



December 2024 News

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) ,Sḵwxwú7mesh| (Squamish) and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) nations.

Principal: Sharon Vieira

Trustee: Suzie Mah

PAC Chair, Caroline Provost

Director of Instruction: Janis Myers

Superintendent: Helen McGregor

PAC Vice Chair, Sheila Louis

December 2024

As we move towards our holiday break and prepare for a new year in 2025, I want to thank our Livingstone community for all that you do to support our school. The value that you place on learning and sharing in your child's lifelong learning is so important. Our entire staff team appreciate your connection to your child's school experience.

Financial Support for Food at School: Hot lunches are ordered and delivered to our school daily, these meals are available to families in need of financial assistance. In addition, our PAC advisory team donates fun lunch to families in need as well, so that all children can take part in these special lunches on Mondays, Wednesdays and the occasional Friday. Reach out to Ms. Vieira at scvieira@vsb.bc.ca if you would like more information about accessing either food program for your child.

We hope all our families enjoy a time of rest and relaxation during the two-week winter break. The David Livingstone staff team wish our students and families peace, joy and hope for the coming New Year. Thank you for all your kindness, trust and support. We could not imagine navigating this journey without you.

Sincerely,

Sharon Vieira, Principal David Livingstone Elementary School

Grade 7 Camp Jubilee Parent/Student information night,

December 5 at 6:00pm online

Join Zoom Meeting

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WINTER CONCERT

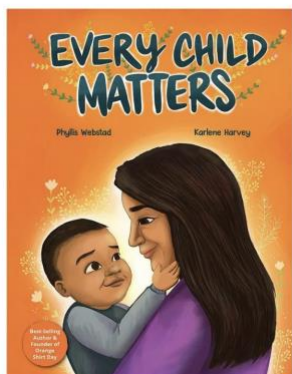
Tuesday , DECEMBER 17 at 6:30 PM

in the Charles Tupper Secondary Auditorium

- Ms. Presley has been rehearsing with **every class** and the choir preparing for a live, in-person concert for all our families to attend.
- All divisions will be assigned a drop-off room number of which you will be informed later. There will also be bright neon signs posted in the Tupper hallways with the room numbers listed.
- Parents are to drop their children off at their assigned room number **at 6:10 pm**.
- Please ensure there is a teacher or staff member present before leaving your child.
- Attendees can start lining up down the ramp leading towards the auditorium. The auditorium doors will open at about 6:15 pm with seating on a first-come basis.
- There are about 650 seats and about 211 Livingstone families, so we ask that you limit your family's attendance to **3 people maximum (children performing not included)**
- Choir students are asked to wear black bottoms and white tops.
- All other students can come in any fancy/festive wear they choose.

Library News

Our library is rich in conversation, learning opportunities and shared reading experiences. Library displays in September included Back to School, Moon Festival, harvest, diversity and Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.



Phyllis Webstad, the founder of Orange Shirt Day and author of the book featured here, writes:

Now I know I have the right to walk on this earth and breathe this air as much as anyone else. Nobody is better or less than me. I matter.”



We extend our immense gratitude to the Tzu Chi Foundation for their generosity in donating \$1500 to our library for the purchase of diverse books to honour our students' cultural celebrations. I am bursting with excitement to share the stories, photos, recipes and information with students. We enjoyed all our new Diwali books this season.

Feature displays throughout our first term included thankfulness, spooky books and Halloween, Diwali, peace, Remembrance Day, architecture and buildings, non-fiction texts, Fairy tales, and world history. Beginning December 3 our winter holiday books to celebrate Hanukkah, Kwanza, Christmas and winter solstice will be available for all students and staff.

Reminder emails about library books once each term:

This year notices for damaged, lost or overdue books will be emailed once per term. The first date library emails will be sent is **December 5, 2024**. What matters most is that our students have continual access to great books and are enjoying reading experiences at home and at school. If your child has a book that is lost, overdue or damaged they are welcome to keep borrowing books from our school library. Please treat this email notice as a reminder to have a thorough look on bookshelves, in backpacks and under beds for any school library books. Please email Yvonne at ytoomer@vsb.bc.ca if you have any questions or concerns about the library book reminder email.

Book Bin for each child: Sometimes parents and students ask about how to keep track of school library books and home reading books at home. My recommendation is to use a basket or bin system: one basket for school library/home reading books and a separate basket for public library books. Some families prefer to keep the baskets in bedrooms (that's what I do) and some prefer a space near the door. If a book from our library is returned to the public library it will get back to us in about a month. In turn, if a public library book is returned to our library, I will return it to the VPL

Happy reading!

Yvonne

Teacher Librarian

ytoomer@vsb.bc.ca



PAC News Content - December 2024

Holiday Silent Auction Launched

It's back, just in time for your holiday shopping! Thank you to so many local shops for their generous contributions to our silent auction. Almost \$7,000 in items and experiences up for grabs! Bidding ends December 14 at 11pm, so get your bid on today:

<https://www.32auctions.com/dlauction24>

Big Fall Tech Drive

Thank you so much to parents and caregivers for your contributions to our fund drive. Our last update from the VSB had us having raised \$19,520 so far—plus we'll be able to check at next update how much of the \$10,000 match we will receive. Please keep the contributions coming if you haven't yet; every dollar gets us closer!

Choose "David Livingstone Elementary PAC" when donating at:

<https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/1869/196/false/true>

Art Cards by Kids

If you missed the initial deadline, Art Card by Kids has allowed for **late submissions until midnight Dec 2nd**. Please find ordering details inside your children's cards and place your orders online:

<https://orders.artcardsbykids.com/parents/main>

Save the Date: Movie Night December 13

Your PAC is excited to bring back school movie nights! Details, movie selection, and a call for volunteers is coming soon; please keep your eyes peeled on our Facebook page for more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/davidlivingstone/>

Winter Term Fun Lunch

Ordering for the next school term will open up December 21. Menus are not yet up, so please stay tuned.

Save the Date: School Confi-Dance: January 31

This year's school dance will be special; The Kelty Foundation is bringing a month of "Kind Minds" learning to our school, building to a school dance—the Confi-Dance—on January 31. Thank you to The Kelty Foundation for this incredible opportunity to learn about mental health and kindness! Details on school dance tickets are coming soon.

Return-it Recycling Program

We are proud to bring back Livingstone's empty drink containers recycling program!

Especially with the holidays coming up, please keep your refundable bottles and cans and return them at any local Return-It location (<https://www.return-it.ca/locations/>) mentioning :

- Livingstone' customer ID 604-713-4983 (school's phone number)
- Or with Express & Go passcode "I30D" (capital i - 30 - capital d)

January PAC Meeting

Please join us on **January 22, 2025, at 6:30pm** in the library or online for our first PAC meeting of 2025. All are welcome and encouraged; we provide free babysitting (with a movie) and pizza for all in attendance. See you then!

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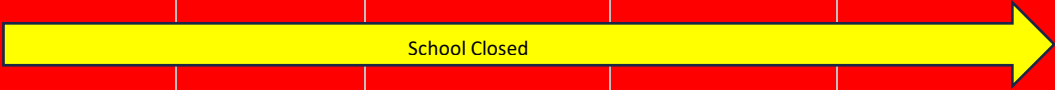

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Happy holidays and thank you for all of your support!

December 2024 at Livingstone

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Grade 7 camp information online meeting 6pm	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Family Movie 5:30-7:30pm	14
15	16 Report cards home	17	18	19	20 Last day before winter break	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
School Closed 						
29	30	31	January 1	January 2	January 3	4
School Closed 						

January 2025

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			1	2	3	4
			School Closed 			
5	6 Welcome Back! School re-opens	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Pro D Day No Students today	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 6:30pm PAC meeting	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Lunar New Year 	30	31 Lion dance School Family Confi-Dance	