

Sayward School News



December 2024



As the holiday season approaches, our school is buzzing with excitement and festive spirit. We are thrilled to announce that our annual Christmas concert is just around the corner! Students have been diligently practicing their parts, and their enthusiasm is truly contagious. We can't wait to see their hard work come to life on stage and share the joy of the season with our community. Dec 18 @ 6pm- doors open @ 5:30pm.

The holiday cheer doesn't stop there. Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is busy preparing the much-anticipated Secret Santa Shop for Monday, December 16th. This wonderful initiative allows students to purchase gifts for each member of their family for just \$2 per item. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to experience the joy of giving, and we are still happily accepting donations to make this event even more special. A reminder will come home before the shop date to send them with cash to buy gifts for their families.

Mark your calendars for December 17th at 12 PM, when we will host our annual Community Holiday Potluck. This event is a cherished tradition, bringing together students, families, and staff to share delicious food and festive cheer. Bring your family's favourite dish and join us for a festive meal! Our Feeding Futures Committee is pleased to announce they will fund the main meal this year! After the potluck,(2pm) we will also draw the winners of the two Giant Stocking Raffles, adding an extra layer of excitement to the day.

Reflecting on the school year so far, we are filled with gratitude for the wonderful experiences and achievements we've shared. It's been a fantastic year, and we are proud of our students' hard work and dedication. As we head into the holiday break, we wish everyone a restful and enjoyable time with family and friends.

Happy Holidays to all, and we look forward to continuing this amazing journey together in the new year!

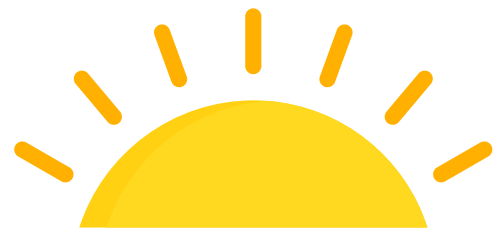
Food Allergies at School:

Sayward School is a **NO KIWI** zone!

Please **DO NOT** send kiwi in your child's lunch as our admin is VERY allergic. This is an airborne allergy that affects her airway even from down the hallway. Thank you for understanding.

To our rockstar veggie bundle volunteers:

Molly, Elizabeth, Ahn, and Berna. Thank you so much for your incredible help in sorting the veggie bundle bags! Your hard work and dedication made a huge difference, and we couldn't have done it without you!



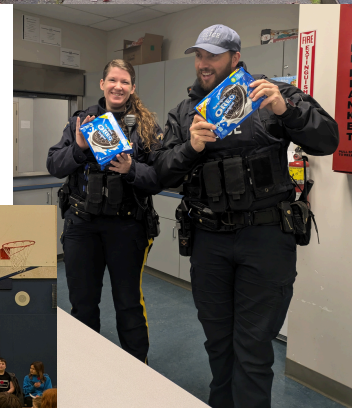
DID YOU KNOW?

Download our parent portal app or check it out on your desktop for electronic notifications from the school and district!

parentportal.sd72.bc.ca



A few highlights from November:





Sayward School PAC proudly presents the...

50th Giant Stocking Raffle

Two amazing grand prizes packed with gifts for everyone in the family! From the youngest to the oldest, there's something special for each member.

Don't miss your chance to bring joy to your loved ones. Enter now and make this season unforgettable! 🎁

Tickets: 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5
[Buy your tickets here!](#)

Prizes include:

- Free standing hammock
- 5 drawer Rolling Tool Chest
- Robot Vac/Mop
- Apple Home Pod
- 4 piece Wicker Patio Set
- Starbucks packages
- free night stay at Comfort Inn
- Young Living bundles
- gift certificates of all kinds!
- gift basket varieties
- Toys
- Kitchen wares
- and SO MUCH MORE

It's that time of year again! This year marks the **50th** year of the Giant Stocking Raffle!

New this year, tickets are available for purchase online!

<https://saywardgiantstockingraffle.rafflenexus.com/>

This convenient option allows you to buy your raffle tickets from the comfort of your home.

For those who prefer to pay with cash or e-transfer, you can still do so at Sayward Valley Resort or by contacting any PAC member or the school office. 250-282-3314

TWO lucky winners will win over \$1500 worth of prizes! Donations continue to pour in until December 13th!

Thank you for your continued support of the Sayward School PAC. Your participation in the Giant Stocking Raffle helps us fund important programs and activities for our students.

Good luck, and we hope you enjoy the raffle!

How to Get Involved

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our school office at 250-282-3314 or email us at Sayward @sd72.bc.ca. Your time and effort will make a significant difference in the lives of our students and the success of our school programs.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school community. Together, we can make a positive impact!

PAC meeting schedule

December 2nd 245pm Monday
January 13th 245pm Monday
February 13th 245pm Thursday
March 10th 245pm Monday
April 7th 245pm Monday
May 8th 4pm Thursday
June 9th AGM 5pm

In the school library

Holiday Spirit Week!!!

Get ready to spread some holiday cheer! Here's the lineup for our festive Holiday Spirit Week:

- **December 9:** Red and Green Day – Show off your holiday spirit by wearing red and green!
- **December 10:** Festive Hat and Headband Day – Don your most festive hats and headbands.
- **December 11:** Mystery Festive Wear Day – Surprise everyone with your unique festive outfit!
- **December 12:** Ugly Christmas Sweater/Dress Like a Christmas Tree Day – The uglier, the better! Or come dressed as a Christmas tree.
- **December 13:** Festive PJ and Movie Afternoon Day – Wear your coziest festive pajamas and enjoy a fun movie afternoon.



A huge THANK YOU to Mid Island Co-op for approving our school PAC's grant application! Their generous donation of \$4000 in Co-op gift cards will cover our hot lunch program for the rest of the 2024-2025 school year, making it FREE for every student! 🍎🥑

We are incredibly grateful for their support in ensuring that all our students have access to nutritious meals. This contribution will make a significant difference in our community. 🙏❤️

#ThankYou #MidIslandCoop #CommunitySupport
#HotLunchProgram #Grateful



December's Big Events at School

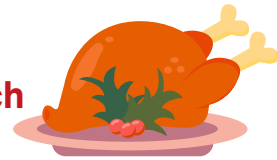
As we approach the festive season, our school has a lineup of exciting events for students and families. Here's what you need to know:

December 16th: Holiday Shopping for Students



Students will have the opportunity to shop for their family members. Each item is priced at \$2. Please ensure your child brings enough money to cover the gifts they wish to purchase. We are still accepting gently used or new donations until December 13th. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Caitlyn Vincent.

December 17th: School Community Potluck Lunch



Join us for a community potluck lunch at 12 PM. Doors will open at 11:30 AM, allowing everyone to find a seat and get settled. Feel free to bring a dish of your family's favorite side dish to share. We are also looking for volunteers to help with setup and cleanup. If you can assist, please let Miss Catherine know. Additionally, the Giant Stocking Winners will be drawn at 2 PM.

December 18th: Winter Concert



Our Winter Concert will begin promptly at 6 PM. Doors will open at 5:30 PM, with a few concession items available before the concert starts. Enjoy a beverage, hot dog, or chips before the show! Please note that the concession will close at 5:50 PM so our volunteers can enjoy the concert as well.

We look forward to celebrating this festive season with our school community. See you there!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the holiday season, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the importance of maintaining a generous spirit and practicing kindness within our school community. This time of year is a wonderful opportunity to come together, support one another, and spread positivity as a community of learners and educators as well as families.

If you have any questions, concerns, or curiosities about school matters, I encourage you to reach out to us directly. Our staff is here to listen and work with you to address any issues in a constructive and supportive manner. By doing so, we can ensure that all interactions remain respectful and beneficial for our entire school community.

Let's continue working together to foster a positive and welcoming environment for our children, where kindness and generosity are at the forefront. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

As we eagerly anticipate a well-deserved break, we recognize that this time of year may also present challenges or difficulties for some families. Please remember that we are here to support you with compassion and understanding. Our goal is to help alleviate any undue stress and provide assistance in any way we can.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Winter Concert on December 18th!

Wishing you and your families a joyful and peaceful holiday season.

Warm Regards,
Christine Middleton
Sayward Principal

