



NEWSLETTER



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DATES TO NOTE!

December, 2011

PAC Meeting 1st Wed. of Month

Dec 5 Whole school Lice Check

Dec 9 Family Movie Night—Smurfs
See info in this newsletter

Dec 14 Naden Band Concert 1:00 at
Royal Theatre
Div 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8

**Dec 15 Winter Assembly 8:45-10
All Welcome**

**Dec 16 Gingerbread Cookie
Decorating schedule in
office**

Dec 19 to Jan 2 Winter Break

Jan 3 First day back after break
Grade 4 Assembly

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians:

December is here! With this change in weather comes the need for children to dress warmly ... please ensure those coats are worn, hats are on and that tender fingers and toes are covered. Playing outside during recess, even in chilly weather, is invigorating and fun for the students. One of my favorite childhood memories is twirling round and round outside at recess during a Saskatchewan blizzard!

Of course, snowy weather has the potential to cause classes to be postponed or some School District 61 services to be suspended. Should the weather turn inclement, current information will be updated continuously on the Greater Victoria School District 61 website at www.sd61.bc.ca.

Marigold students were treated to a special First Nations art and culture presentation this week. Louise Milburn spent the morning at Marigold. She built two traditional drums for our school and led our First Nations students in the creation of animal skin ceremonial rattles. Louise is Cree and Ojibwa and these musical instruments are made in the traditional manner of her people. In follow up sessions Louise will complete the instruments with students and teach them a traditional welcoming song.

We have several winter celebrations to look forward to at Marigold over the next two weeks. Friday, Dec. 9 is Family Movie Night, sponsored and organized by our busy PAC elves. On Wednesday, Dec. 14th some classes will be going to the Naden Band Concert. Thursday, Dec. 15th from 8:45 to 10:00 we invite you to a "festival" of music and good cheer during our December assembly. Finally, children will be looking forward to the annual PAC gingerbread decorating activity on Dec. 16th the last day of school before holidays begin. Please see more info on several of these events in this newsletter!

Please note: Your child should have brought home their fall report card. Please ensure that the report card envelopes are returned to the school for reuse in March.

Yours truly,
Lois Bender, Principal



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The Importance of Attendance - Something to Think About

Did you know? That if your child, so far this year, has been absent

11 days he/she has missed 10% of the instructional time
16 days he/she has missed 15% of the instructional time
21 days he/she has missed 20% of the instructional time.
Research shows that when a student is absent more than 20% of the school year, the student has only a 1 in 6 chance of graduating from high school with his/her peer group.

School classrooms have changed, with an increased emphasis on interactive learning and participation. Missed time is therefore difficult and often impossible to make up, even when work is sent home.

Lateness makes a difference, too! If a child, is frequently even 10 minutes late for school, he/she can miss valuable time spent on preparation or organizational tasks or even the key concepts of the day's first lesson.

Thank you for being aware of this information.

Some classes will be going to the
Naden Band Concert

Wednesday, Dec. 14th. At the Royal Theatre. Students will travel to and from by bus. Families who wish may send a new unwrapped toy or tinned food items, but it is not mandatory.



VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR LICE CHECKS!

Thank you to all the volunteers who have stepped up to help! We still need volunteers for the monthly lice checks in these classrooms, we will also accept those who are able to help out on an on call basis.

-2 for Mrs. Gleeson

-1 for Ms. Shaw

Please contact: Tanya at rindlers@shaw.ca

-1 for Mme. Roberts/Tran

-1 for M. Belanger

-1 for Mme. Skinner

-1 for Mrs. George

-1 for Mrs. Callander

-1 for M. Harris

-1 for M. Bremaud

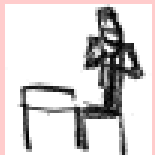
-1 for Mrs. Harrison



Do you have a child who will be 5 years old as at December 31, 2012

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS

January 30, 2012



Artwork in this issue...
Created by students in Division 9

**Poinsettia delivery on
Dec 7 at 2pm-4pm
in the gym.**



THE SMURFS



Marigold Family Movie Night

- Friday, December 9th, 2011
- 6:00 pm concession opens with pizza, popcorn and drinks
- 6:30 movie starts in the gym
- Brought to you by the parents of Marigold Elementary

Come prepared to this event with your blankets and pillows.

Sit back and have a good time watching the "SMURFS"!

Concession will be opening at 6:00 pm with pizza, popcorn, juice packs and bottled water available to purchase.

Movie starts at 6:30pm until finished.



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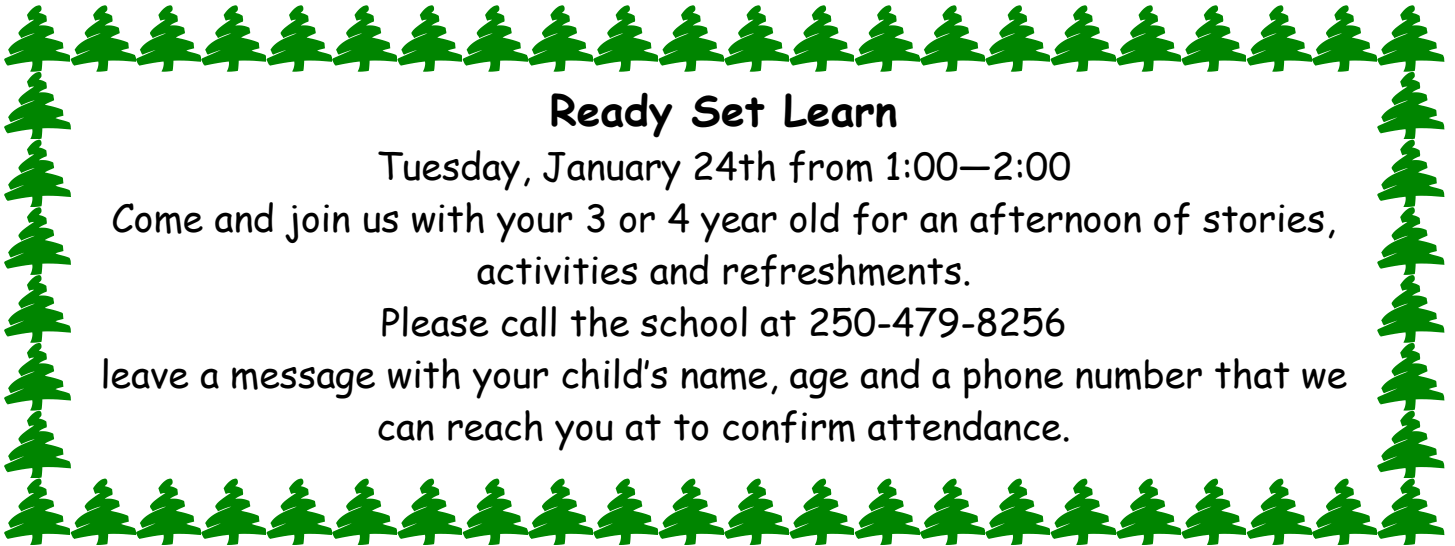
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1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

In this season of giving,
give the gift of literacy

Thank you for all the books that you have sent into homes of children with few books – last count is 11,000 books. In December this is even more important as many children will receive few gifts and likely even fewer books. Please part with a few of your “still in good shape” picture books suitable for babies and preschoolers. You will find the drop box in the..... And thank you for giving the gift of literacy.



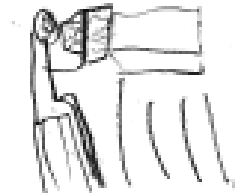
Ready Set Learn

Tuesday, January 24th from 1:00–2:00

Come and join us with your 3 or 4 year old for an afternoon of stories, activities and refreshments.

Please call the school at 250-479-8256

leave a message with your child's name, age and a phone number that we can reach you at to confirm attendance.



LOST...BUT NOT YET FOUND?

ALL CLOTHING WILL BE DONATED
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH IF NOT
CLAIMED. PLEASE COME AND CHECK
TO SEE IF ANYTHING BELONGS TO
YOU!

AnkleByters is now accepting registration
for the Winter Break. Hours of operation
are 7:15 am. - 5:30 pm. Monday December
19th to Friday December 23rd. For more in-
formation contact Brenda @ 250-216-2756.

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On behalf of *Chey's Hope Fund* Committee I want to say,

THANK YOU!!

The response to our bottle drive last Saturday was overwhelming! It was so wonderful to see how many people came out to support such a special family! We raised \$3109.00!!

If you were unable to drop off your empties, or you would like to continue to support our efforts please be advised that an account has been opened at all three locations of the *Bottle Depot* under 'Chey Kellett'. Also, we have opened a special bank account with CIBC. You can make a cash donation at any CIBC branch by making an anonymous deposit into account # 00930/ 86-88230.

The Kelletts were deeply touched by the love and support that our community has displayed and also wanted to send out their heartfelt thanks!

Gratefully yours,

Ila McKillop