



Ross Ford Elementary School Tales and Tidbits

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White Elephant Sale

This is just a reminder that the students and staff at Ross Ford are once again working together to put on a White Elephant Sale. This is an important fundraiser for the Christmas Helpers Program. All money raised from the sale is donated to help children and their families in Didsbury have a nicer Christmas. Gifts can also be purchased at a

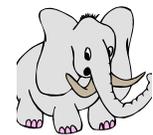
minimal cost and it gives everyone a wonderful chance to clean out closets and get into the spirit of the season.

We ask everyone who is able to donate quality, **clean**, used toys, books, puzzles, knick-knacks, jewelry, collectibles - **YOU NAME IT...WE SELL IT!!!** Please do not send inappropriate pictures, reading material or toys which represent violence

(i.e.: guns, swords, knives, etc.) Also, do not send any clothing items (i.e.: hats, scarves, costumes etc.) We will be collecting these items until December 3 at noon.

We have a number of parent volunteers to help out with sorting and marking. This is a huge task and is so much easier with numerous parent helpers. However, two parents from

each classroom are also needed for the morning of Sale Day. The sale will take place on **Friday, December 4**, from 8:45 to 12:00. All items will be marked from 10 cents to \$2.00. Please do not send more than \$10.00 with your child. Also, please label the bag with name and class.



Dates to Remember

Wednesday, December 2:

8:45 - Carol Sing 🎵

Friday, December 4:

White Elephant Sale (8:45-12:00)

Tuesday, December 8:

11:00 - 0.2 Concert

Wednesday, December 9:

8:45 - Carol Sing 🎵

2:15 - 0.1 Concert

Thursday, December 10:

2:15 - 0.3 Concert

Monday, December 14:

8:45 - Carol Sing 🎵

Tuesday, December 15:

8:45 - Carol Sing 🎵

10:00 - Grade 1 to Bethany

Wednesday, December 16:

11:00 - Grade 1 Dress

Rehearsal

Thursday, December 17:

8:45 - Carol Sing 🎵

2:00 - 0.4 Concert

7:00 - Grade 1 Concert

Friday, December 18:

Christmas Dress-Up Day

8:45 - Carol Sing/Grinch 🎵



No School Days:

- Friday, December 11
- Christmas Holidays
December 21 - January 4

Superintendent's Message

Celebrating great citizenship in Chinook's Edge Schools

This is a rewarding time of year for everyone in our Chinook's Edge school communities, because we can so clearly see the impact our students and staff are making as they reach out to others. Our schools answer the call to be good global citizens throughout the year, but during this season of giving they are unstoppable in sharing our caring culture with others.

Right now our students are collecting items for the food

bank, sharing their musical talents at seniors' homes, and filling hundreds and hundreds of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Whether through quiet acts of kindness that affect a single person, or through grand gestures that impact an entire community, our students are modeling what great citizenship truly means. Thank you to everyone who nurtures this generosity of spirit all year long in Chinook's Edge!

Kurt Sacher

Superintendent of Schools



The students and staff of Ross Ford Elementary School wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Around the School

A **huge** thank you to Stacy Jardine and the Parent Advisory Committee for providing supper for our teachers during Parent/Teacher interviews on November 25.

It was **greatly** appreciated!



Kindergarten Concerts

Tuesday, December 8:
11:00 - 0.2 (Mrs. Andrews)
Wednesday, December 9:
2:15 - 0.1 (Mrs. Hahn)
Thursday, December 10:
2:15 - 0.3 (Mrs. Hahn)
Thursday, December 17:
2:00 - 0.4 (Mrs. Petersen)

All Concerts in the Gym

School Fees

Thank you to all those families who have paid their school fees and/or made arrangements by the November 30 deadline. We have only received 48% of our fees to date. These fees are essential in order for us to provide quality education for your student!

Please pay outstanding fees as soon as possible or contact the office to make arrangements.

Around the School

Inclement Weather

Winter weather is upon us, therefore, this is a reminder to check the Chinooks Edge website for up-to-date information regarding Transportation and Inclement Weather. You will also be notified by the automated PowerAnnounce system regarding bus cancellations or school closures. Please make sure your contact information is up-to-date.

Parking

We truly enjoy having parents in our school, however, it has been brought to our attention that a number of younger siblings are being left in running vehicles while parents bring students inside or pick them up. Please be mindful of this as we would hate for something disastrous to happen.

We also need to remind parents that, while we know parking around the building is very limited, it is unsafe to use the staff parking lot to either drop off or pick up your child or to turn your vehicle around after doing so. Our staff are on the lookout for little people but it would be much safer if only staff vehicles used this parking lot. Thank you!



Lost and Found

Reminder: Please put names on your students' items. Every year, hundreds of single mitts and gloves are unclaimed because there is no name. Also, please check for displayed items during Parent/Teacher interviews.



Riding the Bus

As the temperature drops and snow begins to fall, remember that your bus students need to be prepared by dressing appropriately in the event of a breakdown or any other unforeseen delay. Also, parents should ensure that their children have a plan in the event that the bus does not arrive to

pick them up. Children must be aware of how long to wait at their stop before returning home or going to their alternate location.

Bus cancellations are on local radio stations and on the Chinook's Edge website. You will also be notified by PowerAnnounce if your bus is late or cancelled. Being prepared ensures everyone's safety.

Principal's Message

As we move from November's report cards into December's seasonal concerts and assemblies, we have a wonderful opportunity to teach our children a powerful message about citizenship and giving.

The White Elephant Sale is a great event that teaches our children about being helpful with others in our community - whether they are donating

toys for the sale or knowing that their purchases will be helping families enjoy a Christmas that they otherwise wouldn't be able to have. This empathy and kindness is a great learning gift to reinforce with your child.

These small donations and purchases also show the Didsbury community that

good things come from small packages at Ross Ford.