

# Simon Fraser Elementary School

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## NEWSLETTER No. 4

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### Dear Parents and Guardians:

Winter has made an early appearance this year, so I am pleased to see that our kids are coming to school dressed in warm winter clothing that includes mittens, hats and even an occasional snow suit. Please remember that frost bite can set in very quickly and the kids may not be aware that it may be happening. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of our students who played safely and took care of each other during the recent snowfall.

### Website

I would like to acknowledge the most excellent Fraser website that has been set up by Nathan Wilkes. Please visit [www.simonfraserelementary.com](http://www.simonfraserelementary.com) to have a look. Thanks Nathan!

### School Garden

It is my great pleasure to share the news that our school's application, as drafted by Lori Weidenhammer to the Artstarts program has been successful. Fraser will receive a monetary grant of \$1800 to help support the development of our school garden.

### In Case of Bad Weather

Should a school closure occur, telephone and voice mail instructions are available on the VSB Web Site.



### Emergency Preparedness

Thank you all for sending in an Earthquake Comfort Kit for your

child. We have stored all of our kits in the emergency shed which also contains our earthquake emergency supplies.

We will be holding a District wide Earthquake Drill on May 6<sup>th</sup>, at which time we will be dismissing the kids as if it were a real earthquake. Stay tuned for more information about this as we get closer to spring.

### Student Council Update

Our Student Council is asking Fraser Families to help support our local Food Bank. Your contributions to needy families at this giving time of the year are greatly appreciated. Donations will be received from Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.



The next **School Spirit Day** will be on Friday, **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. It's "Dress as you would if you were in Santa's Workshop", so we invite everyone to **use your imagination**.

### Kindergarten 2011-2012

We are now accepting applications for Kindergarten for the 2011-12 school year. Children born before December 31<sup>st</sup> 2006 should register by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011. To register the parent/guardian will need to bring the child's birth certificate, child's immunization records, child's Care Card number and the family's proof of address, ie: Property Tax Notice or Rental/Lease Agreement to the school.



### Christmas Concert Update

Rehearsals are now under way for our Christmas Concert to take place on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm. Many thanks to Mrs. Goodearle for organizing the Christmas Concert. Admission to the concert is by donation to the Food Bank, either dry goods or cash/cheque.

### Winter Sing-a-long

You are invited to join our students and staff from 9:00 - 9:30 on Dec. 15-17 for our annual winter sing-a-long. We gather in the gym to celebrate the joy of the festive season together. We welcome parent's participation. If you have a musical instrument that you would like to play, please inform your child's teacher.



### Walk-a-thon

Our annual Walk-a-thon on October 20<sup>th</sup> was a great success. The weather was perfect, everyone had a great time. Congratulations on raising \$7,409.33. The money raised helps cover the cost of the rich variety of learning experiences that we provide for our students throughout the year. Thanks to you and your friends for generously contributing pledges of support to ensure a successful Walk-a-Thon!



### Raffles prize winners were:

Primary~Isabelle, Naomi, Lincoln, Hannah M, Gabriel, Elizabeth, Noam, Beyonce, Brendan, Hannah A, Mei, Charlotte, Madigan

**Intermediate:** Manjur, Michelle, Rob, Willow, Bella, Ayu, Jeanette, James C, Nicholas, Zac P, Mika, Zac O.

**Remembrance Day Assembly**

Many thanks to Div. 1 & 3 for organizing our Remembrance Day Assembly which we had on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you also to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 (2655 Main St.) for their donation of \$410.00 to our school.



**Christmas Tree**

**Chipping for Charity** - on Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 at Kingsgate Mall (lower east side parking lot) from 10am - 2 pm bring your Christmas tree to be chipped by donation. All proceeds go to Mount Pleasant Elementary School.



**News from Div 4**

On Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Div. 4 went to the Museum of Anthropology. We learned all about totem poles as well as how the First Nations people used the cedar trees to make housing and technology.

**News from Div 1 & 3** have a plant laboratory and have been observing it grow. We will be harvesting some of our crop in a month's time.

**Many Thanks**

☺To Lori Weidenhammer for ALL your help in Div. 3.  
☺Many thanks to Leslie Wilkes who has been teaching music to students in Ms. Naples class. They are making excellent use of all our Orff instruments.  
☺Many, many thanks to Karen Pike and Claire Kantowicz for all that they do but especially for organizing the Family Dinner (Nov. 18) and the upcoming Glittering Generations Dinner/Dance Gala and to their many volunteers that make all these wonderful events happen.

I look forward to seeing all our families on two upcoming occasions: The Winter Concert will be on this Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and the PAC sponsored Glittering Generations Gala on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**We wish a safe and happy holiday to all our Fraser families!**

*Milana Christie  
Principal*

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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Dec. 1-15	Food Bank Donations
Dec. 3	Spirit Day
Dec. 3	Winter Concert 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 10	Report Cards Go Home
Dec. 10	Glittering Generations Dinner/Dance 5:30 - 8:00
Dec. 13	Hearing Screening Clinic K's and Follow-up
Dec. 14	Kindergarten Vision Screening
Dec. 15-17	Winter Sing-a-long 9:00-9:30 in the Gym Parents welcome!
Dec. 17	Last Day Before Winter Break
Dec. 20-Jan.3	Winter Vacation
Jan. 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Day Back to School
Jan. 25	Immunization Clinic K's & 6's

