

NORTH SHUSWAP COURTARS



December News



Principal's Message

I find it hard to believe that it is December already and we are heading into the winter holidays. Although the past few days have been a little cold for me, it has been great to see all the students having fun out in the snow during recess. Everyone has been doing a great job staying as safe as possible. Learning updates (Report Cards) were sent home on November 30th so if you have not seen your child's report yet, please have a look in their backpack. You are also able to view your child's report card by following [this link](#) for instructions on how to log on to the MyEducation Family Portal. I am excited to announce that our grade 7/8 volleyball team finished off their season by winning the elementary volleyball jamboree held at Carlin this past Wednesday. Way to go team! Thank you to Mr. Schmidt and our parent helpers for all of your support. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get a hold of me at the office.

Chris Matheson (Principal)



Events and Happenings

Student and Family Affordability Fund.

This year the Provincial Government has provided one-time funding to school districts to support families who are struggling with rising costs of living due to global inflation. This funding is intended to help families struggling with food security, paying school fees, purchasing school supplies, paying for additional field trips costs, dealing with the increased cost of clothing etc.

If this sounds like you, please contact me or the office for more information on how to access this one-time funding.

Food Bank and Christmas Hampers

The North Shuswap Food Bank Christmas Hampers will be distributed on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 between 1pm and 2pm at the North Shuswap Community Hall, 5456 Squilax/Anglemont Road, Celista. **If you or someone you know could use a hamper, please call Janice at 250-955-2393** for information before Tuesday, December 6th. At any time if you need some extra food for your family, the Chase Food Bank is a good option and they can be reached at 250-682-6155.

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North Shuswap Elementary will be collecting non perishable items until December 13th. If you are able to, please have your child bring the donations to their classroom. These donations will be picked up on December 13th by the North Shuswap Food Bank.

Winter Concert

I am excited to announce that we will be having a modest holiday concert for the first time in a few years. The concert will take place on Thursday December 15th at 1:00pm. Please come and watch your child sing a song with their class and be ready to join in for a sing along with students, staff and parents at the end of the show. Our PAC will be hosting a bake sale during the concert, so it will be a great opportunity to get some of your baking out of the way and support our PAC. We will continue to collect food donations until after the concert so please bring something if you can.

Winter Wear

Although it sure took it's time getting here, we have definitely experienced some winter weather lately. Please remember that students should come to school prepared to be outside. Gloves, hats, warm jackets, boots and snow pants are all items students should bring with them to school. Students wanting to play, slide, and build in the snow are expected to wear snow pants so they don't get wet and cold. As mentioned previously, please let us know if your child could use some snow gear as we have some lightly used donations available.

Sleds

Many students like to bring sleds to school to slide on and I know some of you may be looking to purchase one as a gift this winter. Any sled that comes to school must be made of light plastic or foam to avoid injuries when sliding. Please make sure your child's name is clearly written on the sled to avoid confusion. Sleds can not be transported on the bus and all sleds brought to school will need to be kept outside.



Do they need their own sled? No, we have crazy carpets here at the school for students to use if they don't have a sled or don't want to bring theirs to school.



Indoor Shoes

Please remember that students should have a pair of indoor athletic shoes that stay at school and are kept clean. These shoes will not only keep our school clean, but also serve as proper running shoes for indoor PE activities. The soles of the indoor shoes should also be non-marking and not hiking style shoes and boots (most running/athletic style shoes are non-marking).

Water Bottles

Looking for a gift idea? All students need to have a personal water bottle at school. While most kids do bring their own bottles, some students may require new ones as they have been misplaced or they are broken (leaking, missing straws, etc.).



Dates to Remember

Dec. 16	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec. 17- Jan. 2	Winter Break
Jan. 3	First Day Back (Please not that January 3rd is a Tuesday)
Jan 17	Kindergarten registration opens for Sept. 2023
Jan 30	Pro D (No school in session)