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Monday, Dec. 5, 2016.

Dear Crystal View Parents,

It was wonderful to see so many families at our recent conferences. Students were proud to have the opportunity to share their first term learning with you! Report cards will be issued on Thursday, December 15th for all students.

Parents may notice changing report card formats and evolving assessment practices this year as teachers are piloting innovative work with the BC Curriculum Redesign. Crystal View staff is involved in Curriculum Design teams, Inquiry teams and in mentoring new teachers. There are exciting things happening throughout grade levels.

At CV, we are continuing to focus on every child's sense of belonging at school or "school connectedness". Research shows this is a significant predictor of future success. We care about our community culture at CV and value our high level of student engagement. Thanks for your continued involvement in your child's learning.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Karen Sjerven
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Tues. Dec. 6- PAC Popcorn
Wed. Dec. 7- PAC Christmas Shop for kids
Fri. Dec. 9 – CHOMP
**Thurs. Dec. 15 – Report Cards home /
Christmas Concert @ 1:00 & 6:00**
Fri. Dec. 16- CHOMP/ Last Day of School
Mon. Jan. 3 – Back to School

12 Days of Giving

Please consider donating to our Food Hamper this week. We have been collecting non-perishable food items since December 1st for our "12 Days of Giving" campaign to support the local Food Bank. We will finish our collection on December 12th. Items can be dropped off in the office.

CV Christmas Concert – Thursday, Dec. 15th

1:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Next Thursday, **all classes will be performing** in an afternoon and evening concert to celebrate "Christmas Around the World". Classes have been rehearsing with Ms. Fiorin and we are combining divisions for a multi-age finale. Each group will perform, and the entire school will return to the gym for the final number. Children will be dismissed from their classrooms or staging areas following the performances.

Performances will begin promptly at 1:00 and 6:00 pm. Doors will open at 12:30 and 5:30 for seating and for students to begin to arrive in classes.

As gym seating is limited, we request that pre-schoolers, extended family and all guests able to attend in the afternoon join us for the 1:00 pm performance.

Out of respect for the children performing, please keep little ones in the audience quiet during the performances. Thank you for your consideration.

We are looking forward to this special event. Thanks to our Music teachers; Ms. Fiorin for coordinating the show and to Mr. Benker for his assistance.



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CV Handball Teams are Tops!

Congratulations to our girls and boys in Grades 4 and 5 who joined the CV Handball teams this year! Both teams enjoyed their season and developed some great skills and sportsmanship. The boys had some of their greatest successes during their league play and the girls shone at the Jamboree. Congratulations to our teams, and thanks to our coaches and referees: Mrs. Prette, Mr. Dodds and Mr. Hamilton.

Thanks Melissa McConnell!

On behalf of the CV PAC, staff, and students, I would like to thank Mrs. Melissa McConnell for her hard work over the past 4 months as CV PAC president. Melissa is needing to step down from the president's role at this time. We would like to thank her for the extraordinary amount of time and effort she has dedicated to this voluntary position. Thank you, Melissa! During Melissa's absence, Brenda Walker will assume the role of PAC president.

New Kindergarten Registration for 2017-2018

Do you know a young person who is heading to Kindergarten next year? Registration week happens during the week of January 23rd -27th in the Sooke School District. Parents need to have proof of address (for school catchment) and your child's birth certificate for registration. Parents may register online, or in person at the school.

Wits and Leads at Crystal View

Constable Joly will be at Crystal View in the New Year to bring the Wits and Leads Program to the students. Both programs are designed to help students make positive choices, using proven strategies when confronted by new and challenging situations.

Crystal View Christmas Shop

The Crystal View Christmas shop will open its doors on Wednesday December 7th for Crystal View student to purchase "gifts" for their family members. Lists of family members for whom the students were to shop were sent home last month and returned to the school so the PAC members could ensure there were enough items available for purchase. **All gifts are one dollar.** Primary students will have assistance with the shopping and wrapping. Intermediate students will be wrapping their own gifts. The wrapping paper is being generously provided by the PAC. Thanks, once more, for all things the PAC parents do to make Crystal View the vibrant school that it is. Thanks also to all the Crystal View families for their contributions to this event. We appreciate your generosity!

Evening for Parents

Learn more about the
BC Curriculum Redesign
Kindergarten to Grade 8

Wednesday, January 11
6:15-7:30 pm @ Happy Valley Elementary
3291 Happy Valley Road
Curriculum.gov.bc.ca

Dare Program for Grade 5 students

The Dare Program returns to Crystal View in January 2017. Constable Joly and her partner will bring information and strategies to our Grade 5 students that will empower them to make responsible choices. This 10 week program is designed to give students good information about situations they may encounter as they move into their middle and high school years.