



# OTTER NEWS

November 21, 2022



Upcoming Events	
Date	Event
Monday, November 21	Christmas Concert tickets available
Wednesday, November 23	Canada vs Belgium World Cup Game 11:00AM (first World Cup in 36 years!)
Friday, November 25	End of term 1 Deadline for grad hoodie order to receive before Christmas break
Monday, November 28	Beginning of term 2
Wednesday, November 30	Holiday Greenery delivery
Thursday, December 1	Purdy's delivery
Friday, December 2	Spirit Day – World Cup Day (pick a colour, flag, or jersey from any country to celebrate the World Cup)
Tuesday, December 6	Hot Lunch day
Wednesday, December 7	Poppy Espresso Winter Concert (Elem. Honour Band only)
Friday, December 9	Report Cards published Community Movie Night

## Grad Hoodies

Grad hoodies will be available beginning Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> on schoolcashonline. To ensure hoodies are distributed before Christmas break, we ask that all orders are placed before November 25<sup>th</sup>. First orders placed will be distributed first. Late orders may result in some hoodies being distributed after Christmas break.



## Christmas Concert

This year, we are excited to announce the LIVE version of our Christmas concert. Students will be performing a matinee show on Tuesday, December 13, as well as two evening shows on December 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>. However, to reduce the time commitment of students and parents, we are separating our performers for the evening shows.

December 13, 12:45PM show – All divisions will participate (exception Div 1-4)

December 13, 5:00PM show – Divisions 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 will be performing

December 14, 5:00PM show – Divisions 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 + Grade 6/7 Band

Note: Divisions 1-4 are not enrolled in music with Mrs. Sutlow, and therefore, will not be performing unless they are enrolled in band or in an acting role.

### **Christmas Concert Tickets**

Tickets for this year's show will be sold on schoolcashonline and will be available Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are bought by donation, but we ask that parents "purchase" the number of tickets that you need for your family. There is maximum of 260 tickets for each night, plus an additional 260 tickets for the matinee. Please be certain you are getting a ticket for the night that your child is performing (see list above).

To ensure everyone has a seat and we are not breaking fire code, we ask that audience members bring their ticket, that will be distributed on the Friday prior to the concert.

### **Christmas Concert Volunteers**

Mrs. Sutlow is looking for 8-10 parent volunteers to assist in this year's Christmas concert. Volunteers will be assisting as stagehands and helping with transitioning students in and out of the performance. Please reach out to her directly if you can assist ([jsutlow@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:jsutlow@sd35.bc.ca)).

### **Grade 5-7 Elementary Honour Choir**

Please see the message from Mr. Steeves about an opportunity for grade 5-7 students...

Dear Elementary Families,

I am very excited to announce the creation of the DW Poppy Elementary Honour Choir. This is a choir that is made up of aspiring singers from the Poppy family of elementary schools. Students will have the opportunity to get specialized vocal instruction, sing more advanced repertoire, and have fun being part of a choir of like-minded students. Students will participate in numerous events this year, including the DW Poppy Elementary Zone Concert (Mar 2), ESPRESSIVO: Summer Pops (June 14) and the Spring Festival Daytrip (Date TBA). There is no fee to join the Elementary Honour Choir, but there will be a cost to participate in our Spring Festival Daytrip.

**WHO CAN JOIN:** The DW Poppy Elementary Honour Choir is open to any aspiring singers in grades 5 through 7 from Coghlan Elementary, Fort Langley Elementary, North Otter Elementary, Peterson Road Elementary, and Wix-Brown Elementary.

**AUDITIONS:** There are no auditions for the Honour Choir. Any student who is eager to sing is welcome. However, regular attendance and practice are an expectation of members of the choir.

**REHEARSALS:** Rehearsals start on Thursday, November 24th and will run every Thursday at DW Poppy from 3:10 – 4:10 in the Choir Room (at the east end of the school just past the cafeteria) through mid-June. While students may need to miss the occasional rehearsal, as we only meet once a week, regular attendance and practice is an expectation for all students who wish to participate. If you have a conflict and are interested in looking at a compromise, please email Mr. Steeves at [jsteeves@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:jsteeves@sd35.bc.ca) Please note that rehearsals will end promptly at 4:10, and there will be no supervision available after that time. If your child is interested in joining, please email [jsteeves@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:jsteeves@sd35.bc.ca) with:

Student Name  
Elementary School  
Any Relevant Singing Experience  
Parent/Guardian Name, email, and phone number

Sincerely,  
Jered Steeves, D.W. Poppy Choir Director

### **Dressing for the weather**

You may have noticed an increase in muddy pants and shoes over the past few weeks. With all grass fields and heavy rainfall, mud will continue to be a problem on the fields. We encourage parents to send along a change of clothes in a ziplock bag for students to change in to if they get wet or muddy. We also encourage students to wear rubber boots if they go out on the field during the wetter months. Indoor days are rare and will only occur when there is a safety concern. Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather.

**Lost and Found**

We have a large collection of items that have been left outside and put in the lost and found. We have laid these items down the hallway in the primary wing. Please encourage your child to check for any items they may have lost. Any items not picked up at the end of next week will be donated. We also encourage parents to write your child’s name on the tag so that we can return the item if found.

**Words of Encouragement**

If you have an encouraging word that you would like to share with one of our staff members, please take a moment to [fill in this form](#) and we will be sure to share it with the staff member.

**Other Volunteer Opportunities**

We are always looking for ways to get our parent-community involved in the school. Here are some opportunities where you could get involved.

Events	Time	Contact
Dungeons & Dragons Club	Fridays 2:20-3:20	<a href="mailto:dgarland@sd35.bc.ca">dgarland@sd35.bc.ca</a>
Breakfast Club	Weekday morning 7:45-8:30	<a href="mailto:cherimcbride@gmail.com">cherimcbride@gmail.com</a>
Athletics Basketball (Gr 6/7 team parent) Basketball (Grade 4/5 coach)	Practice schedule set by coach	<a href="mailto:dwoelders@sd35.bc.ca">dwoelders@sd35.bc.ca</a>

**Noon Hour Supervisor Wanted**

If you or someone you know loves working with kids and is interested in joining our supervision team during the lunch hour, we are looking for a noon hour supervisor. A successful candidate must meet the following criteria:

- Completion of Grade 10.
- First Aid Certificate (Level I)
- Ability to interact with students in an effective manner.
- Ability to communicate effectively using tact and discretion in the explanation and clarification of information.
- Ability to use judgement in applying established methods and procedures.
- Physical ability to perform the required duties.

Hours: Monday-Friday, 11:40am – 12:40pm.

If you are interested or need more information, please contact Mr. Woelders [dwoelders@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:dwoelders@sd35.bc.ca)

**FROM THE DISTRICT**

**FROM THE PAC**



**Hot lunch and Movie Night Pre-orders are now OPEN!**



Please note the **deadlines for orders:**

- **A&W hot lunch order deadline: Nov. 28**

- **December festive movie night pizza pre-order: Dec. 1**

**Due to the amount of work/organization that goes into hot lunches, we are unable to accept any late orders.** Thank you for understanding!

*\*Movie nights will have a limited amount of pizza for sale during the evening (in addition to a concession). Pre-order to ensure that you receive what you want!*

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For **NEW** parents/caregivers to North Otter, please register for your Munchalunch account here:

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/NorthOtter>

For **RETURNING** parents/caregivers, use the normal login:

<https://munchalunch.com/login>

**----Other fundraisers still on the go:----**

### **Holiday Gift & Greenery Fundraiser**

Order here: <https://northotter.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

**Ordering ends November 15**

**Delivery is expected Nov. 30 - Dec. 3**

### **Purdy's Holiday Fundraiser**

Order here: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/853399-97722>

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Setting up a new account?

Our customer number is: 12987

Email is: [northotterpac@gmail.com](mailto:northotterpac@gmail.com)

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**Deadline for orders is November 16th**

**Pick up is December 1st** (to be confirmed)

### **Volunteers needed for committees!**

Tasks and time commitment vary for each committee, however we're hoping to bring everyone together for some good causes (and maybe have a bit of fun along the way!).

**To sign up:** <https://form.jotform.com/222965835680265>

### **Free Family Movie Nights**

Bring the whole family for a free movie night in the gym! Join us for fun, prizes and a concession.

Movie showing will be voted on next week on the PAC FB page!

Upcoming dates:

Friday, December 9 (Festive Edition!)

\*Opening times will be released next week.

**Looking to keep up to date on PAC events and activities around the school?** Join the

North Otter PAC group on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/871816359874721>

**FROM THE COMMUNITY**

**Local opportunities for kids and families posted here.**