

OTTER NEWS

November 28, 2022



Upcoming Events	
Date	Event
Monday, November 28	Beginning of term 2 Purdy's delivered
Tuesday, November 29	Duffle Bag Theatre Holiday Show
Wednesday, November 30	Graham Walker Performance (K/1) Holiday Greenery delivery
Thursday, December 1	Greenery Pick Up
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 Poppy Espresso Winter Concert (Elem. Honour Band only)
Friday, December 9	Report Cards published Community Movie Night
Monday, December 12	Toque Day Christmas Concert Rehearsal
Tuesday, December 13	Holiday Colours Day (blue/white, red/green) Christmas Concert Matinee (12:30-1:45) Christmas Concert Evening Show (5:00-6:30)
Wednesday, December 14	PJ Day PAC Pancake Breakfast Primary Holiday Movie Christmas Concert Evening Show (5:00-6:30)
Thursday, December 15	PJ Day Intermediate Holiday Movie
Friday, December 16	Christmas Sweater Day Holiday Assembly (9:00-10:00)

North Otter Spirit Wear

We now have spirit wear available for parents to purchase. Options are limited right now but we will be adding to our gear in the new year. Yaphee is optimistic that orders completed this week can be delivered before the Christmas break.

To order your North Otter Spirit Wear, go to <https://yaphee.ca/store/noe35/>

Grad Hoodies

To ensure hoodies are distributed before Christmas break, we ask that all orders are placed before November 29th. First orders placed will be distributed first. Late orders may result in some hoodies being distributed after Christmas break. If you need any financial assistance, please don't hesitate to contact

dwoelders@sd35.bc.ca



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 14th. 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

There is maximum of 280 tickets for each night, plus an additional 280 tickets for the matinee. Please be certain you are getting a ticket for the night that your child is performing (see list above). Please be mindful of other families looking to find seats. We have planned for approximately 2-3 seats/child performing on the Tuesday and 2 seats/child on the Wednesday.

Wednesday night is currently sold out. Plenty of seats still available for the matinee on Tuesday. With that said, there are some families that are requesting to switch times. If you would like to request a ticket or change your time, can you please email Mrs. Hajt ahajt@sd35.bc.ca and she will add you to the wait list.

To ensure everyone has a seat and we are not breaking fire code, we ask that audience members bring their ticket. Tickets 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).

Icy Weather

Please note that with freezing temperatures, we are starting to see more ice patches on the sidewalks and the parking lot. Our admin, custodial staff, and morning supervisors do their best to salt slippery areas but if you notice an icy area, please notify someone in a safety vest.

NOE Giving Tree

This year North Otter Elementary with the support of Ms. Peach in the learning commons, will be collecting important items to support the Langley Youth Hub. The Hub provides opportunities to meet the basic needs of youth such as food, showers, laundry, and toiletries. They also provide services such as medical care, substance use counselling and harm reduction programs, mental health counselling,

employment and housing support, and life skills training – all of which are imperative in increasing the overall well-being of youth.

Items will be collected from **now to December 15th**. Please refer to the list provided for items to donate. Although any donations are appreciated, we kindly ask that you refer to the list when considering donating as they are specific items the youth hub needs. With each donation, students will receive a candy cane as a thank you for supporting such a worthy cause. Please refer to the website below for more information on the Langley Youth Hub.

<https://www.langleyyouthhub.com/about-us.html>

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	dgarland@sd35.bc.ca
Breakfast Club	Weekday morning 7:45-8:30	cherimcbride@gmail.com
Athletics	Practice schedule set by coach	dwoelders@sd35.bc.ca

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

FROM THE DISTRICT

FROM THE PAC



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



Here are some updates as we head into December:

- **Greenery -- DELIVERY DECEMBER 1st** - An email has been sent out to those who ordered. Exact delivery time to be determined.
- **Hot lunch -- ORDER DEADLINE NOVEMBER 28th**

- A&W is the next hot lunch being held on December 6th
- To order: 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>

- **Festive Movie Night -- PIZZA PRE-ORDER DEADLINE DECEMBER 1st -** Join us on Friday, December 9th for a FREE special showing of 'Home Alone'! Doors open at 5:30pm, movie starts at 6pm. We'll have a full concession, and prize draws at the end of the show. Limited pizza slices are available, however pre-order to ensure you get what you want! (Munchalunch ordering instructions above.)
- **Pancake Breakfast -- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -** The Pancake Breakfast is being held the morning of Wednesday, December 14th. If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4DAAA28A7FC1-pancake>
- **Family Christmas Fund -- DONATIONS NEEDED -** The PAC is teaming up with the school to fundraise for the families in our North Otter community who need some extra help this year. Donations will be used for children's gifts and other family needs. To donate, log into Munchalunch and click 'Fundraising Open!' (located in the top banner with yellow writing, next to 'Order Lunch!'): <https://munchalunch.com/login>. Also, we can accept cash or cheque. Please drop these at the office in an envelope marked 'North Otter PAC - Christmas Fund'. Thank you so much for your help and generosity!

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>



NORTH OTTER
ELEMENTARY
GRAD 2023

BOTTLE DRIVE

SATURDAY,
JANUARY 14, 2023
9AM - 2PM

**STUDENTS WILL BE ON
SITE AT
NORTH OTTER ELEMENTARY
5370 248TH STREET
FOR DROP-OFF
AS WELL AS DOING
NEIGHBOURHOOD PICKUPS.**

For more information or to
book a pick-up, please contact
northottergrad@gmail.com or
call 604-764-6723

PETERSON ROAD ELEMENTARY



Merry
Christmas

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022
23422 - 47 AVENUE, LANGLEY, B.C.
9 AM - 4 PM**

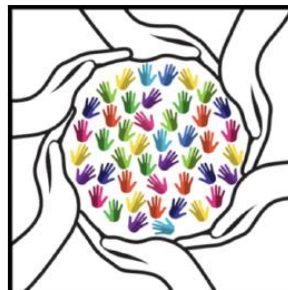
ENTRY BY DONATION | CONCESSION | KIDS ACTIVITIES

VENDORS WANTED! CONTACT: SHANISTWISTED@GMAIL.COM

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You are invited to join Early Childhood Educator,
Sam Collie, for a **FREE**, Ready, Set, Learn Session

Gifts and Gatherings



It is important to celebrate **every child** for their uniqueness and strengths.
Gifts and Gatherings is a program that embraces this celebration!

North Otter Elementary School offers four sessions:

Thursday, October 6th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Tuesday, November 29th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Thursday, February 9th, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Tuesday, April 18th, 1:00-2:00pm

Participants will have the opportunity to engage in playful activities designed for all ages. During each session, participants will receive a gift that will allow families to continue to explore their learning at home.



Many people have an important role in raising a child. Adults will gain skills and knowledge to support children beyond the session. Any family member or caregiver is welcome to participate along with children ages 0-5 years.

For more information contact Sam Collie at scollie@sd35.bc.ca

