School Newsletter December, 2016

## Sir Wilfrid Laurier

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### **Dear Laurier Community,**

It is hard to believe that December is already upon us. Only two short weeks until we have a well deserved break and quality time to spend time with loved ones. December is a time to acknowledge all those who we appreciate and I want to take time in this month's memo to acknowledge our amazing staff. There is no way to properly thank them for all they do for us. Laurier really wouldn't be Laurier without their dedication: they strive to make every learning experience meaningful and engaging; they are there to help our kids with bruised knees, elbows and even sometimes hearts; they are flexible in their thinking and their approach to every individual; and, in knowing that teaching and learning have as much to do with character education as it does with academic achievement, they help us all SOAR to success. I am so blessed to work with such a dedicated staff! I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday.

Sincerely,

Risha Golby



## **Important Dates in December:**

Dec 2nd, 2016 9:15 AM: Primary Concert in the Gym.

Dec. 5th, 2016: Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL For students

Dec. 6th, 2016: HOT LUNCH orders are due in

Dec. 6th, 2016 3:00 - EARTH BITES POP UP Market

Dec. 8th, 2016 8:30 AM - Reading Cafe - See below

Dec 13th - Immunization Clinic for Kindergarten and Gr. 6

Dec 16th, 2016 9:15 AM Intermediate Winter Concert

Dec 16th, 2016: Last Day of Instruction before Winter Break

Jan. 3, 2017: First Day Back to School

## Reading Café Thursday December 8th from 8:30am-9:00am















Join us in celebrating Family Literacy Come and read together with your child in the Library Enjoy Hot Chocolate Lots of books to choose from!

Bring your own cup and receive a yummy treat!



#### **Upcoming PAC Events - ALL WELCOME!**

Tuesday December 6 - 2:45-3:15: EarthBites Christmas Pop-Up Market

Tuesday Jan 17 6:30 pm: PAC meeting including presentation from Carla from EarthBites

Thursday Feb 2 7:00 pm: Parent presentation of Online Safety by SOLOs, Churchill Cafeteteria

SOLOs website is at: http://www.safeonline.ca

Presenter Bio is at: http://www.safeonlineoutreach.com/about-safeonline/

Parent Workshop Flier: http://www.safeonline.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Your-Life-

Online Parents2015.pdf

**Monday Feb 20**: In school presentation by SOLOS to grades 4 - 7 **Jan or Feb**: Evening presentation from Ms Golby about SOAR

\*Please Note: If there is an event you would like to see, or help organize please contact PAC at

laurier.pac@gmail.com or send a note to the PAC box in the school office.

Hot Lunch: Ordering is now open for next term, please visit the Munch-a-lunch website. If possible, please pay by cheque to save on the credit card fees. Huge thank you to all the volunteers who make hot lunch happen!!!! It is a great fundraiser and saves so many parents from making lunch. If you would like to volunteer please use the volunteer part of Munch-a-lunch or email us. Please also consider adding your contact info to the PAC Directory

**Directory:** The Laurier PAC has the opportunity to let parents share their contact information, for example their phone number or email, with other parents to allow better communication between Laurier families. Sharing contact information could help with arranging out of school connections for students, for example play dates. If you would like to share contact information please log into the lunch program Munch a Lunch using the "Hot Lunch" tab on the Laurier website. Then click on "My Family" and "My Directory Info"and enter the information you would are comfortable with sharing. You can do this even if you don't order hot lunch. The Laurier PAC will then collate and share appropriately. We encourage parents **not** to solicit other parents for business reasons, and to keep the dialogue between each other about organizing things for our students and families. Sharing your contact info is completely voluntary.

**Movie Night:** Thank you to all who came out to Movie Night, and to all our volunteers. It was a fun evening and great to get together. We are already looking forward to another one. **Direct Donation:** We are still open for receiving direct donations.

**Direct Donation:** We are still open for receiving direct donations. Thank you to all who have donated already! Please contact PAC if you have any questions.

**Purdy's:** Thank you for the great response. The order was submitted and we have raised \$879.97 Purchases will go home with your children Thursday December 8. If you would like to help pack the orders on the morning of December 8 please contact PAC laurier.pac@gmail.com

**EarthBites:** We will be posting lesson plans and other information from EarthBites on the PAC website: <a href="http://laurierpac.weebly.com/">http://laurierpac.weebly.com/</a> Please check it out and see what our students have been learning.



## Kindergarten Registration is now open:

Kindergarten registration is between November and January for children who will begin school the following September. The Vancouver School Board is proud to offer a wide range of educational options for all different types of learners in addition to excellent neighbourhood English language schools. The VSB also offer programs of choice that include: French Immersion, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Aboriginal Focus, Montessori, International Baccalaureate, or Fine Arts.

## So how do I register?



The first step for everyone is to register with your neighbourhood English catchment school - regardless of whether you plan to send your child there. You can locate where your neighbourhood English catchment school is by going to <a href="https://www.vsb.bc.ca/school-locator">www.vsb.bc.ca/school-locator</a>. If your child was born outside of Canada, you will need to go to the VSB District Reception and Placement Centre (DRPC) and complete the initial registration there. If your child was born in Canada: Complete the Kindergarten registration form which can be found at <a href="https://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten">http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten</a> and bring the necessary documents, along with your child, to your neigbourhood English catchment school.

# EARTHBITES POP UP MARKET

Please come and celebrate our first term with EARTHBITES at our EarthBites Christmas Pop Up Market which will be December 6th, from 2:45-3:15 P.M. Our Laurier Student Garden Committee has been hard at work to bring you this special event. The event will include:

- Apple cider and a Christmas bean dip
- Crafts made by our garden committee that make great gifts
- Wild nettle used in making our Immuni-Tea
- Recipes for the snacks will be available as well!

We look forward to seeing you there!







## **Snow in the forecast**

All public schools in the Vancouver school district will remain OPEN, if at all possible during winter weather, including snowfalls. Any decision to close schools will be made by 6 a.m. at the latest and will be announced via local media outlets, including:

CKNW (980 AM)

CKWX (News 1130 AM)

CBC Radio (690 AM)

Fairchild radio (1470 AM)

Global TV

City TV's Breakfast Television

CBC television

CTV BC

School closures will also be announced as an alert on the front page of the district website, and notices issued via Facebook and Twitter. Information about schools being closed due to weather will also be available at 604-713-5000. Individual school closures due to unique circumstances (e.g., power outages) will be announced as early as possible in the same manner. No announcement will be made saying that schools are open; only closures will be announced. Please do not call schools to confirm whether they are open.

