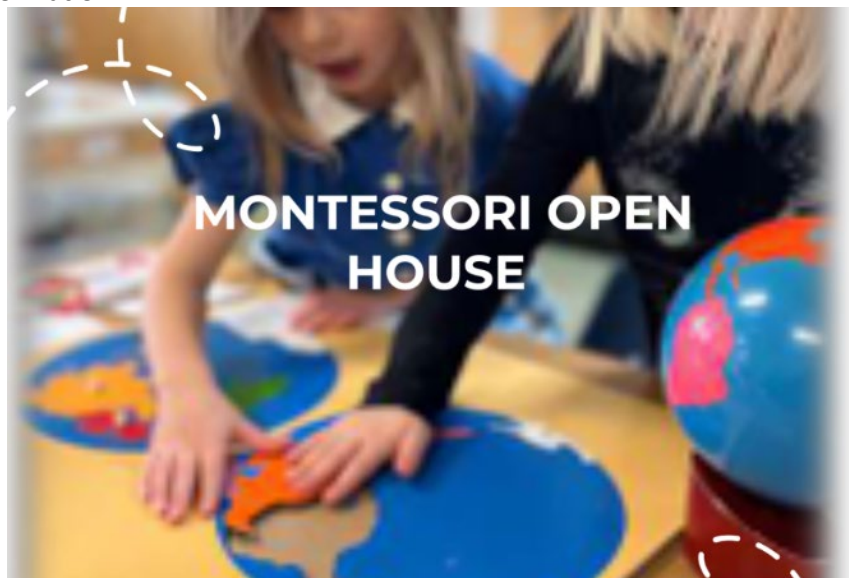








Community Information



For those who are interested in the Montessori Program (Queeneesh and or Courtenay Elementary) for the 2025-2026 school year there is an information session at Queeneesh Elementary on Wednesday, November 27, 2024 starting at 6:30 pm.

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, Nov. 28: [Parenting in the Deep End: Parenting Kids Ages 4-8](#)

Let's talk about the challenges when our kids are 4 – 8 years old and what helps to make it a bit easier.

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

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