

OTTER NEWS

December 5, 2022



Upcoming Events	
Date	Event
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 (student-only audience)
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 (8:25-10:00) Primary Holiday Movie (Disney's Christmas Carol) 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

Grad hoodies should be arriving in the last week of school. For any students that missed the opportunity to order, you can still submit an order and we will do our best to fill the order before Christmas break. If you need any financial assistance, please don't hesitate to contact dwoelders@sd35.bc.ca



Christmas Concert

Update: We have confirmed that the Grade 6/7 Band will now be performing at the Tuesday matinee. Ticket booking is now closed for the concert, but you can still access tickets or change ticket times by emailing the office (ahajt@sd35.bc.ca).

December 13, 12:45PM show – All divisions and Grade 6/7 Band 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

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.

Ticket booking is now closed, however, if you would like to request a ticket or change your time, you can email the office (ahajt@sd35.bc.ca).

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:

- **Hot lunch**
 - 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/4090D4DAAAA28A7FC1-pancake>

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



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

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

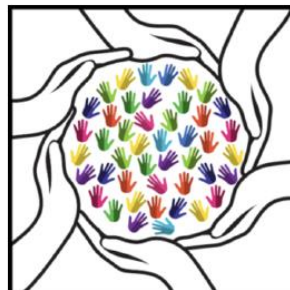
ENTRY BY DONATION | CONCESSION | KIDS ACTIVITIES

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

