



# December Newsletter

## Principal's Message

### Month at a Glance

#### December 1

Girls & Boys Volleyball  
Tournament at COTR

#### December 6

\*PAC Hot Lunch—Edo Japan  
\*Children's Choir—Grade 5&6

#### December 14

Christmas Concert

#### December 15

School Spirit Day  
PJ Day

#### December 18

Jingle Bell Walk Flyer Drop-off

#### December 19

Jingle Bell Float  
Reinarz & Schadeli

#### December 20

\*PAC Hot Lunch—Pizza Hut  
\*Jingle Bell Float  
Halldorson & Potter

#### December 21

\*Jingle Bell Walk Food Pick-up  
\*Gingerbread House Decorating

#### December 22

School Spirit Day  
Ugly Sweater or Red/Green

#### December 23—January 7

Christmas Break

#### January 8

School Back in Session

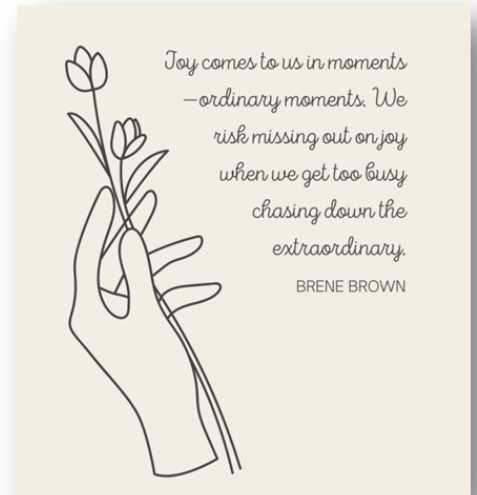


"Tis the season!" This month we have a plethora of activities that will warm the hearts of many as we count down the days until our holiday break. From carolling in the community on a float, listening to our Cranbrook Children's Choir at the Alliance Church, marvelling at the acting and singing skills of our students in the Christmas Concert at the Key City Theatre, to decorating gingerbread houses, our school will certainly be a busy hub!

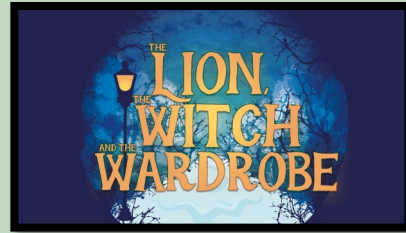
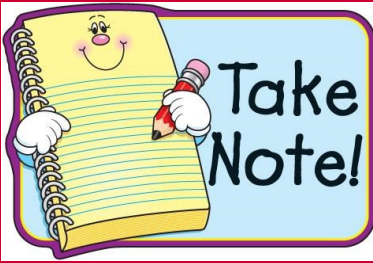
I cannot thank enough the dedicated staff and parents involved in helping to make our school the wonderful place it is! I am always humbled by the generosity and care of our KO family members.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break. May you spend the time doing what 'fills your bucket'. May you rest, relax, and find time to recharge as well. Find the time to seek out those moments that spark joy!

With respect and kindness,  
Judi Poole



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December



## Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas Concert is quickly approaching and we are excited about this year's Christmas production of "The Grinch". The concert is taking place at the Key City Theatre on Thursday, December 14th.

Tickets requests will be reviewed the week of December 4th and sent home by the end of the week with the eldest child. To purchase a DVD copy or USB Stick of the production, please visit [School Cash Online](#) and place an order by Wednesday, December 13th

### **Costumes:**

#### **Cross/Linardic**

**Dwarves:** All brown or black outfits. A hat and beard will be provided by the school.

#### **Potter/Adams**

**1940's Kids:** Students are asked to dress in 1940's themed clothing. Dresses with bows in the hair, pants with white shirt and suspenders or sweater vest.

#### **Boss/Flegel**

**Wolves:** All black outfits with Wolf ears, a Wolf tail and white gloves. No masks that cover the face. Face paint would be great.

#### **Reinarz/Schadeli**

**Forest Creatures:** Rabbit, Skunk, Deer, Bear, Squirrel, etc. No masks that cover the face. Face paint would be great.

#### **Halldorson/Potter**

**Heroes:** Knight, Archer, etc. Bring a sword or bow. Grade 5 students will need their instruments.

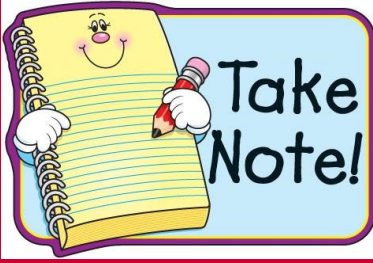
#### **Grade 6 Students with Specific Character Rolls**

Costumes based on their character in the show.



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## **Christmas Float & Carolling for Intermediate Students**

Intermediate students have been working hard during music class with Mr. Lutz to prepare a number of Christmas songs to sing for their families from a movable stage float.

A letter and permission form will be sent home with students this week. Please ensure they are returned by the due date. Performance locations will be included with the letter.

Students are asked to wear clothing suitable for weather conditions and if they like, can also add some Christmas spirit such as Santa hats, garland, reindeer antlers, etc.

### **Tuesday, December 19th**

Mrs. Reinarz's Grade 3/4 & Mrs. Schadeli's Grade 4/5

### **Wednesday, December 20th**

Mrs. Halldorson's Grade 4/5 & Mrs. Potter's Grade 6

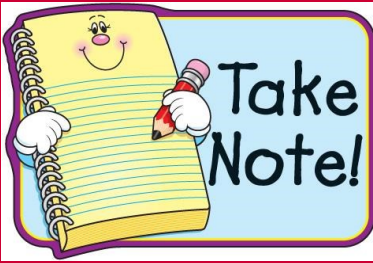
**Students are to be dropped off at the school for 6:00 pm and picked up at 7:20 pm on their specified date listed above.**



**PAC will be providing hot chocolate to students and families after the float returns.**

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## Jingle Bell Walk

We are happy to announce that students will once again be participating in our Annual Jingle Bell Walk to help collect food for our local food bank.

Students will be handing out **Flyers** on **Monday, December 18th** and the **Food Pick-up** will take place on **Thursday, December 21st.**

We will be asking for parent volunteers to help. Information will be sent home with students in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.




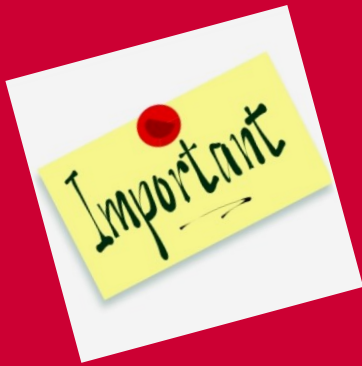
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### Grade 5-6 Volleyball

Our volleyball season has now come to an end. Thank you to Mr. Kamps, Mrs. Lam & Mr. Flegel for coaching our teams!! Special thanks to to Paige Relkoff for refing our games.

Please ensure jerseys are returned to your child's teacher.

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### **Reporting Student Absences**

When reporting a student's absence, parents can either contact the school office or log in an absence using the **[School Messenger Safe Arrival](#)** system.

To register for School Messenger, please refer to the **[Safe Arrival FAQ](#)**.


All parents are asked to please report student absences before 8:15 am on the day of the absence (you can also report absences in a advance, if they are known).

If you are also informing the classroom teacher of an absence or a tardiness, please cc our school secretary Cathy Gaudord, **[cathy.gaudord@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:cathy.gaudord@sd5.bc.ca)** or (250) 426-8551.

In the event that your child is late, please have them knock on the school office window so that we know they have arrived and can mark them present.

We appreciate your cooperation with this!



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INDIGENOUS  
EDUCATION

## Metis Kitchen Party

Next Metis  
Kitchen Party is  
December 19th.  
RSVP and register  
your children for a  
gift at [rmmanavi-  
gator@gmail.com](mailto:rmmanavigator@gmail.com)

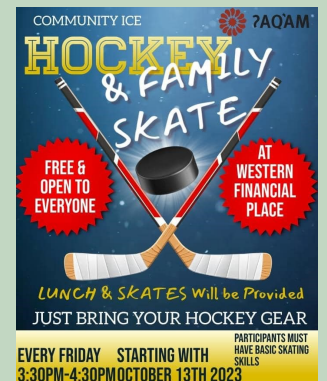


## Indigenous Leadership Group

Next gathering for Grade 5 & 6 Indigenous students  
happening on December 7th. Lunch will be provided. Miss  
Alexis will provide more information closer to the date.

## Free Family Hockey & Skate

Free skate time at the Western  
Financial Place **every Friday from  
3:30pm-4:30pm**. Lunch and skates will  
be provided, just bring yourselves and  
some hockey gear! Please note:  
attendees must have basic skating skills.



Need to contact our Indigenous Support Worker?

Email Miss Alexis at [alexis.hekker@sd5.b.ca](mailto:alexis.hekker@sd5.b.ca)



# PAC News!!

## A Note From the PAC

WOW WOW WOW!! PAC can not thank you enough for the support shown through our Purdy's fundraiser in November. We were able to raise \$1200.00 for our school. Thank you to everyone who purchased chocolate!!

Movie passes are selling out quickly! There is still time to get yours before Christmas Break. Please bring exact cash to the school office to purchase. These make great Christmas gifts and they work anywhere in Canada!

Our Panago Pizza Night fundraiser is in the works! On December 12th, \$5 from every large pizza will be given back to the school and will be added to our fundraising efforts.

Volunteers are needed for our Christmas Concert on December 14th as well as the Christmas Choir Float on Dec 19th & 20th. Please check our Facebook page or email [kootenayorchardspac@gmail.com](mailto:kootenayorchardspac@gmail.com) to sign up!

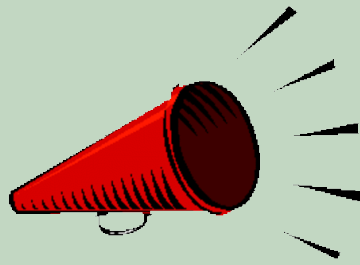
There will be no PAC meeting the month of December. We will meet again on January 16th, 6:30pm in the library or on zoom.

On behalf of PAC, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and hope your time off together is magical!

With Gratitude and Season's Greeting!  
Jennifer, Courtney, Carla and Nicole

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# PAC News!!



Our PAC meets the second Tuesday of the month in the school library. You can also join via Zoom. Please visit our [PAC Facebook](#) page for the Zoom link. **Please note there is no meeting in December.**

**Next PAC meeting: Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 pm.**  
Please visit our [PAC Facebook](#) page for meeting details.



We would like to give a huge thank you to all KO families who helped support our **Christmas Purdys fundraiser!!**

**In total, \$1200.00 was raised for our school!!**

Orders were sent home with students today. Any students who were absent will have their's sent home tomorrow.

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## **Panago Pizza Fundraiser Night!!**

Mark your calendars!! PAC is very excited to have partnered with Panago Pizza for a night of fundraising!!

**Tuesday, December 12th**

For every large pizza ordered and picked-up, our school will receive \$5.00. The best part is that it is not just limited to our school community!! Any large pizza ordered in Cranbrook that night will be counted towards the fundraiser for Kootenay Orchards.

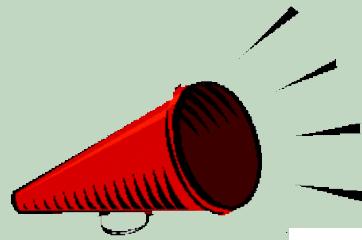
**Orders can be made via phone (250) 310-0001**

or online

Thank you in advance for supporting our PAC and helping us raise money for our school!!

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# PAC News!!



Have you purchased your Landmark Cinemas gift card?? **Heading to the theatre this weekend? Or need a birthday gift? Why not buy some gift cards!!**

The best part, these Gift Cards can be used for any night of the week!!



**\$15.00 Kids Movie Pack**

**Includes Movie Ticket & a kids' Snack Pack**



**\$40.00 Bundle for 2**

**Includes 2 General Admission, 2 Medium Pop-corn & 2 Medium Drinks**

Gift cards can be purchased directly from the school office. **Cash Only** will be accepted so **please ensure that exact amount is brought in as change will not be available.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Movie Gift Card co-ordinator Carla Post: [carlarpost@gmail.com](mailto:carlarpost@gmail.com)

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If you would like to place an order, please visit [Muncha Lunch](#).  
*Please Note: Orders must be placed no later than one week before the scheduled hot lunch date.*

**December 6th: Edo Japan**

**December 20th: Pizza Hut**

**January 17th: Mr. Mikes**

**January 31st: Subway**

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**Ongoing PAC Fundraisers**

**Thank you for your Continued Support!!**

**Save On Foods:** Please ask to put your bill towards Kootenay Orchards School. PAC receives 5% back from each receipt submitted.

**Mr. Mike's:** Please ask to put your bill towards Kootenay Orchards School. PAC receives 10% back from each receipt submitted.

**Mabel's Labels:** Did you know that this fundraiser is open all year long? PAC receives 20% from each order. Help support Kootenay Orchards by visiting [here](#).

**Olivers Labels:** Did you know that this fundraiser is open all year long? PAC receives 20% from each order. Help support Kootenay Orchards by visiting [here](#).

**TRU EARTH Laundry Detergent:** PAC receives 20% from each order. Help support Kootenay Orchards by visiting [here](#).



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# Celebrate the Ktunaxa Language!!

Scan the QR codes below with your phone's camera to hear the word in Ktuanxa.



**kusmukusał Ɂamałit**

Christmas



**naʔwit**

Reindeer



**ʔa·kʔu**

Snow



**ʔa·kaʔqay**

Snowshoes



We would like to acknowledge that we learn, play and work on the Homelands of the Ktunaxa people.