



STETTLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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December Newsletter

Dates to Remember

Thursday, December 1 – Jersey Day

Friday, December 2 – Professional Development Day – No School for Students

Tuesday, December 6 – 2AH, 2DB, 3GE, 3KR, 4DB & 4NN Christmas Concert – 1:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 7 – Grade 5 Music/Drama/Band Concert 1:30 PM & 6:00 PM

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Thursday, December 8 – 2CS, 2SG, 3HT, 3RV, 4BL, 4LW Christmas Concert – 1:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Friday, December 9 – Cozy PJ & Slipper Day

Friday, December 9 – Edo of Japan Hot Lunch

Monday, December 12 – Kindergarten Christmas Concert – 9:30 AM (Rehearsal), 6:30 PM Concert

Wednesday, December 14 – Grade 1 Christmas Concert – 1:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Friday, December 16 – Crazy Toque & Christmas Sock Day

Friday, December 16 – Subway Hot Lunch

Tuesday, December 20 – Last Day of Classes Before Christmas

Tuesday, December 20 – Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Tuesday, December 20 – Movie for Students at Jewel Theatre

Wednesday, December 21 – Tuesday, January 3: Christmas Break

Wednesday, January 4 – First day of Classes in New Year

November was another busy month at Stettler Elementary School. Our students are continuing to enjoy all of the extra-curricular activities that are offered to them. These include Intramurals and Student Led Clubs. Our swim program has wrapped up for all students in grades 4, 5, and 6 students and the grades 1, 2, and 3 swim program will begin in the spring. Thank you to Ms. McDonald and Mrs. Syson for organizing our after school Volleyball program for grade 5 and 6 students. I heard many very positive comments from our neighbouring schools that were able to take part in some of the Volleyball tournaments. As well, our Kindergarten classes have enjoyed a few field trips and special activities so far this year. A couple of these include a Fire Safety Presentation, and a trip to Central Vision and Hearing. There have also been other classroom celebrations and special days held. Mrs. Lynn's and Mrs. Nielsen's classes have enjoyed playing cards with some of the senior citizens in our community, and Mr. Howell's science class enjoyed a presentation from ATCO.

Also, in November, our school attended the complex-wide Remembrance Day Service in the high school gymnasium on Tuesday, November 8. Mrs. Kirby did an excellent job directing the Stettler Elementary Show Choir as they performed at the service, and we would like to recognize and thank Jamie Dickson for representing SES at the service and for laying a wreath. Our Choir also had the opportunity to perform, once again, at the Festival of Lights Seniors' Tea on November 23, at the Stettler Community Hall. Thank you again, Mrs. Kirby for directing this choir, and thank you to Mrs. Lynes for accompanying the choir on the piano. Our

students did a wonderful job at the Seniors' Tea and represented our school fabulously. We have such polite and wonderful students in our school, and I am very proud of them. Great job, everyone!! SES also participated in Operation Christmas Child again this year, and on November 16, our students teamed up to fill 321 boxes this year. A big THANK YOU to Julie Weeks and Christie Brennan for organizing this event for our school once again and thank you to Mrs. Lang and to the parent volunteers that were also an integral part of making that day such a success.

As with most months, November was extremely busy. During the month some of our classes chose to take part in the Remembrance Day Poster/Literary Contest. Good luck to those students who are participating. I leafed through some of the entries and they were very well done. Our Parent/Teacher Interviews were held on Wednesday, November 23, and Thursday, November 24 and the parent turnout was fantastic. Thank you to all of the parents who made the time to check up on their child's progress. Mrs. Baltimore once again, brought the Scholastic Book Fair to the library during the week of interviews so that students had the opportunity to purchase books and posters. The Book Fair was very successful and we are grateful to the very many parents who came in to assist with it. Mrs. Baltimore simply could not have done it without you.

Now that December has arrived, our students and teachers are working very hard to prepare for the Christmas Concerts. Thank you to the school staff and students for the countless hours of dedication they put into these concerts. Our School Council will again be hosting a bake sale after each concert in the entryway of the high school. Thank you to our hard working school council members for organizing, and for their willingness to work the bake sales. Also, thank you to our parents for the donations of baked goods for these sales. Without your support this would not be possible. This is a great fundraiser for our School Council and it allows all of our parents to participate and be a part of supporting the council and school. This year the School Council has elected to donate proceeds from the Bake Sales to supporting the new book room that the school is trying to get up and running. Thank you SO much for your support and thank you for everything that you do to make this school successful.

The month is already going very quickly, so we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy, peaceful holiday during the Christmas break and throughout this holiday season. Take time to enjoy your children and to celebrate this Christmas season. We look forward to an exciting 2017 and wish you the very best!