

NOEL BOOTH ELEMENTARY

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Hello Noel Booth Families!

The hallways of Noel Booth have been buzzing with enthusiasm. Our students and staff have been engaged in a variety of activities that highlight the spirit of our school community. From classroom projects to school-wide events, the positive energy of the building feels wonderful.

One of the highlights of this period was the Volleyball Jamboree at BSS! Congratulations to both the boys' and girls' teams on an excellent season. A special thank you to Ms. Wass, Ms. B. Anderson, Ms. Hufsmith and Ms. Coatta for volunteering their own free time to coach. These events cannot occur without dedicated adults willing to give up their own free time.

We have had a busy two weeks. From our LEPs French Immersion fieldtrip, our grade 2/3/5 Skating Field trip, and our Student Inclusive Conferences, to our Diabetes Awareness Assembly- our students are active and engaged. We were thrilled to host the "Let's Play Wheelchairs" which gave our students a unique opportunity to experience the sport of wheelchair basketball. This was not only fun but also an important lesson in empathy and inclusion. Students gained a deeper appreciation for the challenges and triumphs of athletes with disabilities, fostering a more inclusive mindset.

I am filled with pride and gratitude for our amazing students, dedicated staff, and supportive families. Together, we continue to create a positive and inclusive environment where every student can thrive. Thank you, parents, for your continued support and positive energy.

Regards,

J. Malo



Office Staff:

Principal-

Mr. J. Malo

Vice Principal-

Mrs. S. Banjac

Admin Assistant-

Ms. C. Inglis

Our Shared Mission:

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

This timeless wisdom reminds us that when we come together, our combined strength and shared trust enable us to achieve remarkable things.

Staffing Updates

Congratulations to Ms. O'Neill and Ms. Morzo for successfully completing their teaching practicum. We wish them luck and hope they will both return to NBE in the future.

Student Inclusive Conferences

Thank you everyone for your active and meaningful participation in Student Inclusive Conferences. The feedback received was overwhelmingly positive. Having parents and learners able to interact and reflect on the learning process with the teachers helps move learning forward for our students. Once the SIC reports are uploaded to myedbc we will let you know. The next SIC Conferences are scheduled for the end of February and the beginning of March. This collaborative approach not only fosters a sense of ownership but also strengthens the partnership between home and school. We are grateful for your support.

PAC Toonie Drive for Christmas Hampers

The PAC Toonie Drive for hampers is well underway. For those families who can afford it any donation to help our families in need is greatly appreciated. The last day for financial collection is December 13th. Thank you for your support

PAC Donation Tree

Thank you, families, for your overwhelming support for the Donation Tree for families in need. It's truly awe inspiring to see such generosity from the community. Gifts are due by the 13th.

PAC

The next PAC meeting will be held on December 11th. Major PAC events for December include the **Toonie Drive for hampers**, the **PAC Movie Night on December 13th** and the **PAC Pancake Breakfast with Santa on December 20th**. Volunteers will be needed for each event. There is additional information on the Toonie Drive and the movie Night Please reach out to PAC for further details.

Canned Food Drive

The first annual **NBE Hearts Full of Hope Canned Food Drive** will be held in mid-February to coincide with Valentines Day. A few people have asked about having a canned food drive. With so many initiatives underway with the holidays we have opted to support the



Upcoming Dates:

- ❑ Dec 2-13 Toonie Drive PAC fundraiser for school hampers
- ❑ Dec 5-20 The 12 Read Alouds of Xmas
- ❑ Dec 10 Boys Vs. Girls Volleyball, 3pm
- ❑ Dec 11 PAC Mtg, 6pm
- ❑ Dec 13 PAC Movie Night
- ❑ Dec 18 grade 6/7 Fl Leps presentation, 9-10am
- ❑ Dec 18 Holiday Concert Rehearsal, 11am
- ❑ Dec 18 Holiday Concert, 1:30pm
- ❑ Dec 19 Christmas in the Country Fieldtrip

food bank at a time when food donations are significantly lower. More details will follow in the new year.

12 Read Alouds of Christmas

To help promote literacy and celebrate the holidays classes have begun the 12 Read Alouds of Christmas. These diverse stories are a great way to promote literacy and engage students during the holiday season.

December: Holiday Spirit Week

Dress your best for the holidays with our spirit week.

*Monday December 16- **PLAID DAY***

*Tuesday December 17- **FESTIVE SWEATERS DAY***

*Wednesday December 18- **GREEN, RED, AND WHITE DAY***

*Thursday December 19- **HOLIDAY ACCESSORIES/HAT DAY***

*Friday December 20- **PAJAMA DAY***

More Important News

Christmas/Holiday Concert: December 18th @1:30pm

The Christmas/Holiday concert will be held **December 18th at 1:30pm** in the main gym. This event is exclusively for parents and families. Our full school assembly concert will be held for students at 11am.

If you cannot make the 1:30pm show, limited space will be available for the 11am student exclusive concert.

Lunch Lady Hot Lunch Program

The lunch lady offers hot lunch offerings every Thursday. Please refer to the weekly menu before ordering. Any parents with financial hardship who would like to access the fully subsidy, please contact Ms. Inglis.

Grade 6/7 Boys Vs. Girls Volleyball Game, 2:45pm-3:30pm

The final volleyball game of the season will be the boys versus the girls here at Noel Booth on Tuesday, December 10th. Parents are welcome.



- ☐ Dec 20 PAC Pancake Breakfast
- ☐ Dec 20 PAC Treat Day, 2:33pm
- ☐ Dec 20 Newsletter
- ☐ Dec 21-Jan 5 Schools closed for the holidays
- ☐ Jan 6 Schools Reopen
- ☐ Jan 27 Urban Safari fieldtrip
- ☐ Jan 28 Grade 7 BSS Transition Day

Grade 6 Immunizations

Our grade 6 students had their first set of immunizations last week. The next round of immunizations will be on **May 30th 2025**.

Lost and Found

Thank you to the parents who have claimed missing clothes from the lost and found. If your child is missing clothing, please come in and check out the lost and found. Unclaimed clothing will be donated to charity before the holiday break.

Basketball: Expression of Interest

We are still looking for basketball coaches for the upcoming basketball season. If you are interested in coaching, please contact the school. A criminal records check is required and currently there is a three week wait time. Without coaches the season will be cancelled.

Diabetes Awareness Assembly (K-2) Follow Up

For anyone wishing to purchase a copy of Rashda Munawar's book, please see the information sheet at the end of the newsletter.

Early Child Development Program of Research: Early Development Instrument (EDI) Parent/Guardian Informed Passive Consent Letter

For all K students, a letter regarding the EDI was sent home today with the students. The EDI is a valuable tool in the collection of evidence related to learning at the K level. That said, if you wish to opt your K student out of the EDI please complete and return the form sent home today on or before December 20th.

GIRLS CLUB – Inclusion Langley

Introducing "GIRLS CLUB", an entirely free, fully inclusive social club for girls with autism and any other type of neuro-developmental differences.

Families benefit from GIRLS CLUB because:

- ☐ *Membership is free, and events are free*
- ☐ *The Club is open to all ages and all abilities*
- ☐ *The Club meets once a month to connect, build community, and do something fun*
- ☐ See the [FAQs](#) for more details

Offered by Inclusion Langley, this free recreational resource connects families and helps combat the loneliness and isolation that often comes from being neurodivergent. Though GIRLS CLUB is already widely enjoyed, there are still many families that don't know about it. We're inviting you to spread the word to your teachers, staff, students and families so that neurodivergent girls in your community can benefit from making friends and memories. **"What is GIRLS CLUB?" can you tell you more about us, and/or we'd be delighted to connect any time. [More Info](#)**

PARENT CORNER:

Anti-Racism: The Importance of Kindness, Respect, and Being a Positive Role Model

As we continue to nurture a supportive and inclusive environment at our school, take a moment to reflect on the core values that guide us: *kindness, respect, and the importance of being positive role models, especially in the context of anti-racism.*

Kindness and Respect At Noel Booth Elementary, we believe that kindness and respect are the foundation of a harmonious community. Teaching our children to be kind and respectful to one another helps create a safe and welcoming environment where everyone feels valued. Simple acts of kindness, such as helping a classmate or offering a friendly smile, can make a significant difference in someone's day. Respecting each other's differences and treating everyone with dignity are essential lessons that we strive to instill in our students.

Being a Positive Role Model: As parents and educators, we have a profound impact on our children's behaviour and attitudes. Children see everything we do and hear everything we say. By modeling kindness and respect in our daily interactions with others, we set a powerful example for our children to follow. Children learn by observing the adults around them, so it is crucial that we demonstrate the values we wish to see in them. Whether it's through our words, actions, or attitudes, being a positive role model helps shape our children's character and guides them towards becoming compassionate and respectful individuals.

Anti-Racism and Inclusivity: In our commitment to fostering an inclusive school community, it is important to continue address the topic of anti-racism. Racism has no place in our school or society, and it is our collective responsibility to actively work against it. Teaching our children about the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion helps them understand and appreciate the rich tapestry of cultures and backgrounds that make up our world. We encourage open conversations about race and diversity, helping our students recognize and challenge stereotypes and biases. By promoting empathy and understanding, we empower our children to stand up against racism and advocate for a more just and equitable society.

How You Can Help- As parents, you play a vital role in reinforcing these values at home. Here are a few ways you can support our efforts:

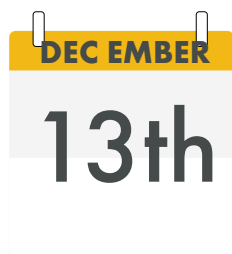
1. **Model Kindness and Respect:** Show kindness and respect in your interactions with others and discuss the importance of these values with your children. Words matter.
2. **Encourage Open Dialogue:** Create a safe space for your children to ask questions and express their thoughts about race and diversity.
3. **Celebrate Diversity:** Embrace and celebrate the diverse cultures and backgrounds within our community.

Together, we can create an environment where students, staff, and parents feel valued, respected, and empowered to be their best selves. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making Noel Booth Elementary a place where kindness, respect, and inclusivity thrive.

Noel Booth Elementary School Toonie Drive



LAST DAY



The PAC will be collecting toonies to support our fundraising efforts for the Holiday Hampers. The division with the highest amount raised, will win a Hot Chocolate Party and each student will receive a Township of Langley Recreation Pass!

MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

**Doors Open at
5:30pm, movie
starts at 6pm**



**Pizza by the Slice &
Snack Concession
Available**

**Admission
by
donation!**

***This is a Family Event - Children MUST be accompanied by an adult**

All proceeds raised will go towards supporting the Holiday Hampers



December 2024

Langley MENU – Thursdays

Thursday	Thursday 12/05	Thursday 12/12	Thursday 12/19	Thursday 12/26	Thursday 01/02
Regular	Cheese Omelette with Hash Brown Triangles Fruit of the Day	Chicken Teriyaki Rice Bowl California Vegetables Fruit of the Day	Turkey Dinner Seasonal Fruit Mini Candy Cane	WINTER BREAK	
2 nd Choice	Crunchy Chicken Ranch Wrap Fruit of the Day	Spaghetti with Beef Meatballs and Tomato Sauce Fruit of the Day	Pancakes Seasonal Fruit Syrup Mini Candy Cane		
Vegetarian	Crunchy Veggie Chick'n Ranch Wrap Fruit of the Day	Tofu Teriyaki Rice Bowl California Vegetables Fruit of the Day	Pancakes Seasonal Fruit Syrup Mini Candy Cane		
Halal	Halal Crunchy Chicken Ranch Wrap Fruit of the Day	Spaghetti with Halal Meatballs and Tomato Sauce Fruit of the Day	Halal Chicken Dinner Seasonal Fruit Mini Candy Cane		



PHOTOS & SNACKS
With Santa

Join us for a morning of fun as a fundraiser for our gr. 8 and junior boys basketball teams

- photo opportunities with Santa
- coffee & hot chocolate
- donuts and cookies
- crafts & games

**Sunday December 15,
2024 from 10-1**


Lord Tweedsmuir Highschool Gym
6151 180th street

Santa Photo by Donation

*Cash and debit
for sweet treats & refreshments*



DEAR PARENTS



**WANT TO HEAR MORE ABOUT WHHAT YOUR
CHILD LEARNED TODAY**

Here are some questions you can ask them

- **Who is Mr. Big and who is Mr. Small?**
- **How you can think big with Mr. Big!**
- **If Mr. Small says " I made a mistake" what would Mr. Big say in reply?**
- **What was special about Maria or what was she wearing on her arm all the time?**

Let's empower our kids to think big and dream even bigger!



WARM REGARDS,
RASHDA MUNAWAR