

December Newsletter

(Friday, November 29, 2024)

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Principal's Message:

Happy December and countdown to Winter Break!

As we approach the end of the year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared at Moberly. Our diverse community is a beautiful tapestry of cultures, languages, and traditions, and it is this diversity that makes our school so special.

December is a time for celebration and reflection. It's a time to appreciate the kindness, courteousness, and respect that our students demonstrate every day. These values are the foundation of our school community, and I am proud to see them in action in our classrooms, hallways, and playgrounds.

Our holiday singalong on Friday December 20th is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together and celebrate with music and song.

As we look forward to the new year, let's continue to nurture an environment where every student feels valued and respected. Thank you for your ongoing support and for being a vital part of our school community.

Wishing you all a joyful and peaceful holiday season

Warm Regards,

Mike Vulgaris, Principal

Chuck McNicholl, Vice Principal



Important Dates

November 29

Last Multi Sport Session of 2024
Thank you, event for coaches

December 12

Fire Drill at 2:30 pm

December 16

Report Cards Home

December 20

Holiday Singalong 1:30 pm

Large Gym

Families welcome to attend

PAC NEWS

Purdy's Winter Chocolate Sale

Purdy's chocolate sale ends Monday December 2nd! 25% of all sales goes to Moberly! Check out the online catalogue and your child's ordering link on the PAC website! <https://www.waltermoberlyelementarypac.ca/fundraisers>

Grade 7 Grad Samosa Fundraiser

The grade 7's are hosting a fundraiser for the graduation ceremony! Stock up on appies and curries for all your guests over the winter break! Check out <https://samosafundraiser.com/moberly/> for more details!

Domino's Pizza Fundraiser

Moberly has partnered with Domino's Pizza. You get 25% off your order and the school gets 20%! It's a win for everyone! Promo is good until June 2025. Find more info on our website <https://www.waltermoberlyelementarypac.ca/fundraisers>

New sponsor alert! Cobs Bread on Main Street!

Visit Cobs bread at 2924 Main Street and mention Moberly Elementary and a portion of your sale will go back to the school!

December Fun Lunch

Order Fun Lunch for the month of December!

Yummy Slice Fun Lunch Friday December 6th
Order deadline Friday November 29th

Boston Pizza Fun Lun Friday December 20th
Order deadline Friday December 13th

Learn more about how to order here: <https://www.waltermoberlyelementarypac.ca/fun-lunch>

Moberly Food Drive:

From December 2-13th, the PAC will be collecting non-perishable food items for families in need. Drop off your non-perishable food items to your classroom's donation box!

Highlights of the Past Month

A Tribute to Moberly Athletics

We have been so fortunate this year to have a new Physical Education Teacher (Ms. Pocrnic) and our Athletic Coordinator (Mr. Matthews) who have formed a leadership team to plan and coordinate a multitude of athletic activities. With the help of our teacher coaches (Ms. Sangra, Mr. Paterson, Ms. Arnold, Ms. Rantamaa, Ms. Soursos, Ms. Empey, and Mr. Webb) Moberly Elementary School has participated in the following sports to compete with other schools across the District:

- **Cross Country Running**
- **Soccer**
- **Volleyball**
- **Basketball**
- **Badminton (later this year)**

Of course, All the above would not be possible without the help and support of the parent community! Thank you All.

In addition to school sponsored events, we are also fortunate to be the recipients of a provincial grant program that allows us to work with the B.C. Football Association and Vancouver FC United coaches who have been running a weekly Multi Sports Program every Friday at Moberly. Our students have learned how to play flag football, tennis, and soccer and have also been guided to participate in Strength and Agility training. All for FREE!

The coaches of the above program are pictured below:

Front Row: Nick Riccardi ,Alistair Browne

Back Row: Isobella McLaughlin, Anja Morrell, Jessie Morrell, Bobby Jhuffy Shahram Hariri, , Paul Myers,

Missing: Claudio Bartolomeo, Chad Constant



Sports play a crucial role in the development of elementary school students for several reasons:

1. **Physical Health:** Engaging in sports helps children stay active, improving their overall physical health. It helps in building strong bones and muscles, enhancing cardiovascular fitness, and maintaining a healthy weight.
2. **Social Skills:** Sports provide an excellent opportunity for children to interact with their peers, fostering teamwork, cooperation, and communication skills. These interactions can help them build friendships and learn to work effectively in groups.
3. **Emotional Well-being:** Participating in sports can boost self-esteem and reduce stress. It teaches children how to handle both success and failure, promoting resilience and a positive attitude.
4. **Discipline and Responsibility:** Sports require regular practice and adherence to rules, which can instill a sense of discipline and responsibility in young students. They learn the importance of commitment and time management.
5. **Academic Performance:** Studies have shown that physical activity can improve concentration, memory, and classroom behaviour, which can positively impact academic performance.
6. **Fun and Enjoyment:** Most importantly, sports are fun! They provide a break from academic pressures and allow children to enjoy themselves, which is essential for their overall happiness and development.

