



**December 2019**

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## Promontory Motto - Strong Learners, Kind Hearts

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE ~ Peace on Earth, good will to all...

This message never goes out of style. In fact, it is a message we continually reinforce each day, in every aspect of school life. When we ask for "Hands off, feet off", it is to avoid altercations (even unintended ones) and hard feelings. When we ask kids to use their kind words, it is because kindness supports our school motto "Strong Learners, Kind Hearts" and helps make this a safe and inviting place to be. Our hope is to reinforce the positive learning of social skills that is already happening at home. It is another way to help make this season merry and bright.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT – THURSDAY DEC. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00PM & 6:30PM

We are looking forward to presenting our Intermediate Christmas Production, Santa's Holiday Playlist. Please join us on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm and 6:30pm! The actors/actresses need to be at school for 5:30PM in the music room. All others students can arrive at 6:00PM and will meet their teachers in their classrooms. The classroom teachers will not be here before 6:00PM, so please do not drop your children off early. Those students who are not acting but are on the risers in the choir are asked to wear all black, along with a Christmas hat or headband (elf ears, Santa hat, reindeer antlers, red/green bow or headband, etc.)

### KINDERGARTEN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our youngest learners have their own special event this year. Kindergarten parents and guests are invited to our K Performance on Monday December 16<sup>th</sup>. 6:00pm. (Doors open at 5:45; please do not come early)

### SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE

Once again we are collecting donations to support the local Salvation Army food bank. Please bring in your donations. Canned food items and money are accepted. If we bring in 2000 items. then every student who brings an item will be entered into a draw....

to throw a pie into Ms. vanDalfsen or Mr. Bloch's face! Bring the food! Throw the pie! Our "Helping Hands" team will be coming around starting Monday to collect from each class, and

we will also be accepting food drive donations at the Intermediate Concert on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you from the Helping Hands!

### PLAYGROUND

We have good news and we have bad news. The bad news is we are still about \$10,000 short of our fundraising goal, which totals \$251,000. The good news is we went ahead and approved the City of Chilliwack to order the playground equipment, with installation planned for Summer 2020 (because it requires a 6-week window for site preparation, installation and finishing). We believe we can secure the remaining funds in the months ahead, and a big thank you goes out to the PAC and all our partners who are working with us on this. Thanks to PHECSA for a very generous donation in November! Keep in mind that our PAC fundraisers benefit our school, which means they benefit your child and our entire Promontory Community.

### REPORT CARDS

Our teachers are currently working on the final touches of Term 1 Report Cards. We have a flexible reporting period which means they will go home Dec. 9-13. The Report Card will give you a clear picture of your child's strengths and work areas. Please go over your child's Report Card with him/her. Talk about what they are doing well and what they need some extra support on. Together set a goal for Term 2.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST- FRI. DEC. 20, 7:30AM



Please join us for our annual Pancake Breakfast. It is a great way to start the day and get to know some Promontory families. Once you and your children have finished breakfast they can stay with you in the gym until the bell rings or can play outside if the weather permits. You are now able to place your breakfast order on Much-a-Lunch, under the fundraising tab. You will not be able to pay at the door this year, so please make sure to get those orders in!



### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Registration for Kindergarten 2020 is now open. If your child will be 5 years old on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 then it is time to register. Registration is all completed online.

<https://sd33.vivosforms.com/Home>

You will need Proof of Address and a Birth Certificate. Please encourage any of your neighbors to register, too.

### **LOST & FOUND**

Please come and have a look at the items in the Lost & Found. The bins will be cleared out and donated on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **BENEVOLENT FUND**

From time to time, many families find themselves in dire circumstances and need a little help. We like to be able to help children with breakfast, lunch, school supplies, etc. when a family needs our help. You can play a role in this by supporting our Benevolent Fund, which is a trust account managed by our office and accessed as needed. We will happily receive personal or business donations to this good cause. If you would like to help, please contact Kelsey Elderton at our front desk. Thank you for your generous support of our school community.

### **COUNSELOR'S DROP-IN CONSULTATION SERVICES**

Mrs. Lewis is our school counsellor this year and she will be offering a free drop-in time to consult and connect with parents regarding any concerns you may have or any community resources you are looking to try to connect with.

**Drop in times are Tuesdays & Wednesdays 8:30-9:00AM.**

### **IN/OUT DAYS**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD COMES DRESSED EACH DAY FOR THE FORECASTED WEATHER. WE WILL GO OUTSIDE MOST DAYS. With the fall weather on its way, we can expect more frequent wet, windy weather.** Even on days with drizzle or light rain children will be sent out for a period of time to get fresh air. The day is long and children do crave exercise and fresh air. **PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO MAKE RESPONSIBLE CHOICES. THANK YOU!**

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

When the snow starts to fall and the roads get challenging to navigate, the District may need to close the schools for safety reasons. If you are ever unsure whether schools are open and busses running, you can check the Promontory web site at <https://promontory.sd33.bc.ca/> and the School District web site at: <https://sd33.bc.ca/inclement-weather-school-closure-guidelines>.

### **Dates to Remember**

Dec. 6	-Hot Lunch
Dec. 9	- PAC Meeting in the Library 7:00PM (all are welcome!)
	- Neufeld Farms orders delivered
Dec. 9-13	- Report Cards home this week
Dec. 12	- Intermediate Christmas Concert 1/6:30PM
Dec. 16	- Kindergarten Christmas Concert 6:00PM
Dec. 18	-Festive Sweater Spirit Day!
Dec. 19	- Hot Lunch
Dec. 20	- Pancake Breakfast
	- Last day of Classes
Dec. 23- Jan. 3	- Winter Break
Jan. 6	- First day back to school!
Jan. 7	- Boys Volleyball game at Promontory
Jan. 8	- Girls Volleyball game at Promontory



### **LIBRARY NEWS**

#### **BOOKS OVER WINTER BREAK**

Intermediate students will be permitted to have two fiction books checked out over winter break. These books must be chapter books or just right books. All nonfiction books must be return to the library by Dec 13. All primary student library books are due during the week of December 16-20. Community accounts will be permitted to keep their books out over the winter break.



#### **CAMP READ S'MORE (READ-A-THON):**



Our Annual Readathon was very successful. Our school raised \$2400 to buy new iPads. Thank you to everyone in our school community that made this possible. The goal is to have the new iPads ready in the New Year. Stay

tune for more details to come!

Congratulations to Mrs. Bannerman's Grade 1 class for raising the most money and winning the pizza party!

#### **Scholastic Book Fair:**

We had a great turn out at our first book fair of the year. All book fair purchases benefit our school and students. Rewards earned from the book fair are invested into prizes for our Super Reader program or books for the library. Check out our

January newsletter for more information about the results of the book fair.

#### **SUPER READER PROGRAM:**

We are quickly approaching 100 nights of home reading! The earliest date for 100 nights is December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please return your child's Super Reader Booklet to their classroom teacher. There will be a Super Reader Celebration Assembly in the New Year. It is not too late to start Super Reader! There are extra booklets available in the library. Students are required to read or be read to for 15 minutes a night. Students receive different prizes at the 50,100,150,200,250-night levels.

#### **100 Nights of Reading Prizes from Kiwanis**

*Kindergarten: T-shirt & McDonalds Goodie Bag*

*Grade 1: Picture Book & McDonalds Goodie Bag*

*Grade 2: Chapter Book & McDonalds Goodie Bag*

*Grade 3/4: Binder & McDonalds Coupon*

*Grade 5: Stylus Pen & McDonalds Coupon*

#### **MAKERSPACE NEWS**

##### **WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM:**

Check out Promontory's Makerspace Instagram for pictures of the new and exciting builds! Instagram: Promontorymakerspace

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to storage reasons, the library is no longer accepting any used cardboard or plastic containers at this time. Students will be asked to bring in some of their own materials when building projects in the Makerspace. If you have materials that would be useful in the Makerspace please contact Mrs. Buck or Mr. Mueller.

##### **SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

- 1.) Pipe Cleaners
- 2.) Elastics
- 3.) Toothpicks
- 4.) Popsicle sticks
- 5.) Beads
- 6.) Marbles
- 7.) Nails/Screws
- 8.) Hammers
- 9.) Screw drivers and other hand tools.

#### **PAC NEWS**

Our next PAC Meeting is Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Library. See you there!



#### **Hot Lunch**

Parents can place their hot lunch orders online only using [MunchaLunch.com](https://munchalunch.com)! Orders can be paid for online with Visa or Mastercard, pre-paid credit card or visa debit. Cash or cheque may be dropped off at the school office.

#### **HOW TO REGISTER:**

- 1) Go to:  
<https://munchalunch.com/schools/PromontoryHeights/>
- 2) Click the **"Register Here"** button (as shown below). The system will guide you through from there.
- 3) After adding your children, click the green "Order Lunch!" button to order
- 4) Next time, just click the **"Login Here"** button to access your account.

#### **ORDERING DETAILS:**

- Online ordering will be open at least by the 1st of each month until 1 week before date of hot lunch
- Orders are paid for using credit card online through munch a lunch secure system. Or brought to school by ordering date deadline. If payment is not received by deadline you will be notified of your order cancellation.

Please note if your child is ill on a lunch date, you are welcome to come and pick up their lunch at 12 pm from your child's classroom; otherwise please consider it a donation for a child who does not have a lunch. Consistent with previous years, there are NO REFUNDS as this is a PAC fundraiser.

We appreciate your support for our hot lunch program as the funds go towards needs of the school and general fundraising within the school. We are always in need of Volunteers! There is a volunteer page in the online system where you can checkmark which dates you are available. The lunch coordinator will then contact you with a proposed schedule. If you have any questions, please email

[promontoryhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:promontoryhotlunch@gmail.com).

Kristie



# November & December Tween Night

November 8

November 15

November 22

November 29

December 6

December 13

- Open to all Students in  
Grades 4-6 only

- Fridays 6:30pm-9:00pm @  
Promontory Heights  
Elementary School

- \$3 entrance fee/student



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Looking for something fun to do  
Friday nights? Bring your friends  
and join us and check out the many  
activities offered; free time in the  
gym, foosball, air hockey, conces-  
sion, board games and more!

Note: Tween Night does not run on any Friday that there is no school, this includes Pro D Days and long weekends. Sorry for any inconvenience this may pose! Thank you for your patience.