



DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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December Newsletter

Christmas Concert

The season is upon us and students from Kindergarten to grade 4 are busy preparing for the annual Christmas Concert. This year's concert will take place on Thursday December 14th. There will be an afternoon performance starting at 1:40pm as well as an evening performance beginning at 6:30pm.

This year the concert will feature the younger students. Last year we managed to almost fit everyone into the gym for the performances. This year with the increase in school enrolment there are too many students (and parents) to all fit and watch a concert safely.

PBIS - Zones of Regulation

This year Dallas student's have been engaged in learning the Zones of Regulation, which is a curriculum aimed at helping students learn skills needed to regulate their actions, which in turn leads to increased control and problem solving abilities. The learning activities are designed to help students recognize when they are in different states called "zones." There are four zones, each represented by a different colour. Students explore calming techniques, and sensory supports so they will have a toolbox of methods which they can use to move between zones.

School Matrix and Expected Behaviours

In addition to Zones of Regulation curriculum we have been reviewing school wide expected behaviour with students. Primary students who struggle with expected behaviours get on the spot coaching from an adult to review expectations.

Intermediate students who need additional support participate in activities on Friday's at lunch in the F.L.O room (Further Learning Opportunities). These sessions which are lead by an intermediate teacher review expected behaviours for the various areas of the school. Overall we have seen a positive improvement of school wide student behaviour since September at Dallas. Keep up the great work students!

Volleyball

Thank you to our coaches, players and all the spectators for an outstanding volleyball season.

Yearbook

Do you have pictures of your children on a Dallas school field trip or at a sporting event? We would LOVE to have your photos from this school year included in our yearbook! Please send those treasured photos to zeroave@shaw.ca

PAC Meeting

The next PAC meeting is Jan 12 at 8:45 in the staff room.

School Safety

Parents, for student safety, please abide by the traffic safety rules around the school. Please drop children off at the back of the fence, on Todd Hill Crescent. We are working with the district to try to improve the parking on Todd Hill (we are looking to open the gate for additional room, hopefully soon). Thank you for not driving up to the front of the school to drop off students in the morning. Students will enter the building using the back doors. The lineup bell will ring at 8:25 am. Students will be greeted by the teachers at the doors

School Clothing

Winter conditions **require indoor shoes** to wear through the day, students should not wear winter boots during school time. Barefeet and just socks are not suitable for school due to safety and hygiene requirements. Students are expected to bring **warm** winter clothing to wear outside at recess and lunch.

Allergy Aware

The following safety guidelines are to be followed by all classes at Dallas: Please do not send cakes, cupcakes or cookies for class parties that contain tree nuts of any kind. Please check with the teacher before bringing any food items to school. There are allergies for many items including Dairy, Peanuts, Almonds, and Kiwi. Students will be washing their hands before snack time and lunchtime. We have a no share policy for snacks and lunches. We trust that you understand how important it is to respect and adhere to these guidelines

Important Dates

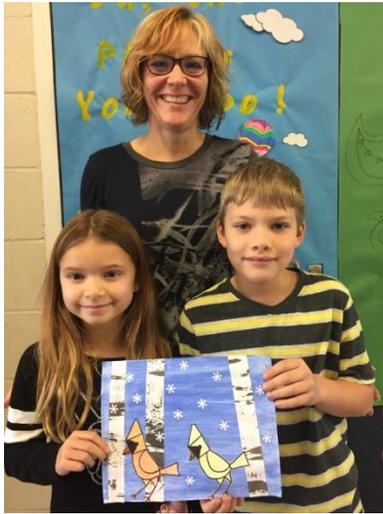
(please check the website for hotlunch dates)

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| December 4 | Professional Development Day |
| December 8 | Report Card Distribution |
| Dec 23 - Jan 5 | Winter Break |
| January 8 | School Returns |
| January 12 | PAC Meeting |
| January 19 | Professional Development Day |
| February 12 | BC Family Day (no school) |
| February 22 | Professional Development Day |
| February 23 | Professional Development Day |

Welcoming Winter

by Dave Conroy

With the arrival of winter, the students of Dallas Elementary are embracing the season through the arts and creative language. The students in two of our Grade 3 classes completed winter art projects and wrote poetry to express their thoughts about this time of year. The following student examples are a snapshot of some of their ideas.



Teacher Shelley Thompson and
Grade 3 students Sophie & Sam

Cardinals

by Sophie

I see cardinals,
so bright and red.
There in the birch tree,
above my head.

Red Birds

by Sam

Beautiful red birds,
eating all day in the tree,
in their birch tree nest.

Hear these Grade 3 students read their poems by scanning this QR code



I Knew It Was Winter

by Alexander

I knew it was winter!
On Monday, the wind and clouds were coming.
On Tuesday, I saw the first snowflake.
On Wednesday, my mom said, "It is going to be as cold as a hockey rink."
On Thursday, my dad said we were going tobogganing.
On Friday, I was going to build a hockey rink in my front yard with my dad.
And that's how I knew it was winter!

I Knew It Was Winter

by Elle

I knew it was winter!
On Monday, cars were sliding around like ice skaters.
On Tuesday, I heard kids saying that they were going sledding.
On Wednesday, I opened the door and a puff of cold air flew into my face.
On Thursday, my mom had cups of hot chocolate on the table ready to drink.
On Friday, snow was lining the fields and snowballs were flying in the air.
And that's how I knew it was winter!



Teacher Pam Milburn and
Grade 3 students Elle & Alexander



CONNECTING STUDENTS
TO THEIR FUTURE



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NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 6, 2017

CONSENT AGENDA

- o Education Committee Highlights
- o Finance and Planning Committee Highlights
- o Superintendent's Update
- o Innovation Through Inquiry Grants

EDUCATION TOPIC

The Board received a presentation from Logan Lake Secondary School staff and students called Community Starts Here. Coordinated by Principal Preymak and Teacher John Blakely, the school's teachers and students demonstrated the connection to the community within their classroom projects. Special guest, Mayor Smith, introduced the school's project and highlighted the contributions of the school to the community of Logan Lake.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

RESPONSE TO STUDENT CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION - The Board approved a recommendation to work together with the Student City Council to expand the mandate to create a Student School Board Council that would provide input into topics and policies that impact youth in all School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) schools.

REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER

CEF FUNDING UPDATE - A request for additional funding for an additional 6.6942 FTE teaching staff was submitted to the Ministry of Education to support class size and composition issues.

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Wade told trustees about her attendance at Thompson Rivers University as a Search Committee member in their search for a new president.

The next public board meeting will take place December 4th at the School Board Office at 7 p.m.



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When and Where:

Mondays 12:45-1:45pm

January 8- March 5

Dallas Elementary School-Library

Registration via www.eventbrite.ca

Thursday Dec 14th at 9am.

For more info call: 250-554-3134
(ext 500)

Cost: Free!! Sponsored by the BC
Ministry of Education **Ready
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Kamloops Classic Swimming Life Saving Sport Group

“The only sport with a humanitarian purpose”

FREE TRIAL: January 9th & 11th @ the TCC Pool, 6:00 – 7:00PM.

The goal of the Lifesaving Sport Group is to introduce swimmers to a sport, which builds community lifesavers. Lifesaving Sport is recognized by the International Olympic Committee and is extremely popular across the Commonwealth countries and beyond. Many Canadian high performance athletes have traveled to Australia, Singapore and across the globe for National and International Events.

Class Dates:

Tuesday / Thursday: 6:00 – 7:30PM

Friday – TBD upon Registration, dependent on Age / Skill LVL.

Saturday: 8:45 – 10:15AM

All Lessons are taught by a Certified Life Saving Instructor.

For more information and to register, contact
admin@swimkamloops.com or visit www.swimkamloops.com.

