



December 2022

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November was a busy month! One of the highlights was our Remembrance Day Assembly, the entire staff were very proud of our student's exemplary behavior. We would like to thank the Ecole Willow Point choir and our grade 4/5 classes who presented at the assembly. Most importantly, we are grateful for all those who have served our country past and present.

Another highlight was the recent student led conference your child participated in, it was great to see you all here.

December is a cheery season filled with exciting events in our school. With that in mind, this year's Winter concert will be held on December 15th with a morning and afternoon performance. We are asking that families only attend one of the performances and that if you are sick to please stay home. Students have all been working hard on their performance and we are looking forward to sharing this with you soon!

All the classes at Ecole Willow Point have been collecting food items for the Knights of Columbus Christmas Hampers and it has been heartwarming to see how many items have been brought in already. Thank you, Ecole Willow Point!

On behalf of the staff, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all the students, parents, and extended families a relaxing holiday and best wishes for the New Year. It is a pleasure to work and learn in such a great environment!

Warm Regards,
Hendrick Horsthuis and Rachel Black

Some awesome EWP students helping out shoveling during the recent snow fall !



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Knights of Columbus Hamper Drive

The Knights of Columbus delivers food hampers to over 1100 families in Campbell River each Christmas. 2022 will be the 49th consecutive year, as in previous years our school would like to help out and we are asking families to donate non-perishable food items as well as new toys or cash donations by **December 13th**. eTransfers to: willowpoint@sd72.bc.ca can be used to make cash donations. Cheques should be made out to École Willow Point.

The Knights of Columbus make their deliveries to families in need on December 19th. Hampers are delivered to seniors, families with children and individuals who often are working but just don't have the extra funds required at this time of year to fill stockings or have a festive Christmas dinner. Hampers also go to people with disabilities and those on low and fixed incomes. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Collection boxes will be set up outside the front entrance. Our schools generosity was amazing last year, lets do it again!!



Possible School Closures:

Tune into the Eagle, the River or Jet FM by 7:30 am to hear about any school closures. You can also check the School District website <http://www.sd72.bc.ca> as well as the SD72 Facebook page.



LOST & FOUND

There are MANY items in lost & found: Mitts, hats, coats, water bottles, shoes, etc.

Please check the lost & found for any of your child's belongings. It is located just inside the front doors.

Any thing left on the last day before Winter break will be taken to the Salvation Army thrift store.



SANTA'S WORKSHOP

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

*Students will have the opportunity to shop
at Santa's Workshop during school hours.*

**We encourage students
to bring a grocery bag
to bring their
items home.**

ALL ITEMS
FOR PURCHASE
\$2



ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THE ANGEL TREE.

CÉLÉBRONS ENSEMBLE!

EWP WINTER CONCERT

DECEMBER 15, 2022

9AM & 1PM



DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BOARD



Shelley Jepps really outdid herself with this months Birthday Board!
So cute and original!!



Clara & Ocea 05	Landon C 07	Ava 08	Kai 08
George 11	Sophie 13	Avery 17	Olivia V 19
Raeya 20	Brittany 22	Aurelie 24	
Landon O 30	Gage 31		
M Hendrick 19			

**Young Entrepreneur Fair
December 7th**

**Some of the items that our students will be selling at
the YEF**





KINDERGARTEN IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

Public Health offers immunization clinics throughout the year for Kindergarten aged children.

The following are the most common vaccines given to children at this age. Some children may be missing some vaccines and have not completed their childhood immunizations. Public Health Nurses or Family Physicians can ensure that your child is fully immunized against the following vaccine preventable diseases.

Vaccine	Vaccine Schedule
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio (given in one poke)	Most children in kindergarten are due for this vaccine.
Varicella (Chickenpox)	Most children in kindergarten are due for a <u>second</u> dose of this vaccine. <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Children who have had chickenpox disease or shingles when they were <u>over</u> one year of age do not need this vaccine.♦ Children who had chickenpox disease when they were <u>younger</u> than one year of age OR who have never had chickenpox disease should have already been given 1 dose of this vaccine and now need a second dose. If the second dose is necessary, it can be mixed with the measles mumps and rubella, so the child will be getting only one poke.
Hepatitis B	Most children in kindergarten should have already been given 3 doses of this vaccine.
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (given in one poke)	Most children in kindergarten should have already been given 1 dose of this vaccine. Most children in kindergarten are due for a second dose of this vaccine. In kindergarten it can be mixed with chickenpox vaccine so children will be getting only one poke.
Meningococcal C	Most children in kindergarten should have already been given 2 doses of this vaccine.

All of these vaccines are provided free of charge by the health unit or your family doctor. To check your child's immunization status or to make an appointment, phone your local Public Health Unit.

For more information:

- ♦ Your local Public Health Unit
- ♦ HealthLinkBC or dial 8-1-1 (a free call)
- ♦ HealthLink BC Files
- ♦ Your family doctor
- ♦ www.immunizebc.ca



BC HEALTHY KIDS DENTAL PROGRAM

Basic dental coverage is available for children through the Healthy Kids Program. Dependent children under 19 years of age may be covered for dental care if the family is approved to receive premium assistance for BC Medical Services Plan (MSP).

Children are eligible for up to \$2000 of basic dental services every two years. This includes services such as exams, x-rays, fillings, cleanings and extractions. Some services are limited. For example, the program does not cover orthodontic treatment. Healthy Kids may not cover all of the costs and there may be additional charges for each visit. Before treatment begins, confirm that your dentist is accepting children covered by the BC Healthy Kids Program, and what part of the services will be covered.

To use the services, take your child's BC Care Card to the dental office and they will confirm coverage before each appointment.

To find out if your child is covered call: 1-866-866-0800(have your child's Care Card Number handy)

Or access the [Healthy Kids](#) website.

For more information:

Island Health, Public Health - Dental:

Comox Valley Health Unit	250-331-8520
Campbell River Health Unit	250-850-2110

LIFE-THREATENING FOOD ALLERGIES AND SPECIAL DAYS

Special days like birthdays, Easter and year-end parties are times of celebration with friends and food. However, these can be very risky times for students with life-threatening food allergies.

School staff, parents and students can help to keep allergic students safe by creating "allergy-aware" classrooms and schools:

Clear communication between parents and teachers about special days and any food that might be offered
Avoidance strategies such as handwashing before and after eating and asking students not to share or trade food

Celebrate with stickers, games or prizes instead of food

Teach students about severe allergies and how they can help if a student is having a reaction

Remind allergic students to tell an adult right away when they might be having a reaction

Make sure all school staff know what to do if a student has a reaction

Refer to your school's policies and regulations around life-threatening food allergies for more information.

For more information:

Your local [Public Health Unit](#)

[AllergyAware.ca](#) (free, online courses about anaphylaxis)

[Food Allergy Canada](#)

[EpiPen.ca](#)

[HealthLinkBC and Dietitian Services](#) or dial 8-1-1 and ask to speak to a Registered Dietitian (a free call)



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1	2 Hot Lunch	3
	Food Hamper Donations Nov 21- Dec 13					
4	5	6	7 Young Entrepreneur Fair	8	9 Hot Lunch Santa's Workshop	10
11	12	13 Last day for Knights of Columbus Hamper donations.	14 	15 Winter Concert 9:00 am & 1:00pm 	16 Last Day before Winter Break	17
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*Winter Break Dec 19- Jan 2nd
School re-opens on January 3rd
Happy Holidays*

