

# Alwin Holland Elementary School Newsletter

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## Important Dates

Dec. 1 - PAC Meeting  
7:00 pm

Dec. 2 - Food drive ends  
- Smoothie Day  
- Bridge building

Dec. 5 - Spirit Assembly

Dec. 14 - Wear your  
Christmas hat!

Dec. 14 - Mingle Jingle

Dec. 16 - Hockey Game  
- Skating

Friday, December 16  
Happy Holidays! Last  
day of school in 2016!

Tuesday, January 3  
Happy New Year! First  
day of school in 2017!

## TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More

Our Mission: We promote a growth mindset. Everyone is engaged and is working together as a community with unconditional acceptance for all.

## FILL THE BUS!

The FSJ Huskies are doing their Fill the Bus food drive campaign for the Salvation Army food bank. We are collecting food for colour team points until Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Send non-perishable food items to the school with your child and let's help FILL THE BUS!!

## CLASS PARTIES

During the holiday season there are various class parties taking place. Watch for newsletters from your child's teacher!

## MINGLE JINGLE

The staff would like to invite our Alwin Holland family to a fun evening of activities on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Come and have fun with Just Dance. Make some Christmas crafts. Win a cake in the Cake Walk. Go for a sleigh ride. Play some Bingo. Decorate some cookies. Enjoy a Christmas story. Play some floor hockey. We hope to see you there!



## SKATING

This month some classes are going skating. Check the dates sent home by your child's teacher and make sure your child is well prepared for the activity. Some classes skating are: Ms. Hedges, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Turner-London, Mr. Platzer.

## HOCKEY GAME

The Northeast BC Trackers hockey team is playing the Southside Athletic Club Lakewood Chevrolet team from Edmonton on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at noon. The following classes will be cheering on the local team: Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Dutchak, Ms. Gatt, Mrs. Turner-London, Mr. MacKay. Watch for permission forms and make sure they get returned to the school!

## BOOK FAIR

We had a very successful book fair last week with sales of almost \$5000. Some new books and supplies will be showing up in the library very soon. Thank you Mrs. Hartman, Ms. Calliou, Mrs. Montgomery and Ms. Morrison for your hard work!

## LOCKDOWN DRILL

The lockdown drill went very well yesterday. Great job, students and staff!

## KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE NEXT ISSUE...

Industry Training Authority visits Mr. MacKay's class to check out the building projects.

Reading Power - How to help your child become a more powerful reader and thinker.

Hour of Code information

More celebrations of learning! More upcoming events!



### **VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS!**

The Alwin Holland senior boys and girls volleyball teams won both the league trophies and the tournament trophies. We are proud of all our volleyball players for their excellent sportsmanship and teamwork! Thank you to our coaches: Mr. MacKay, Mr. Platzer, Ms. Hedges, Ms. Duncan, Ms. MacDonald and Mrs. Barber.

### **FIRST TERM CELEBRATIONS!**

On Monday we had our celebration assembly. Many students received recognition certificates for academic achievement, leadership, citizenship, and work ethic. Well done, students!



### **TOTEM BUILDING**

Mrs. Dutchak's, Ms. Gatt's, and Ms. MacDonald's classes completed totem projects.

Mrs. Dutchak's and Ms. Gatt's students worked collaboratively in eight clans. They learned the history, purpose, and construction of totem poles. Each student selected an animal based on its meaning to the Northwest Coast cultures and created the animal out of paper maché and recycled objects. They then wrote a story of their totem pole. The totem poles and stories are on display in the portables.

Ms. MacDonald's students created totems as an introduction to their study of the differences between Aboriginal cultures of Canada. They will continue their work with posters and dioramas.

### **TUMBLEBOOKS**

TumbleBooks are animated, talking picture books and they are a useful tool to help children learn to read and enjoy reading. We have a school subscription. To check it out, go to: [tumblebookslibrary.com](http://tumblebookslibrary.com)

Username: alwin

Password: books

### **THANK YOU FOR THE WARM WELCOME**

As you are aware, Mrs. Haley went on a medical leave. Her last day of work was November 14<sup>th</sup>. I started the following day. I would like to thank the students, staff and parents for the wonderful, warm, Alwin Holland welcome I have received. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Mingle Jingle later this month.

Ms. J. Orcutt

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

**FILL THE BUS!** Collection ends tomorrow! Send non-perishable items with your child or bring them to the school. The FSJ Huskies will also be going door-to-door on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**MINGLE JINGLE CAKE WALK!** Contact Mrs. Chenier ([kchenier@prn.bc.ca](mailto:kchenier@prn.bc.ca)) or Mrs. Barber ([kbarber@prn.bc.ca](mailto:kbarber@prn.bc.ca)) if you can make a cake for the cake walk. Cakes need to be dropped off at the school on December 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>.

**BASKETBALL!** We have a lot of intermediate students interested in playing basketball and we may need some help coaching. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Hartman at the school and also ensure that you have completed a Criminal Record Check. CRC information is available at the office.