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Congratulations!

A big congratulations to Mr. Ennis who will be retiring at the end of December. Mr. Ennis has been at North Canoe Elementary for 11 years and has taught in the school district for a total of 31 years. Mr. Ennis will be greatly missed here at North Canoe. We wish him all the best with his many future endeavors. Also retiring at the end of this school year will be Ms. Dettwiler. Ms. Dettwiler has taught at North Canoe for 5 years and in the district for a total of 24 years. She began her career in Mackenzie, B.C. in 1990. We will, however, save our good-byes and best wishes for Ms. Dettwiler until the end of the year. Finally, we would like to wish long time CEA at North Canoe, Tanya Schumacher all the best in her new position at M.V. Beattie. These staff member's dedication to our students and school have been much appreciated and they will be greatly missed.

Goal Setting Conferences

The goal setting conferences were the first of three formal reports this year. Two formal, more typical, report cards will follow; one at the end of January and one at the end of the year. As always, teaching staff are available to meet to discuss your child's progress; parents just need to make arrangements with the classroom teacher. A survey link was sent by email on Nov 20 for parents to provide feedback on the reporting process and goal setting conferences.

Winter Swim

On Friday, December 21, all students will be going to the pool to swim! This is a great way to celebrate as a school the hard work all students have done to this point and a nice way to get ready for winter break. We will need parent helpers in the pool. A 1 to 3 ratio of adults to children is required for students under 7. We have booked a bus, but will also need parent drivers. Thank you for supporting this activity for our school!

North Canoe Goals for 2018-2019:

Goal Statement #1:

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Goal Statement #2

- To create a school wide culture of healthy living.

Winter Rec Days

In January, we will be having our Winter Rec days. Dates are below. K-2 go skating. Students need to have skates, helmet and dress appropriately for the arena (warm pants/snowpants, jacket, gloves). Grade 3- 5 students will be xc skiing. Again, students need to dress for being outside all day (warm pants/snow pants, jacket, gloves, toque). The Pirate Loppet is on Friday, February 1 for Grade 3-5 students. We have requested Friday, Feb 9 to be our Winter Rec Fun day (to be confirmed). All students will go to Larch Hills and have a fun day using the skis, snowshoes and crazy carpets. We will need parent helpers at Larch Hills and at the rink. We will also need a parent with a truck to transport ski equipment. Before hand, we will need some parents to help students size their boots and skates. A big thank you to our parent volunteers and also to our PAC for providing financial support for these programs!

Family Dance

This year's family dance was well attended and a lot of good family fun was had by all. A big thank you to Amy Yates, Kelly Reynolds and our PAC for making this happen!

Winter Concert



North Canoe Elementary will be having our winter concert on Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 pm. Ms. Hart and classroom teachers will be working with their classes to prepare them for the concert. Thank you to Ms. Hart and our staff for your hard work on the concert. The concert will be about 45 minutes long.

Students should be at the school by 6:15 p.m. to be ready to perform. Students should be dressed in concert appropriate attire: boys could wear dark pants, shirt and girls could wear dresses or dark pants and shirts (unless they have special roles to dress for).

Holiday Hamper

Our staff and school community is putting together two Christmas hampers again this year to give to two of our families in need during the holiday season. If you would like to contribute something, please sign up on the list posted just inside the school near the parking lot entrance. Thank you!

Police Information Checks – WE NEED YOU!

Police information checks are now required for all volunteers that may have any unsupervised access to students. The big change for us is that this now includes all parent drivers. We depend greatly on parent drivers, especially now that our whole school no longer fits on one school bus. If you have helped out in the past or think you may be able to help out as a driver (or a volunteer), please make time to get your record check done ASAP. You will need to take a letter from the school to the Salmon Arm RCMP station and \$25 cash. This money will be reimbursed by the school.

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ADST Afternoons

Our staff has decided to make ADST (Applied Design, Skills and Technologies) our focus for our monthly multi-grade school-wide special project afternoons this year. We are excited to work with our students in a variety of activities that involve designing, building, programming and other skills related to the ADST curriculum. Our first sessions have gone well and we will continue to have one special afternoon of these activities each month. Our next session is on December 20th.



Dance

We are excited to have Caitlin Quilty coming in again this year to teach some cool new dance moves to our students (and staff!). Caitlin, Ms. Quilty's daughter, was in for an afternoon last year and did a wonderful job with our division 3 and 4 students. This year, she will be working with all students in a total of six sessions. All students should have gym shorts or stretchy pants and running shoes to wear on dance days (see dates at the end of this newsletter). Thanks so much, Caitlin!!



School bus safety reminder

School buses are one of the **safest ways** for children to get to school. Drivers travelling in both directions must **STOP** for a stopped school bus with its upper **red lights** flashing. When you approach the bus, stop at a safe distance to let children get on or off the bus and cross the road. Do not move forward until the **red lights** have stopped flashing or the bus begins to move.



Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!

Happy Holidays from North Canoe

On behalf of all the staff here at North Canoe, I would like to wish all students and their families a happy and safe holiday. Whether you are travelling to visit family and friends or if you are staying close to home, I hope it is a wonderful break and a chance to relax and rest. Winter break starts on Friday, December 21. We will see everyone back at school on Monday, January 7, 2017.



Upcoming events at North Canoe....

DECEMBER

3	Monday	Dance Lessons – all classes – pm
4	Tuesday	PAC mtg 2:35 pm
6	Thursday	Poinsettias delivered
10	Monday	Dance Lessons – all classes – pm
11	Tuesday	Staff mtg 2:25 pm
13	Thursday	Christmas Concert 6:30 p.m
17	Monday	Dance Lessons – all classes – pm
18	Tuesday	Recognition assembly 8:45 am
20	Thursday	School-wide multi-grade ADST afternoon
21	Friday	Swim at pool 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Last day before Winter Vacation

JANUARY

7	Monday	First day back
8	Tuesday	PAC mtg 2:35 pm
9	Wednesday	K-2 Skating 12:45 – 1:45 pm
15	Tuesday	Staff mtg 2:35 pm
17	Thursday	HeARTbeat Theatre at South Broadview – 8:50 am
18	Friday	K-2 Skating 12:45 – 1:45 pm
31	Thursday	Report cards sent home

FEBRUARY

1	Friday	K-2 Skating 12:45 – 1:45 pm
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