

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 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
December 16	December 17	December 18	December 19	December 20
Mr. Nelson's Class – Yard Clean Up	Recycling - Leadership		Salad Bar - Div 9, 10, 11, and 12 will receive free salad	School Spirit Day – Holly and Jolly 2:30 – Open Gym Last Day Before Winter Break

Upcoming dates to note:

- January 6 – First Day Back to School
- January 8 – PAC Meeting
- January 16, 23 – Grade 5-7 Ski/ Snowboard Trip

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found is ready for a winter clean-up! If your family is missing anything, now's the perfect time to take a look.

All unclaimed items will be donated to local charities over the winter break, so let's help these items find their way home.

Thanks for helping us make sure everything gets back to where it belongs before the holidays!

Winter Concert

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the families who attended our Winter Concert! Your support made the event truly special and helped create an atmosphere of warmth and community.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the evening run smoothly, especially Joanne Barr for her amazing work with the Seniors Tea, and Rebecca Williams for her beautiful piano music during the concerts. We are also incredibly grateful to Kemp Currie for his expert tech support throughout the event. His behind-the-scenes work ensured that everything from sound to lighting ran smoothly, allowing our performances to shine.

We are incredibly grateful to Ms. Boersma for her outstanding dedication and tireless efforts in planning and organizing the concert. Her passion for the students and the arts shines through in everything she does, and her attention to detail and ability to bring the community together truly made the concert a success. We are lucky to have such an amazing music teacher!

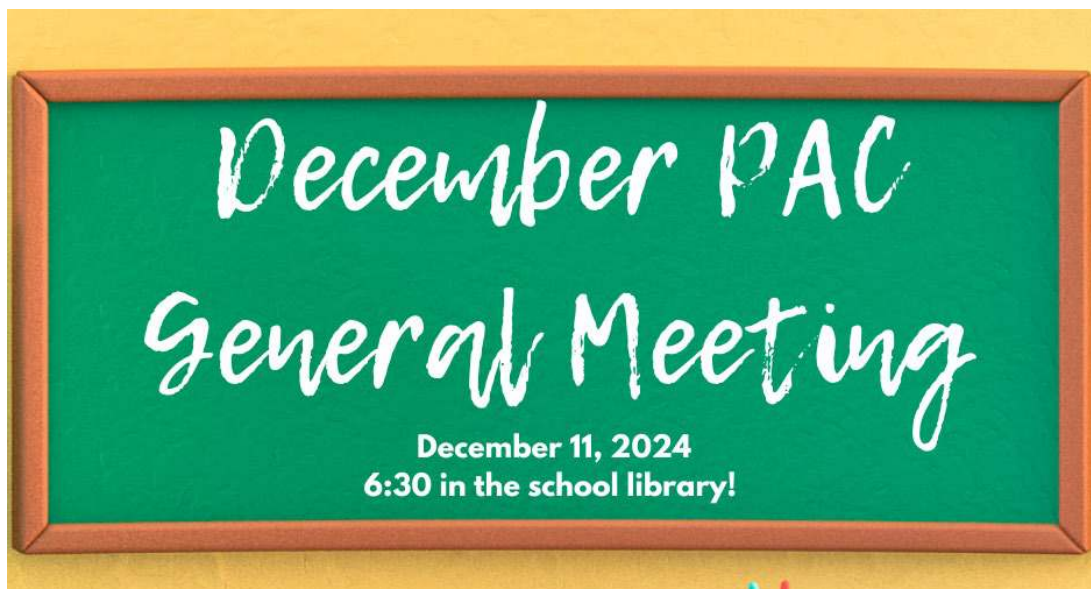
A big thank you also goes to all of our teachers, who showed immense flexibility and support in preparing their students for the concert. Their commitment to the students, even outside of regular classroom time, was instrumental in making the event such a success.

A heartfelt thank you to the leadership students, along with Ms. Gravel and Ms. Cadden, for their invaluable help with set-up and take-down. They worked tirelessly to ensure everything was in place, and their efforts before and after the concert allowed everything to run smoothly and efficiently.

We also want to recognize the incredible work of the tech crew and stage crew. Their attention to detail, hard work, and quick thinking made sure the performances went off without a hitch.

We couldn't have done it without everyone's contributions. It truly takes a community, and we are so fortunate to have such a supportive and hardworking school community. Thank you all for helping create such a memorable and successful event!

PAC



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 \(PDF\)](#)

Salad Bar – Community School

We are excited to introduce our new school salad bar! Students can now enjoy a variety of fresh, nutritious ingredients to create their own delicious salads.

- 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.*

We look forward to making the salad bar a regular Thursday feature in the New Year.


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.

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!



Kid Made
CRAFT MARKET

WE ARE ACCEPTING TOY DONATIONS TO BE DONATED TO LOCAL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Come support the children of Miracle Beach Elementary School by shopping at the 3rd Annual Kid Created Community Market.

Doors open to the public at 2:35, and the kids gets to keep all of their own profits just in time for the holidays.

What to Explore :

- ✓ Kid artisans showcasing their creative talents
- ✓ Gourmet treats and holiday goodies
- ✓ Photo booth and festive activities

13 DECEMBER

IN THE SCHOOL GYM FROM 230 TO 430PM

Fun Fair

Once again, we start our planning and preparation for the annual Fun Fair. For those of you new to Miracle Beach Elementary, the Fun Fair is a large event put on by volunteers at the school to celebrate all our students and fundraise for our PAC. There are many games, raffles, and prizes to be won through the generous donations of our community and small businesses.

We are currently looking for volunteers to lead the following committees in planning: **Food and Service** (must have food safe), **Volunteer Coordination**, **Donations** (this includes raffles and the silent auction), and **Games and Activities**.

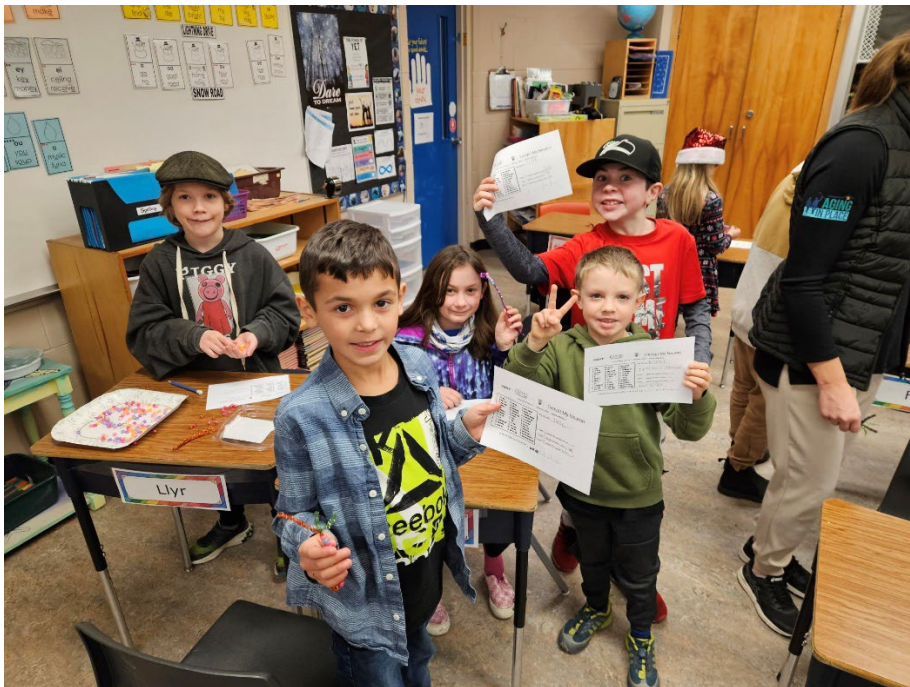
Looking to split a role with a friend? Absolutely! We are hoping to have multiple people working together to run each committee. The more volunteers, the lighter the load! There will also be many resources available to you through Fun Fairs prior and plenty of support provided by members of our PAC.

If you are interested or looking for more information, please contact Kayla Brodhagen at kmbrodhagen@hotmail.com.

Pictures









Community Information

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. 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.**

CONNECT & LEARN WITH US!



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?

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

Respectfully,

Zale Darnel

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