

December 2021

Dear Sexsmith families,

As we approach Winter Break and the end of 2021, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their ongoing support for the children and families at Sexsmith Elementary.

Although the start of this school year was not back to normal as we had anticipated, I applaud everyone's flexibility, patience and resilience as we navigated our way through the changes.

It has been a pleasure for me to be a part of such a lovely, warm and welcoming school community over the past few months. I have so appreciated getting to know the students, staff and parents. I look forward to staying connected and waving hello when I walk around Langara golf course as I ease back into semi-retirement. Please welcome Laura Rhead as she begins her tenure as principal of Sexsmith in January.

On behalf of the staff, we want to wish all our families a Happy Holiday and an opportunity to connect with family and friends whether in person or virtually. With all that is happening locally in our own communities and in the world, let's all take a moment of gratitude for the little moments in life that bring us joy.

We all look forward to the New Year and welcoming students back to school on **Tuesday, January 4, 2022.**

Warmest Regards,

Jenny Chin Petersen

HOLIDAY CLASS PHOTOS

It's that time of year again where we'll be taking holiday class photos. The photos will be taken in the school library on Wednesday December 15th and Thursday December 16th, from 9:15am to 2:30 pm.

If you wish to purchase a keepsake class photo, the cost is \$2.00. You may pay via school cash online or send \$2.00 ahead of time, or on the day of the picture, to your child's teacher.

Please have your child/ren wear their ugly Christmas sweater, Santa hat, reindeer antlers, or any other fun/festive clothing or accessories you may have at home on their photo day. Please check the attachment to see which day your child's class picture will be taken.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season.

Sexsmith PAC

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL CLOSURE (In the event of heavy snowfall)

This applies to schools/worksites that ARE CLOSED when schools are normally in session.

This may occur in a situation when schools or worksites are closed due to weather conditions, a natural disaster or other emergency situations that might endanger the health and / or safety of students and staff.

By 6:00 am, the VSB will post information about school closure on its website at www.vsb.bc.ca and will inform local media stations, including:

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

Please check the VSB/school website or listen to the radio/TV stations listed above to learn about school closures. Parents should not call media outlets to ask whether schools are closed.