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Christmas Greetings

Here we are, it's the Christmas season again, and we are all looking forward to a refreshing and restful break. I just wanted to take this opportunity, on behalf of the staff, to wish all of our families at Arthur Hatton a very Merry Christmas. We look forward to all the opportunities and challenges the New Year will have to offer.



Report Cards

Term I report cards will be sent home by Thursday, December 17th. Please take the time to read your child's report both on your own and together with your child. This is an opportunity for you to celebrate their growth and accomplishments, and also to set goals to address some of the challenges they are experiencing. Your involvement in this process is crucial to your child's success. Please remember, each child is unique in the way they learn and the rate that they learn at. Instead of making unfair comparisons, focus on the realistic goals that are achievable, and celebrate each step along the way!

Please sign your son/daughter's Report Card envelope and return it to the school as soon as possible. Thank you!



Winter Has Arrived

With the cold weather upon us, I have noticed that some students are arriving at school without proper winter wear. I also recognize that it can be a hardship for some families to provide the necessary clothing. If you, have any extra clothing that your children have out grown that you would like to donate, particularly jackets, snow pants, or boots please let us know. It would be greatly appreciated.

Lost and Found

There are many items in our lost and found, and with the Winter break on its' way. Please take some time to look through the items and claim any that belong to your child.

Professional Development Day – Monday December 7th

There will be no school for students on this day. The staff will be involved in workshops throughout the district.

Additional Non-Instructional Days

Please note there have been 2 additional Non-Instructional days added to our calendar this year.

These additional professional development days are intended to assist teachers in implementing the new curriculum for next year. As with all non-instructional days there is no school for the students.

Make sure to note these dates on your calendar.

- Friday, January 22nd
- Monday, April 4th

Lunch Program

In order to be ready for when the students return to school in January, Lunch Program Menus will need to be in before the Christmas Break. Be on the lookout for the menus to come home around the week of December 8th, with the deadline to return them on Monday, December 15th. Be sure to plan ahead to avoid disappointment.

The Gift Shop

We would like to thank Donna Northcott, Susan Yakal, and Paula Yorke for setting up the Christmas Gift Shop and helping the students pick out gifts for their parents and family members. Money raised went to the grade 5/6 classes and their quest to help with Christmas Amalgamated.

**NO FRAGRANCES AT ARTHUR
HATTON PLEASE!**

**STAFF MEMBERS ARE HIGHLY
ALERGIC!**

We will have to ask you to leave if you are wearing fragrances. Thank you for your consideration.

Calendar of Events

Monday, December 7 – Non Instructional Day

Wednesday, December 16th - Christmas Sing Along
1:30 pm in the gym

Thursday, December 17th – Multi Age Group Activity
Christmas Craft 1:15 – 2:00 pm

Friday, December 18th – Last Day of Classes before
Winter Vacation

Monday, January 4th – School Re-opens

Thursday – January 14th – First Nations Family dinner



From the Board Meeting of: NOVEMBER 23, 2015

1. The Board enjoyed the presentation by two students from Valleyview Secondary School who are enrolled in the Secwempemcsin Language Class. The students were accompanied by their teacher Ted Gottfriedson, Principal Kirschner, and District Principal Sebastian.
2. The Board received a report from Assistant Superintendent Sidow on the new Trades Industrial Sampler Program being developed and offered at NorKam Trades and Technology Centre.
3. The Board approved a revision to the School Calendar for 2015/2016 to provide two additional non-instructional days for the Curriculum Implementation Plan.
4. The Board received an update from Secretary-Treasurer Stretch on the Economic Stability Dividend.
5. The Board approved the following Routine Capital Project Bylaws:
 - a. Project No. 127024
 - b. Project No. 127025
6. Superintendent deBruijn provided a response to the KTTA's presentation made at a Public Board Meeting on November 9, 2015.

The Inaugural Meeting of the Board of Education will occur on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the School Board Office.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, December 7, 2015 at the School Board Office.

Mind, Exercise, Nutrition... Do it!



Where families
healthy

get fit and
together!

January 18, 2016 - March 17, 2016, the Kamloops John Tod Community Centre is offering a program called **MEND** - Mind, Exercise, Nutrition, Do it!

MEND is a fun, FREE, 10 week program for families with 7-13 year olds. The program supports families to live a healthy lifestyle. Groups of up to 15 children, accompanied by at least one parent or caregiver meet with program leaders twice a week for ten weeks. The first hour is an interactive family session on nutrition and behavior topics, followed by one hour of fun exercise for the children, while parents and caregivers meet for support and discussion on topics such as goals and rewards, label reading and problem solving.

The first class will take place Monday January 18, and will be every Monday and Thursday from 6pm to 8pm.

Participating families will receive a FREE 3 month pass to the Kamloops YMCA!

For more information or to register, please contact **Kathryn at ksharples@kamloopsy.org** or call 250 571-4136. If you leave a message, be sure to include your name, phone number and a convenient time to receive a call back. Thanks

*Wishing all of you in the Arthur
Hatton community a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

From the staff at Arthur Hatton

