

OTTER NEWS

December 12, 2022



Upcoming Events	
Date	Event
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- doors open, 12:45-1:45) Christmas Concert Evening Show (5:00-6:30)
Wednesday, December 14	PJ Day – Primary. Holiday colours - Intermediate 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 colours - Primary 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. Turn-around time for orders is typically 2-3 weeks.

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

Grad Hoodies and Spirit Wear

Grad hoodies and any spirit wear ordered in the past 2 weeks should be arriving this week.



Christmas Concert

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 (12:30 doors open) – All divisions (div 5-17) and Grade 6/7 Band

December 13, 5:00PM show (doors open at 4:30– Divisions 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 will be performing

December 14, 5:00PM show (doors open at 4:30 – Divisions 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 + Grade 6/7 Band

Christmas Concert Tickets

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 should have been distributed on Friday, unless your child had a TTOC on Friday.

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**
 - 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>

- **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>

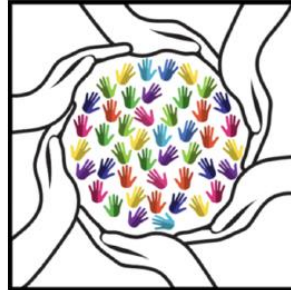
Looking to keep up to date on PAC events and activities around the school? Join the North Otter PAC group on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/871816359874721>



FROM THE COMMUNITY

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

