



# McBride Annex Elementary

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## December 2021 Newsletter

*Happy Hannukah to our families who are currently celebrating. Symbols of light are needed for all of us right now. This has been a long period of darkness and with the flooding affecting our surrounding communities it is important to see the light and what the future holds for us. Winter is a time of light and celebration for many cultures and a time for so many to look forward to. We wish we could celebrate in person with you this year, but we will be recording our concert and sending it home via TEAMS for you to watch as a family. Enjoy the season of togetherness and may your December be filled with light and happiness. Winter is a time for comfort, for good food and warmth, and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.*

Andrea Greenhalgh  
Vice-Principal

### WINTER CONCERT

On Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> our students will gather, with their teachers, to perform for each other. We will decorate the gymnasium, fill it with light, and make it as festive as possible. We will, however, miss the room being filled with our families. We will record the show and send it home, as soon as possible, via your child's classroom TEAMS site. Our fingers are crossed that by next year we can all watch in person again.

### ORPHANED WILDLIFE (OWL) PRESENTATION

Our kindergarten students in division one had very special visitors on November 16<sup>th</sup>. They are currently learning about birds and had an owl and hawk join the class for the morning from the Orphaned Wildlife Organization. See the photo attached.

### GRADE 2 PIZZA LUNCH

Our grade 2 students have been the largest fundraiser twice over their time at McBride Annex. During their kindergarten year they raised the most money during our family dance (2020) and then in grade one (2021) they raised the most for our dance-a-thon. Due to Covid restrictions they were not able to collect their prize of a pizza lunch. They gathered together to eat as a group on November 9<sup>th</sup> and enjoyed a Pizza Hut lunch paid for by the PAC. We are planning their second prize to be an

ice-cream party in the spring. Congratulations and thanks for being so patient grade two's!

### PAJAMA DAY IN SUPPORT OF WESTCOAST KIDS CANCER FOUNDATION

Thank you to all the students who wore their pajamas to support the PJ drive for kids battling cancer and blood disorders in British Columbia. Our school sent a cheque for \$152.35 to help purchase pajamas for families spending the holiday on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor (Oncology) of BC Children's Hospital.

### IMPORTANT VACCINE INFORMATION

Attached please find information from the Ministry of Health and the BC Centre for Disease Control on the COVID-19 vaccination for children, including how to register your child, please visit:

[http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID-19\\_vaccine/Vaccine\\_children\\_5\\_11.pdf](http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID-19_vaccine/Vaccine_children_5_11.pdf)

We will also be sending home a hard copy of this paper with your child.

### IN CASE OF SNOW

If the school is closed due to snow, the Vancouver School Board will post information on their website at [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) and will inform local media stations to make an announcement regarding any closures by 6:00 am. The local media stations include:

- CKNW (980AM)
- CBC (690AM, 105.7 FM)
- CJVB (1470 AM)
- CFHG (96.1FM)
- CKWX (1130 AM)
- BCTV / GLOBAL (cable channel 11)
- CITY TV (cable channel 13)

### FAREWELL & CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to thank Ms. Jennifer Lum, who has been our Division 3 (grade 2/3) teacher since September 2020. She will be moving to Livingstone Elementary in January to take a position there. We welcome back Ms. Kayra to Division 3 as she returns from her maternity leave.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Began on November 1<sup>st</sup> and runs until January 31<sup>st</sup> for all students born in 2017. Please visit the VSB Website for any info you might need.



## ALLERGY REMINDER

Please note that our school is an allergy-aware school, which means that nuts should be excluded from snacks and lunches.

## DECEMBER / JANUARY TRAVEL

As a reminder the current Public Health Order requires children under 12, who are not fully vaccinated, to remain at home for 14 days after travelling outside of Canada. They are not permitted to be at school for 14 days after their arrival back. Please see the most current Daily Health Check link here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-safe-schools>



Since grown-ups aren't allowed in the building, here is an overview of the PAC's fundraising and spending.

## VIRTUAL HOLIDAY BAKE A THON!

ALL INVITED: Join us for the McBride Annex Virtual Holiday Bake-a-Thon. Save the date!  
Let's bake together and celebrate the holidays virtually. We look forward to seeing everyone on **December 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30pm.**

More information and recipe card will be distributed soon.

## PAC SPONSORED FAMILY SKATING AT TROUT LAKE

ALL INVITED:

Join the families at McBride Annex at a family skate on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Trout Lake Community Centre, from 5:00-6:00 pm! Come meet other families and enjoy some time skating together!

## JANUARY PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting will be Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 pm. Please watch for a Zoom link to be sent out from the PAC gmail account closer to the date.

## PAC WEBSITE

Any questions regarding PAC events please email the PAC at [mcbrideannexpac@gmail.com](mailto:mcbrideannexpac@gmail.com)

## Dates to Remember

Wed, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – Winter Concert 11:00 am  
– PAC Cooking 6:30 pm

Fri, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> – Last day of school before Winter Break

Tues, Jan 4<sup>th</sup> – School reopens after Winter Break

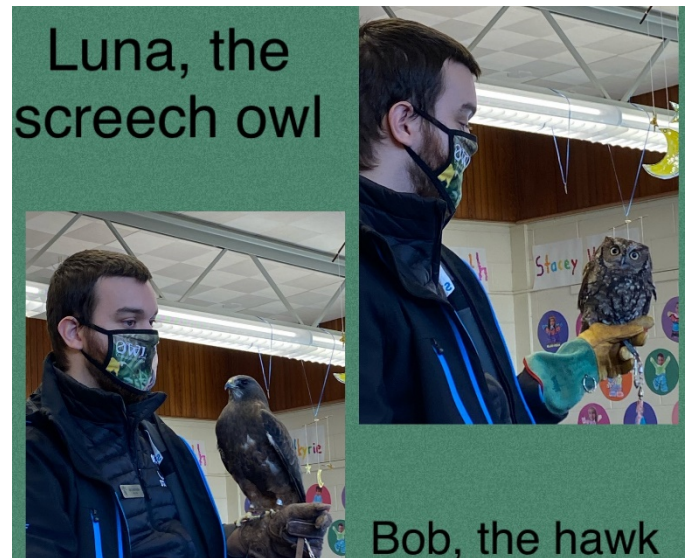
Tues, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Hearing Test 9:15 am

Mon, Jan 17<sup>th</sup> – Pro D Day – No School for students

Wed, Jan 19<sup>th</sup> – PAC Meeting 6:00 pm

Mon, Jan 31 – Report cards go home

Div. 1 had an owl & hawk visit their class



Div. 3 & 1 in their PJs supporting kids cancer foundation



Grade 2 enjoying their Pizza Hut lunch prize



Remembrance Day Assembly



Grade 2 & 3 students planting daffodils

