

Lax Kxeen Elementary School

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It is hard to believe that Winter Break is only a few weeks away. Students and staff have been working hard this first term and everyone is looking forward to the break. December is a busy month for Lax Kxeen. There are many fun events planned for our Lax Kxeen Community to enjoy as we count down to the winter break.

MORE STAFF CHANGES

Lax Kxeen underwent more staff changes this past month. Mrs. Harris has joined Lax Kxeen as an Education Assistant. She will be supporting Division 2 & 4. Welcome!

WEATHER / SUPERVISION

As our weather gets darker and colder, please help us keep your child(ren) safe, warm and dry, and therefore healthy by encouraging them to come to school dressed for the weather. Unless it is severe weather, we are outside at recess and again at lunch.

It may be helpful to have a set of spare clothes kept at school in case your child(ren) become wet during the day.

Also, a reminder that our school Breakfast Club and Library are not available until 8:30am. Outside supervision is only offered at the front of the school from 8:40am by a rotating staff member; there is no supervision at the side of the school (primary undercover).

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FEE

Thank you to the families who have already paid the annual school supply fee of \$30 for students in Kindergarten to Grade 2, and \$35 for students in Grades 3 to 5. If you have not yet done so, please contact the office to submit payment. Cash at the front office is accepted, as well as electronic money transfer (EMT) to Selina.storey@sd52.bc.ca

PRPA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Prince Rupert Port Authority and other community partners will be at Lax Kxeen on Tuesday, December 5th to help prepare a pancake breakfast for all our students! Classes will be eating in the Gym. We are inviting everyone to enjoy their pancakes in their PJs!

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

The PAC is a group of volunteers who meet once a month to discuss and plan events to enhance Lax Kxeen student school experiences. As a Lax Kxeen parent or guardian, you are invited to join a monthly meeting. There is no December meeting, but we will be meeting again on Wednesday, January 17th in the school Library at 6:30pm. We hope to see you there!

RAFFLE BASKETS

The PAC is busy planning for the month of December! They have sent out a letter home to families to collect items for themed baskets, which will be raffled off at the Lax Kxeen Winter Craft Night on December 14th. The PAC would like to ask that all donations be handed in no later than December 8th. Thank you!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

The PAC will be hosting a Family Christmas Movie Night in the Lax Kxeen Gym also on Wednesday, December 20th. Doors open at 5:45pm and the movie will start at 6:00pm. Drinks, popcorn and candy bags will be available for sale (\$1 each).

PITA PIT LUNCH

There will be a lunch fundraiser organized for the month of December from Pita Pit. Forms will be sent home very soon, so please keep an eye out... and will be due back to school by December 7th. The Pita Pit lunch is scheduled for December 15th.

A huge thank you for continuing to provide such fun experiences for the students at Lax Kxeen School!

PURDYS CAMPAIGN

Purdy's Chocolates can be ordered online. The cut off for orders has been extended to December 3rd. Please see the link below for the online catalogue.

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1392587-112102>

The campaign number is 60256

MABELS LABELS

This is a year long fundraiser. For more information please see the link below.

<https://mabelslabels.ca>

BAND CONCERT

Elementary Band Teacher, Ms. Tillman, has organized a School District #52 Band Christmas Concert. Lax Kxeen Band students have been invited to perform. Please support our budding musicians by attending the concert at the Lester Centre of the Arts on Sunday, December 17th at 2pm. Admission is by donation.

LAX KXEEN CRAFT NIGHT

We are so excited to be opening up the doors to welcome our Lax Kxeen families to a Craft Night on Thursday, December 14th from 6-7:30pm. Staff will prepare different crafts in their classrooms. The PAC will be holding a gift basket raffle to fundraise. Tickets will be available to purchase in the pods and the lucky winners will take home baskets that night. We will also enjoy some light snacks and refreshments. *We hope to see you and your families there!*

SPIRIT DAYS

To REALLY get into the Christmas Spirit, our Lax Kxeen Community is encouraged to participate in Spirit Days. Everyone is invited to dress up as follows before the Winter Break:

Friday, December 1 th	Red/White/Green Day	Wear Red/white/green
Tuesday, December 5 th	PJ Day	Be comfy...wear PJs!
Friday, December 8 th	Jingle Bells	Wear something that jingles
Friday, December 15 th	Festive Holiday Sweater	Wear your favorite holiday sweater

Tuesday, December 19th	Grinch Wear	Wear Grinchy green
Friday, December 22 nd	PJ Day	Be comfy...wear PJs!

LAX KXEEN LOST AND FOUND

Lax Kxeen's Lost and Found bin has grown. If your child is missing something, please come to the school to have a look; their items may be in the Lost & Found bin or on the coat rack at the front of the school.

CELL PHONES/ PERSONAL ITEMS

Please remind your child(ren) to keep cell phones and personal items at home. Students that bring personal items to school are encouraged to keep them in their backpacks so that they are safe and don't go missing. We are discouraging students from bringing personal effects like toys and trinkets as they may get misplaced.

PARKING LOT

For the safety of our students please do not stop and park within the yellow zone at the front of the school. This is a spot to allow your child(ren) to get out of the vehicle (drop-off zone), but not a spot for an extended park and wait. Vehicles parked here cause a blockade that backs up traffic and is potentially hazardous to other cars and students trying to emerge out of a vehicle. People waiting will be asked by staff to move their vehicle. It is strongly encouraged that students get dropped off at the entrance area and walk in. Continued difficulties with navigating the parking lot safely, may result in gate closure. We want to ensure that your child(ren) are safe while at school. 😊

LAX KXEEN ROCS

Lax Kxeen ROCS= Respect, Ownership, Community & Success

We will continue to reinforce our positive behavior expectations to ensure that Lax Kxeen school is a safe learning environment for everyone. As you enter the school building, you will see the signage in various locations displaying our expectations for behavior. Staff will be teaching and encouraging students to practice, demonstrating all of these expectations in settings around the school on a daily basis. There will be particular emphasis on keeping hands and feet to self as recommended in our safety protocol.

COMMUNICATION

Please let the office know of any changes in contact information. In addition to a monthly newsletter, school communication is delivered via the Lax Kxeen website, Facebook page, email and phone.

LAX KXEEN SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website has important information and links to educational websites. Please take time to browse the site. The monthly newsletters will be posted on the website. The address is: <https://laxkxeen.rupertschools.ca> . Also, please join us on Facebook; search 'Lax Kxeen Elementary School'.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Friday, December 1 st	Report Cards Sent Home
Tuesday, December 5 th	PRPA Pancake Breakfast PJ DAY!!!
Thursday, December 14 th	Winter Craft Night 6:00-7:30pm, crafts, raffles, snacks & light refreshments
Sunday, December 17 th	Band Concert at Lester Centre of the Arts

	2:00pm
Tuesday, December 19 th	Winter Fun Activities (am) Wear your Grinchy green attire
Wednesday, December 20 th	PAC Winter Movie Night
Monday, December 12 th to Friday, December 16 th CHANGE THIS SECTION	Spirit Week: Monday – Christmas Sweater Day Tuesday – Jingle Bell Day Wednesday – Sparkle Day Thursday – Red/White/Green Day Friday – PJ Day
Friday, December -	Carolling in the Gym @ 1:00pm – 1:30pm Families Welcome
Friday, December 22 nd	Last Day Before Winter Break

We hope our Lax Kxeen families enjoy a safe and healthy break and look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back on Monday, January 8th 2024. Happy Holidays!

Mrs. Guadagní
Principal