



# Chute Lake Elementary

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## Principal's Message:

We are fast approaching the holiday season and the excitement that ensues. Thank you to all families who participated in our holiday plants fundraiser - we had terrific results! A big thanks also to our hot lunch coordinators and the many parent volunteers. We greatly appreciate all of you for your service.

Our staff would like to congratulate our PAC executive for planning and organizing so many events in our school to date, capped off by our recent and very successful Winter Market. Thank you to the PAC for your generosity in donating funds to offset the cost of field trips, guest authors, virtual field trips and hands-on supplies that teachers can purchase for students in classrooms. The PAC has also recently funded the purchase of 30 new iPads, 5 Robotics Kits, a lunch time gym equipment sign-out cart with more play supplies, and student council money! All of these supplies help students be collaborative, creative and innovative throughout the day. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated parents!!

Please join us December 12<sup>th</sup> for our annual Primary Christmas Concert. Mrs. Hoek, teaching staff and students are excited to show case this year's celebration with 2 shows, at 12:30 and 5:30! This year we have chosen to once again support the Salvation Army. There will be a Salvation Army kettle bell for donations placed outside of our school entrance (students will be volunteering) on the Christmas concert day/evening, as well as during the December 6<sup>th</sup> morning of Shark Market. Families may also purchase gifts for families in need with our Giving Tree! All donations will be passed along to the Santa Bus on December 9<sup>th</sup>. A huge thanks to the River Otter Learning Community for supporting these winter social justice initiatives.

Please check out our school Learning Plan on our webpage. The journey of our learning is well documented on these links. We have had a wonderful fall of engaging deeper into inquiry and students have provided us with great feedback about their learning. Please ask your child how they are progressing with their learning and why their learning is important.

We look forward to continuing our work with your amazing children and are excited about making the upcoming year a great success. On behalf of all the Chute Lake staff and students, we wish all of our CLE families a wonderful Christmas break!

Brenda Kirsch, Principal

## Coming up in December...

### December 3

\*Holiday Plants handed out

### December 6

\*Shark Market. See inside for details...

### December 9

\* Santa Bus picks up all our donations and gifts

### December 12

\* Primary Christmas concert 12:30/5:30. Have you reserved your seats?

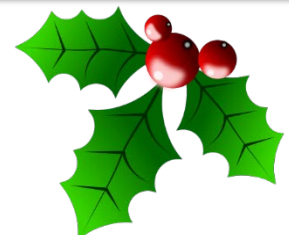
### December 20

\* Pancakes & PJs! See next page – volunteers needed!  
\* Report Cards go home

### December 21-January 5

\* Winter Break – enjoy!

School is back on Monday January 6.



## Pancakes & PJs!

On Friday December 20, we will again host our "last day of school" PJ and Pancake breakfast for all CLE students! The kids love it every year, but we know we cannot do it without the help of our amazing parent volunteers!

Please click on the sign-up genius link below if you can help us with the loan of a griddle, or your time to flip pancakes that morning or serve them to students. Thanks!



A note re: students with allergies: We use Costco's Krusteaz pancake mix for our pancakes. If your child has diagnosed dietary needs or life-threatening allergies and cannot eat these pancakes, please contact the school by emailing us (or [click here](#)) – and we will ensure he/she is on the list to receive an alternate (we offer Vans gluten/dairy/egg free waffles).

**NEW THIS YEAR:** We are going GREEN! In an effort to be environmentally friendly, we are NOT going to use paper plates and plastic forks for our pancake breakfast. **Please have your child bring a (non-breakable) plate and their own fork for their breakfast** on the last day of school. They will scrape their plate after breakfast, take it back to the classroom, rinse off in the sink and return their plate/fork to their lunch kit to take home. It's always helpful to have their name on these items! Don't worry, we'll send out text reminders on this the week before!

*Sign up Genius Link to volunteer:* [click here](#)

## Shark Market

The SHARK MARKET is a program that allows students a real life experience in planning, creating, marketing, and selling a product of their choice. They spend six weeks preparing for the market, and debrief after in order to consider the ups and downs of being an entrepreneur. This year we have all six intermediate classes (about 160 students!) participating.

The Shark Market is on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> in the gymnasium, from 9:15-10:30 am. There will be a private showing for our kindergarten students at 8:40 and then it will be open to parents and other student shoppers at 9:15 am. There will be a wide variety of products available for sale, so come and enjoy our enthusiasm and creativity!

**BIG IDEAS  
START YOUNG**

10% of proceeds go to a charity yet to be determined. Items are up to five dollars in price, so children are welcome to bring some pocket money to support the students who are involved in this endeavor.

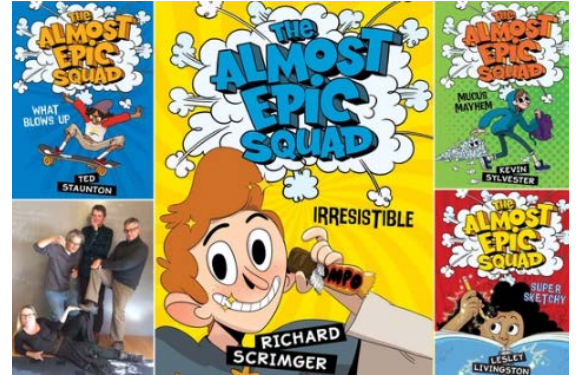
## Library News



Happy Holiday Season everyone! I wanted to take a moment to thank the CLE PAC (and you as parents) for all you do to help our library program.

Virtual Field trips are a very important opportunity that would not be possible without the support of our PAC. Several groups of students have already been treated to various learning opportunities through Virtual Field Trips and many more are planned for the New Year. Most of these Virtual Field Trips have a cost to participate and the PAC funds these.

Also, every year all of the students at CLE get to meet an author. This past month our intermediate students were treated to an amazing visit from Richard Scrimger and Lesley Livingstone. Richard and Lesley are part of an extremely talented group of 4 authors who collaborated on a series of books (signed copies of the books are still available at Once Upon a Bookstore on Tutt Street). These author visits are ALWAYS inspiring and ALWAYS encourage a love of books and reading. Parents (and the PAC) support these author visits through our annual Scholastic Book Fair in February, and I am so very thankful!



During this holiday season don't forget that a good book makes an amazing gift. If you would like a suggestion for a fantastic book for under your Christmas tree please feel free to pop into the library and I will be happy to help. Happy Holidays to all of the Chute Lake Elementary family!

Much love! Mrs. Parmar

## A Season of Giving at CLE: GIVING TREES



Thanks to our River Otter Community (Mr. Larkin and Ms. Miner's Gr. 4/5 classes) and all students and parents who have contributed to our Giving Tree!

Donations will be accepted until the morning of December 9- when the Salvation Army "Santa Bus" will pick up all the presents. If you don't have to time to shop, you can make a cash donation in School Cash Online by December 6. Thanks for your generosity and support this holiday season!

## Cold & Flu Season

Tis' the season! Please...

- Keep your child at home if they are unwell (coughing, sneezing, tired or if they have tummy troubles);
- Report when your child is staying home to the office by using our Safe Arrival App.
- Encourage hand washing!



## Student Safety

Just a reminder to pedestrians and drivers to please be careful during the busy times at the start and end of our school day. Students have reported drivers on their phones in our area, so it is important to be watching for drivers that may not be seeing and recognizing things as they should. Thank you to everyone for using our crosswalk down by our basketball courts – this definitely helps our congested drive-thru area.

### **Crosswalk safety:**

**Drivers:** Please wait until the crosswalk is completely clear of pedestrians before proceeding.

**Pedestrians:** Please always wait for the crosswalk patrollers to signal it is safe to cross the road. If you are using an unpatrolled crosswalk, please be safe and always watch to make sure cars are stopping for you when crossing by foot or walking your bike.



We are so proud of all of our patrollers for their commitment to this challenging job, their conscientiousness, reliability and positive attitude. We'd like to feature some student patrollers this month: Alynna, Lexie, Chirnjeev, Jada & and Abi went the extra mile helping a lost preschooler cross safely and then ensuring this child was reconnected with the parent. Great job girls!

## **After School Programs in the New Year**

Be sure to check out the information below if you're interested in after-school programs starting in 2020!

Recreation Kelowna will continue to offering programs in our gym after school in the new year. Please [click here](#) to check out the City of Kelowna programs – the winter program registration opens on December 3.

**Sports4Life**

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN  
**DANCE**



**Big White** Ski and Board After School Program is available exclusively to local Okanagan school students, from Grade 4 - Secondary. It includes three fully-supervised after school sessions, running for three consecutive weeks as well as pick-up/drop-off in luxury Western Bus Line buses and lift tickets (if necessary). Kids can also pick up discounted rentals if they need them. In all it's a great opportunity for kids to get together with their buddies and have three awesome evenings at Big White with some of the best instructors in the world without mum or dad having to worry about a thing! Early Bird registration is on now (until December 15) at <https://www.bigwhite.com/ski-school-rentals/camps-special-programs/after-school-programs>



## Winter Weather and Sledding



Is snow on the way soon? If so, we need to be prepared! Please ensure your children are always dressed for the cold weather as they WILL be going outside for fresh air and exercise at least 3 times a day!

When it snows, we are lucky to have such a wonderful schoolyard to slide on. Students are permitted to use the roll-up crazy carpet or the 'foam' style sleds. Any metal sleds or GT Racer style sleds are NOT allowed. All sleds must be stored outside during the school day.

Students MUST write their name on their sled for easy identification. We do NOT recommend sleds be left outside at school overnight.

Please note the following sign has been posted by the City of Kelowna with some of the same rules as CLE!

### CLE Snow Rules:

- Sledding hills open at lunch and afternoon recess breaks.
- Intermediate students: Grade 4-5 students can use the Curlew Park Hills for sledding.
- Gr. 1-3 Students: Have shared use of the small hill on our school property, beside the gym.
- Kindergarten: Can sled on the smaller hill behind the portables.
- For all: 2 people maximum on sleds and no linking sleds together
- Line up at the cones at the top of the hill, and take turns.
- Once students are at the bottom, they must move to the side quickly and walk back up.
- Students at the top must wait for the path to be clear before they proceed.
- Students who repeatedly don't follow the safety rules will not be allowed to go sledding.
- We recommend that students wear helmets while sledding.
- We will close the sledding hills if we've gone too long without snow and it gets too icy.
- NO SNOWBALLS! All snow must stay on the ground.
- Snow forts: We ask students to be respectful of the snow forts created by others.

