


FUEL FOR THE FIRE

Phoenix Elementary School Newsletter

 December 1st, 2011

NO NUTS!!!

IMPORTANT DATES

Fill the SSI Community Food Bank - A SSI Fire Rescue Initiative
Nov. 28th to Dec. 5th

3rd Music workshop with Oona McOuat for K-3 Students
THURSDAY
December 1st

Last day to write a letter to Santa
MONDAY
December 5th

Report Cards go home
THURSDAY
December 8th

Christmas Concert
THURSDAY
December 8th
at 2:00PM
Family & friend welcome!

Next Swimming lesson
THURSDAY
December 8th

PARENT MEETING SCHEDULE

THURSDAY
Dec. 1st at 3:00PM

DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES

Grades K - 8:
8:30 AM - 3:15 PM




FEEDBACK WELCOME!

Parents please email Mr. Sparanese at dsparanese@sd64.bc.ca with things we do that you like and things we don't do but you would like us to do.

PHOENIX NEWS

HEADS UP! FIELD TRIP to Duncan on December 14th

 All students and staff from Phoenix School will go on a field trip to the **BC Forest Discovery Centre**, in Duncan, on Wednesday December 14th, 2011. We are meeting at 8:45AM at the Vesuvius ferry terminal, to catch the 9:10AM ferry to Crofton and we are coming back on the 2:35PM ferry from Crofton. All parents must drop off and pick up their children in Vesuvius. A memo with more information and a consent form will go home with the children next week. The cost associated with this trip is \$15 per student. We can take interest from 5 parent volunteers (at no cost).

KIDS LUNCHES VS. FOOD DONATED BY THE IODE



Dear parents, many kids are eating their entire lunch by recess; please send a *bigger* lunch for your kids. Please be advised that the food donated by IODE is only for kids in need. If our students forget their lunches we will ask for a future donation to the Food Bank in return for the use of those donations. Thank you for your understanding.

REPORT CARDS, ON DECEMBER 8TH 2011



Report cards will be issued on December 8, 2011; however, as we informed you at the end of October, we are unable to produce a complete, formal report on your child's progress, due to the current teacher strike (Phase One) - during which teachers are not obliged to share student assessment and evaluation information with the school principal. Where our principal Mr. S is also your child's central teacher for a class or subject, detailed progress information will be included as normal in this report for the portion of the learning that is facilitated by that person. Please be reminded that we have been assured by the local teachers' union that parents who contact their children's teacher directly for information about their children's progress will receive such information from that teacher.

REMINDER: OUR GARDEN NEEDS YOU!



PAC and the staff at Phoenix still need a Garden Coordinator to keep track of what needs to be done before the spring and to assign volunteers to the different jobs. PAC has money to support this project, we just need a coordinator so please step forward! For more information please contact Chris Head or phone the office. Thank you so much!

IT'S TIME TO WRITE TO SANTA!



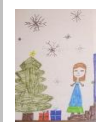
Dear parents and students, letters to Santa need to be mailed before December 5th, 2011. His address is: Santa Claus, North Pole HOH OHO, Canada...And he writes back!



THANKS TO ANYA AND DONNA NEISH!!

Thanks to our student Anya Neish and her mom Donna for the snowman soap dispensers for the girls and boys bathroom. They are so cute!

CONGRATULATIONS TO RUBY EGGER-LIPSETT



Do you remember the Menu Cover/Design Contest? This weekend, Ruby's drawing will be the fancy cover page for the Beaver Point Hall craft fair restaurant!! The other drawings entered in the contest will be displayed on the wall... so please don't forget to go, have some amazing food, and support the Beaver Point Hall on December 3th, 4th, and 5th.

MONDAYS, AND THURSDAYS

Every other Thursday
(started Sep. 29th)=
Aquatic Activity Day
at Rainbow Rd. Pool
Bring a towel, a raincoat,
& a swimsuit.

Mondays & Thursdays= PE at SSE Gym

On Mondays,
intermediate kids &
Grade 3's (optional)
meet **at SSE Gym**
at 8:15AM.

On Thursdays,
intermediate and
primary kids meet **at
Phoenix** at 8:15AM.



SAFE ARRIVAL

Parents **please**
remember to **call the**
school if your child is
going to be absent or
late. Thank you!



BUS RIDERS

**PARENTS OF BUS
RIDERS :**
If your child is *not at
home or at the bus stop*
please call
Ken Garner at
250.537.4552 or call
Kristi Spencer at
250.537.5723.

For bus schedules:
<http://www.sd64.bc.ca/>

BE PART OF OUR NEWSLETTER!

*Please send any school or
community information
for the Newsletter to
Cynthia
emmarshall@sd64.bc.ca by
Wednesday at noon* for
inclusion in Thursday's
newsletter.

HEALTH ISSUES & INSERTS



WE ARE A NUT SAFE SCHOOL THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!

We all make Phoenix Elementary a Nut Safe School!! Thanks to parents, students, and staff for helping us take care of our little girl with a severe nut allergy.



HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP WITH FOOD

Attached please find health insert.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



FILL THE SSI COMMUNITY FOOD BANK - SSI Fire Rescue Initiative

Food Drive Update! As of yesterday afternoon, we have collected 2,027 items here at the Ganges Fire Hall!! We have until December 5th to collect 7,973 items in order to meet our goal of 10,000 items for 10,000 Salt Springers! We can do it! Please drop donations off at the Ganges Fire Hall.



DECEMBER STORYTIME - Fridays at 1:00PM

At the Library Annex, 108 Jackson next to SSI Auto Parts. Come, listen and have fun. New stories, activities and songs every week. For children 6 years and younger. On Dec. 2 it's all about BEARS -facts, fiction & songs.



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN! ... AGAIN

Santa visits Salt Spring Island again, this time on the Santa Ship, decked out with thousands of Christmas lights. Fireworks will light up the sky, when the ship arrives in Ganges Harbour on December 10th. Sponsored by the Lions Club.



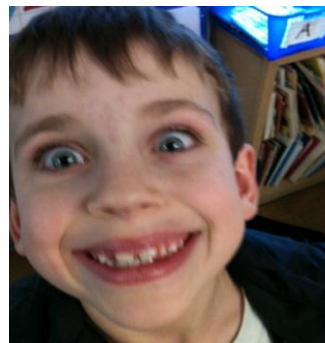
ODETTE GRAHAM - OPEN STUDIO on Saturday December 3rd

Please come to my Open Studio this Saturday December 3d, from 12:00PM to 4:00PM. Fresh Christmas wreaths, garland, cut flowers, bouquets and arrangements for your home or business. Also, for gifting and brides to be: beautiful jewelry, "featherettes", and a few of Rachel's gorgeous hand crafted accessories. Come for a cup of hot cider and see my little studio at 385 Collins Road! Hope to see you there! Please pass on the news to anyone who loves flowers! Thank you very much. Odette Graham

PHOTOS!



Gabrielle and Aidan



Sawyer



Jane



Sam and Max



Ruby's drawing



Keshua, fire chief for a day!