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Times

December Edition

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Principal's Message...

Merry December to you and your family,

December is a wonderful month around Tomahawk School as we find so many ways to celebrate. Our Christmas concert will be held on Dec 13th, which is a great event. But we will also enjoy Christmas PJ Day, Christmas Sweater Day, and Twin Day!

Students are enjoying the balmy weather as we play outside, but eventually snow will arrive! Thanks for helping our child to arrive at school dressed for the weather as we all enjoy having fun on the playground!

All students completed a writing assessment in the month of November. You can find your child's mark on PowerSchool. With a focus on writing skills we are seeing our students improving their skills. To demonstrate growth, all students will again complete a writing assessment in March.

I hope you had a fantastic Fall break. Students are working very hard right now as we all look forward to our Christmas break. I encourage you to chat with your child about the great learning taking place in their classrooms. Of course, if you ever have any questions, please do reach out to your child's teacher.

Have a wonderful Christmas season, Ms. Bell

Christmas Concert - December 13

Please join us on Wednesday, December 13th, at either 1:30pm or 6:30pm for this year's Christmas Concert. Doors will open 30 minutes before the start of each performance. We encourage any family members that can attend the afternoon performance to please do so, to help the parking situation for the evening concert. Our Kindergarten - Grade 6 classes have been working hard in Music class, and students in Grades 7 through 9 will be performing a Christmas play. We are excited to meet together as a school family. Please have students dropped off and into their classrooms for the evening concert by 6:15pm.

For the Christmas Concert, each class has some minor costume requirements. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Ms.Bell, and we will be happy to help.

Preschool: Please bring a toque and scarf.

K/1: Christmas/sweater/shirt/dress/ Christmas Hat (or the school has lots of Santa hats)

Gr. 2/3: Christmas Pajamas or a Christmas Shirt/sweater/dress/Christmas Hat (or the school has lots of Santa hats)

Gr. 4/5: Red Shirt or Christmas shirt/sweater/outfit (with a pillow to create a big tummy like Santa!)

Gr. 6: Brown shirt/or Furry Jacket. School will provide Reindeer Antlers

Gr. 7/8/9: Costumes are being decided by each student and the school will provide extras.



Santa's Anonymous



Once again our school is partnering with Santa's Anonymous in Drayton Valley to provide needed support for our school and community families. If you are able to provide a **new unwrapped toy, book, gift card or**

monetary donation it would be greatly appreciated. Donations will be accepted until December 15. Also, if your family, or a family you know could benefit from the support of Santa's Anonymous, please contact the school office in confidence, and names will be passed along to Santa's Anonymous.

Winter Break



Winter Break will be from December 22nd - January 7th.

Classes will resume on Monday, January 8th for all students. Have a wonderful holiday!

Reporting Student Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, please remember to contact the school office, and their teacher. You can call 780.339.3935 or email tomahawk@psd.ca. On days when buses are canceled, please report that your child is safe at home, so that our records are accurate.

Candy Grams and Leadership Events

The Tomahawk School Student Leadership group has some special events planned over the next few weeks. Candy Gram Sales will take place from December 4 - 15 at morning and lunch recesses. For 25 cents, students can purchase a Candy Gram message for their friends and classmates. All proceeds from the sale of Candy Grams will go to Santa's Anonymous.

Spirit Week will be planned for December 18th - 21st. The theme days are as follows:

Monday, Dec. 18- Tomahawk Gear Day

Tuesday, Dec. 19- Twin Day

Wednesday, Dec. 20- Christmas Spirit Day
(Christmas sweaters, hats, hair, etc.)

Thursday, Dec. 21- PJ Day

December Hot Lunch



December 7 - Shepherd's Pie

December 14 - Ham & Rice Casserole

December 21 - Chicken Caesar Salad Wraps

January hot lunch forms will be sent home later this week, and will be due back before the Winter Break begins.

School Council/Friends of Tomahawk

Our **Growing Smiles Holiday Arrangements** went home last week. **Thank you** for supporting our **School Council**, who in turn support our school and students through this fundraiser.

The next School Council meeting will be held on **December 19, 2022 @ 7:30 pm**. We would love to see some new faces, so if your schedule allows, please join using the following link: meet.google.com/gsk-iybt-raa

Winter Weather



Although we have been enjoying some unseasonably warm weather lately, it's likely that Winter weather will show up before too long. With that being said,

please be sure that your child comes to school with proper winter clothing and footwear, and is prepared for all types of weather while at school and on the bus.

Christmas Extravaganza Thank you!

A big thank you goes out to Friends of Tomahawk and the Christmas Extravaganza Committee for all of the planning and hard work that they put into making this year's Christmas Extravaganza a HUGE success! A special thank you goes out to the following individuals:

***Carmen Vanderwell *Maria Androschuk**
***Tish & Charlotte Bell *Monica Weber**
***Kristy Johnston *Chris Goerz**
***Toni Whiteway *Keena Chausse**
***Delaine & Marley Steele**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

December

4-15 - Candy Gram Sales

5 - School Counselor In

6 - Finding Nemo - Horizon Stage - Gr. 1-6

7 - Hot Lunch - Shepherd's Pie

12 - School Counselor In

13 - Christmas Concert - 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm

14- Hot Lunch - Ham & Rice Casserole

18 - 21 - School Wide Carol Singing

18 - Spirit Days - Tomahawk Gear

19 - Spirit Days - Twin Day

19 - School Counselor In

19 - School Council Meeting - 7:30 pm

20 - Spirit Days - Christmas sweaters, hats, hair

21 - Spirit Days - Pajama Day

21 - Hot Lunch - Chicken Caesar Salad Wraps

22 - PD Day - Christmas Break Begins