

BLAZER UPDATE

DECEMBER 2019



Upcoming Events

3rd & 4th

Parent/Teacher
Interviews
(5:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

5th

Early Dismissal
(2:05 PM)

10th

Crazy Hair Day

13th

Hot Dog Sale
Turkey Shoot

19th

Christmas Concert
Rehearsal (10:30 AM)

20th

Christmas Concert
(12:30 PM)

21st

Christmas Break Begins
January 7
Classes Resume



BHCS has a Facebook page! Search Blue Hills School on Facebook or go to our website and click on the Facebook icon. We will be posting updates about school events and information on the page.

**BLUE HILLS
COMMUNITY
SCHOOL**
(780) 928-3632

Principal's Report

It is hard to believe that it is December already. The school year is flying by so fast.

At the Parent Council meeting this past Saturday a motion was passed that no personal electronic devices would be permitted in school for the purposes of playing games. Please don't send personal electronic devices with your child unless it is being used as a learning tool.

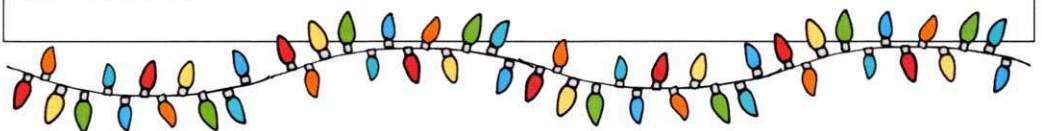
It has come to my attention that once in a while we have students bringing air soft pellets to school and shooting them through the pen casings. This is extremely dangerous! If someone gets hit in the eye, it will at the very least, damage the eye, or may cause blindness. This is not a regular occurrence but I know it has happened on several occasions this fall.

On December 13 at 12:05 PM there will be a Turkey Shoot. There will also be a category for parents, so come out and show off your shooting skills and possibly win a turkey.

The Christmas concert will be on December 20 starting at 12:30 PM. This should ensure plenty of time after to clean up before the end of the day.

On behalf of the staff of Blue Hills Community School I would like to send out the warmest Christmas Greetings to each and every family in our school community. May you have a very Merry Christmas with friends and family.

Mr. Pattison



Parent/Teacher Interviews are December 3 and 4 from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. If you have not yet called the school to book an appointment please do so. When booking an appointment please remember that some grades have different teachers for different subjects. If your child has any of these teachers and you want to meet with them please ask for an appointment with them.

Mr. Pattison: Grades 2, 4, 7 Math

Mr. Driedger: Both grade 1 Math classes

Mr. Machona: Grade 8 & 9 Math, Grade 7, 8, 9 Science, Grade 7, 8, 9 PE (with Mr. Borgatti)

Mr. Borgatti: Grade 7, 8, 9 Language Arts, Grade 7, 8, 9 Social Studies, Grade 7, 8, 9 PE (with Mr. Machona)

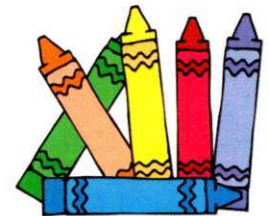
Ms. Chiasson: Literacy (reading groups)

Mr. MacDougall will be available for parent/teacher interviews, if you have a child attending the high school please call the office to book an appointment.

Pre-ECS is starting up in the new year! Pre-ECS is a program that helps children get comfortable with the school environment before starting Kindergarten. Children will be introduced to early literacy skills, free play, fine motor skills, colours, shapes, basic routines and other concepts.

There will be one session a month starting in January and running until June. Each session will be two hours long, with the classes run by Sarah Wieler. Mrs. Pattison will be having one parent information session later on in the year about promoting school readiness skills and how you can help support your child at home as they get ready to start kindergarten.

The first Pre-ECS class is on January 8th from 10 am - 12 pm. Please contact the school to register your child for Pre-ECS. If you have questions about whether your child should take part in Pre-ECS, contact Mrs. Pattison.



BHCS will be having our Scholastic Book Fair from December 2-5. The theme this year is Arctic Adventure. Mrs. Peters has some great decorating and draws planned for the library. Please remember that if we sell over \$2400.00 worth of books we get 60% of that back in book fair credits to buy books from Scholastics.

Mrs. Peters will be here till 7:45 PM during P/T Interviews for parents to come in and look at the selection of books. During the day on day 2 and 4 she will be in the library for parents to buy books, along with students who are allowed to look during library classes. Students can come to the library during recesses as well. A schedule will be made so we don't have the whole school in the library at once. Thank you for your support with this fundraiser.

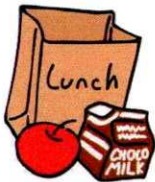


There will be a women's choir participating in the Christmas concert. If you would like to join and help decide on songs, please call Susie Zacharias at (780) 928-2981.

Reminder for all students to take care of the CD's that are in the library. Mrs. Peters has been noticing that a lot of the CD's have been coming back dirty and have stopped working. The library will be starting to charge \$3.00 per CD if they come back dirty/do not work. We kindly ask that parents do not allow preschool children to handle CD's.

We had 154 OCC shoeboxes come in! That is 27 more than last year! Thank you to everyone that donated a filled box or money for shipping.

There will be a sewing options class for junior high starting in the new year. If you have an extra sewing machine or would be willing to volunteer during the classes please call Tena Teichroeb at (780) 841-5870 and she will schedule you in.



We now sell \$20 Hot Lunch Cards at the office. If you wish to purchase one please pay at the office with cash or cheque. A call home will be made when the card is almost full. When filling out hot lunch order forms, please check off the box that says that you'd like to pay with your hot lunch card if you've already purchased one.

News from the K/1 class

By Christmas we will have covered all the letters and sounds of the alphabet. We continue working on our new phonics and writing program.

Grade 1 students continue with their reading and spelling programs as they build their skills in Language Arts.

In Math we continue working on patterns and number concepts. In Social studies class we are studying land forms and bodies of water. In Science we will explore seasons.

We are also getting ready for our part in the Christmas Concert. We are very excited about this, and we are practicing in school. Practicing at home is also encouraged.

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas!

Mirja Pattison

