



This Week at WLE – December 16

Information

Please review the information below and be sure to contact the school if you have any questions.



Adopted Families for Christmas

FAMILY A:

- Single Mom: Clothing size medium, Shoe size 36 or size 6 in need of Boots. Would like a Blender to blend dry ingredients.
- Daughter - Age 10: Shoe size 3, clothing size 12. Loves Lego Dinosaurs and Robots.
- Daughter-Age 21

FAMILY B:

- Single Mom: Vegetarian, Slippers size 9, Clothing Size XLarge - Bathrobe, Corel dishes with the blue circle. Needs a Car Seat for 4 year old.
- Son - Age 4 1/2 - Shoe size Youth 10, Clothing size Youth 6, loves Lego and Mario.
- Daughter - 2 1/2 - Shoe size Youth 7, Clothing size 3 Toddler. Loves Barbies and Paw Patrol.

Below are some suggestions from the Christmas Bureau regarding Food Donations. Any certificates or cash to purchase certificates or presents should be brought to the office and given to Ms. Swerdan please. Any questions please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Swerdan also.

Hamper Food Items

Gift Certificates

Gift Certificates enable clients to purchase perishable food items for their Christmas Dinner in the days leading up to Christmas.

Potatoes, Vegetables (canned), Cranberry sauce/jelly, soup (canned/dehydrated) Real fruit juice, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, peanut butter, jam, honey, marmalade, fruit (canned), chocolate or candy canes, stove-top dressing, foil roasting pan, Christmas candy/nuts, cake or cookies, pasta/sauce/rice, pancake batter/syrup/cereals and crackers.

Toilet paper, tissues, paper towel, napkins, dish soap, candles, paper table cloth, cake mixes and canned frosting, brownie mixes, anything you would enjoy or need through the Christmas period.

Unfortunately we are unable to include any home baking or canning in any of our hampers.

We would also ask that you do not include any alcohol in the Christmas hampers.

Christmas Concert Information

Friday, December 13 – Students are asked to have their costumes at school by December 13.

Please see information below regarding specific costume needs. Teachers will also be sending home the information. If you missed this deadline, please send your child with their costume for Monday, December 16. Thank you for your help and support.

Tuesday, December 17- Students will be performing for each other in the afternoon so everyone can see the show in its entirety. Band students will need their instruments today as well.

Wednesday, December 18 – Christmas Musical Performances will take place at 1pm and 6:30pm. Please have grandparents and extended family members attend the afternoon performance. We need an audience so as many people as possible would be greatly appreciated. Band and choir will be performing at both concerts as well.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Gym doors will open for our performances at 12:30pm and 6:00pm respectively. Students are expected to be with their parents until their classroom doors open. Students should enter through the outside classroom doors. Classroom doors will open at 6:15pm.

Students will take their costumes home after school on the 18th (after the afternoon performance) and need to arrive in costume for the evening performance at 6:15pm at their outside classroom doors

All students are expected to attend both the afternoon and evening performances. Students are working hard to prepare and we need everyone participating to ensure strong performances. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Parking – We are asking and thanking everyone in advance in regards to parking at West Langley on December 18th. Please park either on the north gravel parking lot, in a designated parking stall or on the back gravel playing field (the gate will be open for car access). Please keep all designated fire lanes clear. If you and your family live in close proximity to the school, we ask that you consider walking on this evening as parking is very limited. We are looking for 5-10 adults to assist as parking attendants. If you are willing, please let the WLE office know as soon as possible.

Christmas Concert Costume Information

Our concert is fast approaching, just a few more weeks! Each division will be performing on stage. To make our concert all it can be, we would like students to have costumes. These are specific for each division and need to be at school by Dec 13 in a labeled bag. Please see your child's class below. If your child has a cast role, they will wear that costume, not the class one. A separate letter will come home shortly with that information. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Schmidt.

Grade 6 and 7 (Div 1,2,3)	Carolers – sweaters, scarves, toques, santa hats
Grade 4 and 5 (Div 3,4,5)	Elves – green and red. Suspenders, vests, elf hats, long socks. (elf onesies are fine too)
Div 6 and Div 7	Snow people – white tops, dark or white bottoms, toques, vest, scarves, white gloves
Div 8 and 9	Sugar Cookie People – white tops, dark bottoms. Bow ties for boys, bow for girls (or a tie), “buttons” for front of shirt. See attached photo – (brown shirts are very hard to find -thus sugar cookies instead!)
Div 10 and 11	Reindeer – brown or white top, dark bottoms, antlers, black gloves (reindeer onesies are fine too)

Emergency Drills

On January 15, we will be practicing a Hold and Secure Drill so we are sending some information help you get familiar with our emergency procedures. Each year, schools across British Columbia practice emergency drills to learn routines and expectations that can be used in a variety of situations. Routines and practiced expectations help to keep everyone calm and orderly allowing adults to respond appropriately. Some of these drills include fire, earthquake (drop, cover and hold), evacuate, shelter in place, room clear, hold and secure and lockdown. We will typically do 9-10 emergency drills a year, most of them being fire and earthquake drills. Please see the attached emergency drill poster which is also located in every classroom. If a school was to go into a hold and secure or into lockdown, families would receive communication from the school after consultation with the School Board Office.

If your child might become anxious about the hold and secure drill, you can help us by reviewing with your child/children that it is only a drill and that they are safe. Their teachers are present to help them and give them reassurance – it is a quiet emergency drill and we remain inside. If you think giving us a heads up to provide additional support to your child is warranted, please do not hesitate to let Ms. Potter-Smith know at clambiepottersmith@sd35.bc.ca. If you have any questions about our emergency drills, please contact Ms. Potter-Smith directly.

Pancake Breakfast – December 20

We will be hosting a pancake breakfast for students on Friday, December 20 beginning at 8:45am in the gym. If you are interested in helping, please see the PAC Information section for more information. We will have a nut-free, gluten-free pancake option for students who need it. If you would like to help, we would love to see you!

Reminders

We have been working with students this fall to demonstrate kind, respectful behaviours. As you know, most of the time, students make great choices and are great citizens of West Langley Elementary. Occasionally, students do make mistakes and reminding students of the following expectations would help us ensure a safe, caring and comfortable environment.

- Please be dressed for the weather. Unless we are experiencing extreme weather, we go outside to play rain or shine. Many students love playing in puddles and we ask that they be wearing boots to keep their feet dry.
- Students are expected to display respectful behaviour towards all staff, volunteer parents, and each other both verbally and physically.
- We have supervision outside from 8:15am-8:30am in the morning. Students should be arriving after 8:15am unless there is a pre-arranged, teacher supervised activity.
- Once students arrive on school grounds in the morning, they are expected to remain on campus. If they need to leave for some reason, please come to the office for support and to obtain parent permission to leave. Students should not be playing in the forest.

Thank you for your support. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Potter-Smith.

PAC Information



January to March Hot Lunch session is organized and will open for registration on Friday, December 6. Please note, since our first Hot Lunch of the New Year happens the first week back, **Ordering for the first session will close on December 19**. All other lunch dates for the January-March session will be open until 7 days prior to the scheduled date as usual.

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/WestLangley>

We are still needing volunteers for the following items. If you are able to help, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

- 1) December 18 – Parking attendants
- 2) December 20 – Christmas Pancake breakfast in the gym: we need parents to assist with set up, mixing pancake batter, helping students, serving in the gym, clean up)
- 3) Emergency Prep – we have 7 parents willing and are looking for at least three more to assist in January with reviewing classroom emergency prep bags, restocking, and reorganizing our emergency supplies.

Thank you for your consideration!

Our next PAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 30 at 6:30pm.

Be sure to watch for more information on:

- 1) An upcoming fundraiser for the Vancouver Giants game on January 20 before Christmas
- 2) Pub Fundraiser on February 29th at Jimmy Mac's

Calendar of Events

Friday, Dec 13: Term One Report Cards Available online and

Spirit Day: Christmas Sweater Day

Tuesday, Dec 17: Student-only Christmas Musical performance
– all costumes needed!

Wednesday, Dec 18: 1pm and 6:30pm Christmas Musical
Performance

Friday, Dec 20: Last day of Classes prior to Winter Break,
Christmas Pancake Breakfast

Monday, Jan 6: Schools reopen after Winter Break

Looking ahead:

January 17: Spirit Day – Tacky Tourist Day

January 30: PAC Meeting, 6:30pm

