

PORT GUICHON Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER

No. 4 – December 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for supporting our events at school. It was great to see so many of our students participate in Crazy Hair Day. We hope to see just as many students participating in Jersey Day coming up on Friday, November 29th. On behalf of Mrs. Tan and the WE Team, we would also like to say a sincere thank you for supporting our clothing drive. We know that all that clothing is bound to make a true difference in helping all those families affected in the Philippines. We hope that you continue to support upcoming events like the WE Team's stocking stuffer drive and also our canned food drive for Deltassist Christmas Hampers.

We would also really like to thank Mr. Sowden and Mr. Jang, who coached our Volleyball team to a 4th place finish at the DSS tournament. We know how much time and effort it takes to coach a team and truly appreciate their efforts.

Mrs. Grannary and Mr. Douangchanh would like to thank all those students who auditioned for our upcoming Christmas Concert. We know how much courage it takes to come out and audition. Unfortunately there are not enough speaking roles for all those who came out. Mrs. Grannary and Mr. Douangchanh would also like to thank Mrs. D'Aoust for her help during the audition process.

Bob Thompson, Principal – Port Guichon

Mark Douangchanh, Vice Principal – Port Guichon

CANNED FOOD DRIVE TO SUPPORT DELTASSIST CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The Holiday Season is a time where many diverse cultures celebrate in many ways, and it is also a time for understanding and giving. Once again, we will be holding a canned/non-perishable food drive to support families in our community through Deltassist. The most useful contributions are:



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| ◇ canned fruits | ◇ canned or dried soups | ◇ canned fish and meat |
| ◇ canned vegetables | ◇ pasta (regular & whole wheat) | ◇ fruit juices |
| ◇ rice | ◇ cereal / oatmeal | ◇ baby food / formula |
| ◇ peanut butter | ◇ beans | ◇ pasta sauce |



Due to health regulations, home canned goods cannot be accepted.

Donations will be accepted until Thursday morning, December 19th.

TERM 1 REPORTING

Report cards for Term 1 will be sent home on Monday, December 16th. There are 5 reporting times in the year; 3 formal reports through report cards, and 2 informal reports (parent-teacher and student-led conferences). We recognize the importance of parent support at home for your child's education and we encourage you to contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns after receiving the first term report card.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

With expertise and leadership from Mr. Douangchanh, Mrs. Grannary and all our classroom teachers, Port Guichon students are already practicing and rehearsing for our annual Christmas Concert. All of the classes will be participating. There will be two performances. We will have an afternoon performance on Tuesday, December 17th, at 1:30 pm and an evening performance on Wednesday, December 18th, at 7:00 pm so that everyone will be able to celebrate with our students. We welcome families to attend on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 17th at 1:30 pm. If you are able, we encourage you and your family to attend the afternoon performance. Chances are greater that you will get a good seat and it will help reduce over-crowding at the evening performance. Please watch for further details coming home from your child's classroom teacher regarding appropriate clothing, etc.



CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Once again, our grade 7 students, together with our parents, will host a Christmas breakfast for all the students and staff in the gym on Friday, December 20th.

PUNCTUALITY

It is important for students to arrive at school on time. Late students miss work and interrupt classroom learning. Children entering the building late should report to the office. If you know your child will be absent, please phone the school at 946-0321. If a child is absent and we have not been notified, we will phone home to check. Our answering machine is on 24/7 so you can leave us a message anytime.

LOST AND FOUND



Our **LOST AND FOUND** collection is growing! Please stop by the school and look through the many coats, shirts, hats, shoes, etc. that are on display in the back hallway. We'd like to reunite lost items with their owners. You'll be amazed at the number and variety of lost items. **Unclaimed items will be donated to a worthy cause.**

Messages, Activities, and Social Action – Brought to you by the Port Guichon WE Team

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Division 5, 6 and 8, with the assistance of the WE team, will be hosting a **Rice Krispie Squares and Nut-free Cookie sale on Tuesday, December 10th**. All items will be **\$1.00** and proceeds of the sale will go towards the relief efforts in the **Philippines**. If families would like to contribute items, individually wrapped items can be brought to the Orca pod on Monday, December 9th. Your support is very much appreciated!



The WE team will be hosting a noon-hour movie for primaries and intermediates on **Tuesday and Wednesday, December 10th and 11th**. The primary movie will be Alvin and the Chipmunks and the intermediate movie will be Elf. **Donations of \$1.00 will be collected by classroom teachers and proceeds will go towards the relief efforts in the Philippines.**

Winter is coming and the temperature is dropping. **Our school's WE Team is collecting clean and gently used toques, socks, gloves and scarves. We will be collecting from December 2-11th**. The items will be packaged and donated to a local shelter. Our goal is to collect as much as we can and help the less fortunate. Please help out so we can keep everyone warm this winter! Thank you for your donations.



-Marissa N.



If you have any questions about these projects and activities, please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Tan at the school.

Sincerely,

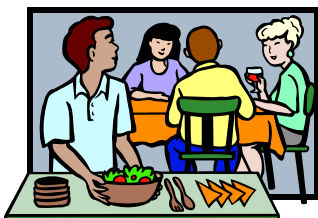
Irene Tan
WE Team Sponsor Teacher



MESSAGES FROM YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Meal Time Is Family Time

Kids from families who eat together three or more times a week are more likely to do better at school, and less likely to be involved in high risk activities such as smoking, fighting and drugs. Kids are also more likely to eat healthy foods. Suggestions are to:



- Expect the whole family eat dinner together
- Serve dinner at a time when everyone is home
- Turn off the television and don't answer the telephone during dinner
- Encourage conversation. Have family members share one positive thing that happened to them that day.

Winter Sports Safety


How can we be safe when enjoying winter sports?

- Take lessons
- Wear an approved helmet
- Use sunscreen even on a cloudy day
- Always use the buddy system
- Look for hazards, stay in bounds & know your limits

For more information go to www.injuryfreezone.com or call your local health unit



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UPCOMING EVENTS	
Jersey Day Friday, November 29	Students are invited to wear their favourite team jersey to school today.
WE Team Toques, Socks, Gloves, & Scarves Collection December 2 – 11	The WE Team at Port Guichon has planned a Christmas project to collect new, clean and gently used toques, socks, gloves and scarves that will be donated to a local shelter.
Pre-Ordered Pasta Lunch Friday, December 6	Thank you, PAC volunteers, for this special lunch.
Canned Food Drive For Deltassist December 9 – 18  <i>share, share, share</i>	Once again this year, we will celebrate the spirit of the holiday season by sharing with those in need. Canned goods will be collected in classrooms and donated to Deltassist for their holiday food hamper distribution. Donations will also be collected at the Christmas Concerts. Thank you for your support.
Rice Krispie Squares & Nut-Free Cookie Sale - \$1.00 each Tuesday, December 10	Div.5, 6 & 8, with the assistance of the WE Team is hosting this cookie sale. All proceeds will go towards to the relief efforts in the Philippines. Individually wrapped cookie contributions can be brought to the Orca Pod on Monday, December 9 th .
WE Team Movie @ Lunch \$1.00 donation Tues. & Wed., Dec. 10 & 11	The We Team is hosting this noon-hour movie. Donations of \$1.00 will go toward the relief efforts in the Philippines. Primary movie: Alvin and the Chipmunks Intermediate movie: Elf.
Jingle Bell Run Wednesday, December 11	11:30 AM Please join us for our run (weather permitting). If it's raining (or snowing!) we'll be doing our Jingle Bell Run activity in the gym.
Report Cards Sent Home Monday, December 16	Please sign and return the report card envelope by Thursday, December 19 th .
Christmas Concert Afternoon Performance Tuesday, December 17	1:30 PM – Dress Rehearsal/Performance – Parents/families are welcome Please join us in the gym for this holiday celebration. We will be accepting donations of non-perishable food and cans for our food drive for Deltassist.
Christmas Concert Wednesday, December 18	7:00 pm. – Evening Performance Please join us in the gym for this holiday celebration. We will be accepting donations of non-perishable food and cans for our food drive for Deltassist.
Pancake Breakfast Friday, December 20	Our grade 7 students, with guidance and assistance from our parent volunteers, will serve breakfast to all our students from 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. As seating will take place in shifts, please make sure that children have their usual breakfast at home.
Last Day of School Friday, December 20	Last day of school before Winter Break. Students dismissed at 3:00 PM
SCHOOL RE-OPENS Monday, January 6, 2014	8:45 AM WELCOME TO 2014!
PAC Meeting Tuesday, January 14	7:00 pm Please join us at the school for our monthly PAC meeting. All Port Guichon parents are welcome.
Polar Bear Jog Wednesday, January 15	11:30 AM Please join us for our run (weather permitting). If it's raining (or snowing!) we'll be doing our Polar Bear Run activity in the gym.