

STRATHCONA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



December 2022

Dear Strathcona families,

Winter has officially arrived! Students are absolutely loving safely enjoying their classroom sleds and our little toboggan run during their learning breaks outside. With the cold weather here now to accompany the snow, please remember to send your child to school everyday dressed for the outdoors. Winter jacket, toque, mitts, and boots are essential to your child enjoying time outside at school. Strathcona students will be outside as long as the temperature and windchill do not exceed -27 degrees celcius. If your child requires any winter gear, please feel free to contact the school and our classroom teachers and community support worker Lee Tavares will be happy to help.

Where it is nice and warm inside our classrooms, teachers are focused on writing instruction during the month of December. The buzz around the school is all of the amazing growth happening in the area of writing! From our Kindergarten classes all the way up to grade six, students at Strathcona School receive focused daily reading and writing instruction that meets students where they are at, and pushes them to become better each and everyday.

IMPORTANT DATES

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 8

PARENT COUNCIL
MEETING 5:00 PM

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 15

WINTER CONCERT
6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 21

PANCAKE
BREAKFAST 9:15 AM
(AND LAST DAY OF
CLASSES BEFORE
WINTER BREAK)

THURSDAY

JANUARY 5

CLASSES RESUME
AFTER WINTER BREAK

It was such a pleasure seeing families inside the school during our Tri-Conferences in November sharing the learning and progress of students. Our next reporting period is in March, and students will be very excited to share their writing progress, as well as growth in other academic areas, during our mid March conference times.

As you may know, our acting vice principal Jaclyn Rivest had been expecting, and her family welcomed a new baby girl named Kinley last week. Ms. Rivest was such an excellent addition to our staff here at Strathcona, and she will certainly be missed. We are currently awaiting placement of a new acting vice principal, which should be announced sometime in the coming weeks.

We look forward to seeing families for our Winter Concert on Thursday December 15th at 6:00 pm. There is nothing quite like being together to hear children perform beautiful music. Doors open at 5:30 pm, and our staff will be providing medical masks to anyone who prefers to wear one.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Midford
Principal

STRATHCONA VISION:

Cultivating the full potential of every child with an emphasis on citizenship, creativity, critical thinking and community

STRATHCONA MISSION:

We are dedicated to creating an equitable and culturally responsive learning environment that reflects the diverse needs of our community. We value building an inclusive atmosphere that fosters the emotional, intellectual, social and physical growth of each student. We acknowledge learning is enhanced through sharing, caring, laughing, questioning and growing. We believe everyone shares in the responsibility for student success.

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION



This month our staff and students learned from our Indigenous Education Support Teacher Tavia Nelson, about treaties across the country using the Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada floor map. The map takes up almost our whole gym floor! Staff and students were able to walk around on the map, and explore traditional Indigenous territories across the country.

While staff were exploring the map, our professional development committee provided traditional snacks including bannock, berries, venison, and cedar tea made by Ms. Nelson.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Parent Council Meetings (Community, Conversation, and Coffee)

Strathcona School is always looking for new voices to join our Community, Conversation, and Coffee. We had a successful first meeting in October, and we look forward to seeing everyone at our second meeting in November! Please come to the front doors and our office staff, administration, and community support worker will welcome you to our building. All parents, grandparents, and guardians are welcome to join for coffee and a light dinner. We hope to see you there! Unfortunately due to illness we had to cancel our November meeting. We hope to see you out in December! Please come to the front doors on McKenzie Street when you arrive!

Next Meeting: Thursday December 8th at 5:00 pm (all are welcome)



Strathcona School and Food Rescue Project

Strathcona School is pleased to announce that we are one of many organizations that have been chosen to participate in the Canadian Food Rescue Project.

The Food Rescue Project provides our school with additional food support to enhance our amazing breakfast and snack program.

At times the food that is provided to our school comes in very large quantities that is much more than we can use for our nutrition programs. When this occurs we are able to share the food with our families and community members.

If you would like to receive some of this surplus food from the Community Pantry please contact Ms. Lee Tavares, School/Community Support Worker at 204-586-8493 or ltavares@wsd1.org and Ms. Tavares will connect with you when there is food available to share.



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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| | | | 1 Day 6 | 2 Day 1 |
| 5 Day 2 Lighthouse 3:30-4:45 pm Room 13 | 6 Day 3 | 7 Day 4 Lighthouse 3:30-4:45 pm Room 13 | 8 Day 5 Parent Council Meeting at 5p.m. | 9 Day 6 |
| 12 Day 1 Lighthouse 3:30-4:45 pm Room 13 | 13 Day 2 | 14 Day 3 | 15 Day 4 Winter Concert 6:00p.m. | 16 Day 5 |
| 19 Day 6 | 20 Day 1 | 21 Day 2 Pancake Breakfast Last Day of School | 22 Winter Break Starts | 23 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

