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December 2022 Newsletter

Message from Ms. Farquhar:

Hello and Ho-Ho-Ho parents and guardians,

It is that time of year when staff and students collaborate on winter celebrations, and we create a cozy environment throughout our school. Of course, the upcoming winter concerts and seasonal spirit days are a big part of that growing anticipation. We are looking forward to welcoming parents to the school for our 2 concerts which take place December 14th and 15th at 1:00pm in the gym (see details below). We have also enjoyed a great volleyball season and are very proud of our grade 6 & 7 boys and girls teams for their sustained efforts and teamwork. It was a pleasure seeing them cooperate together while having fun on the court and seeing the support from staff, students and parents. Our students represented us all very well!

This year our Cobras are also planning a school wide food drive for the local Food Bank. Please see details below and consider sending nonperishable items with your child to school to support this cause. A free pizza lunch will be arranged for the class that donates the most items of non-perishable food. Food drives have been a part of my holiday spirit since I was a child and it's wonderful to see our students getting excited about giving back, too!

At Arthur Stevenson we are also enjoying community building programs such as One to One Reading and Roots of Empathy. These initiatives are fantastic ways of connecting our students to community members through fostering a love of reading and instilling empathy and care for infants as students observe and interact with the miracle of child development.

As always, the staff and students at Arthur Stevenson are grateful for your continued support of our school community. We look forward to the New Year and wish everyone a wonderful Winter Holiday Season this year.

Your Proud Principal,
Kirsten Farquhar (she/her)

Happy Holidays!

Winter Concert Come Back!

We're excited to finally have our winter concert again! There will be two showings:

Wednesday, Dec 14th at 1:00pm

Thursday, Dec 15th at 1:00pm

There is limited seating, so we are suggesting families with last names starting with A-M to come to the Dec 14th showing and families with last names N-Z to come to the Dec 15th showing. We hope to see you there!



Winter Weather is Upon Us:

As the cold rolls in, please send your students with adequate outerwear. Students are still encouraged to be outside for recess and lunch. We will keep an eye on the temperature and adjust our outside time (come in early or have an inside day) if it gets too cold. -15 is our approx. threshold for adjusting outside times.

Food Drive Competition!

It's a battle of the classes to see who can bring in the most donations for the food bank. ***The class who brings in the most # of items will earn a pizza party!!*** Here is a list of the most needed items:

- Baby formula
- Baby food
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Pasta
- Canned Vegetables
- Peanut Butter
- Rice
- Soup



Our donation will be picked up and weighed by the Kamloops Food Bank on Dec 16th!

School Fees:

This is a reminder to parents that school fees are now past due! Please contact the office or your classroom teacher if you require assistance with fees. The new Student and Family Affordability Fund is an awesome program to help with the rising costs of raising a family.

Please fill out the form (found [HERE](#)) and return to the office.

Seasonal Spirit Days:

- **Friday, Dec 9** – Wear your ugly sweaters!! Don't have an ugly sweater? Wear red and green!
- **Monday, Dec 12** – Rock your socks or slippers!
- **Tuesday, Dec 13** – Santa hat or winter headwear!
- **Friday, Dec 16** – Pajama Day!

School Messenger/Safe Arrival:

Parents are asked to please report student absences before 8:30 am on the day of the absence. Planned absences can be reported in advance. To report an absence you may choose to:

- Call the toll free # 1-844-350-2647 or
- Access the following website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> or
- Download App from iTunes or Google Play



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Lost & Found:

This is a reminder to label your child's personal belongings so we can get them back to their rightful owners. The lost and found is still overflowing, please stop by and take a look! We will need to empty out our space in the new year.

All Raising Digitally Responsible Youth – A Parent's Guide

This guide was designed to help introduce Parents and Caregivers to leading social media platforms, video games, and relevant trends that are either being used already or have the potential to be used by their children. This guide is full of tips, how-to's and definitions for the most widely used apps – including TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram and more. Best of all – it's complimentary!

The link to the guide can be found on our district website, under Parent Resources (click [HERE](#)).

P.A.C. – Parent Advisory Council:

- The next P.A.C. meeting will be held on Monday, January 9th at 7pm in the library.

Cobra Clothing Orders:

COBRA CLOTHING IS AVAILABLE TO ORDER!!

Clothing will be on sale until January 20, 2023. To order, visit the PAC hot lunch website at: <https://ases.parentcouncil.net/admin> and enter the **access code AEHL**. All orders must be placed online.

Alternative payment options are available by emailing PAC at arthurstevenson.pac@gmail.com

****PAC is not responsible for any clothing that does not fit and clothing is not returnable or refundable.****

Hot Lunch Orders:

****If your student is away and you would like to pick-up their hot lunch, please email the PAC at arthurstevenson.pac@gmail.com or you can call the school.****

Upcoming Events / Dates:

Mon, Dec 5 – Pro-D Day – School Closed

Fri, Dec 9 – Ugly Sweater or Red/Green Day

Mon, Dec 12 – Rock Your Socks or Slippers

Tues, Dec 13 – Santa Hat or Winter Headwear

Wed, Dec 14 – Holiday Concert 1:00pm

Thurs, Dec 15 – Holiday Concert 1:00pm / Last Day of Food Drive

Fri Dec 16 – Last Day Before Winter Break (PJ Day!)

Tues, Jan 3 – First Day Back to School!