



**December 2023**

Ey Swayel Families,



At this time of year, we reflect on what has passed and look forward to what is to come. I am grateful for the opportunity to learn from and with the staff, students and families at Cultus Lake Community School this past term.

One of the measures of a welcoming school is the feedback we get from guest teachers and EAs. Every person who comes into our school as a guest teacher or EA always shares a message of how welcomed they felt - the staff and students go out of their way to answer questions and make them feel like part of the team while here. We are proud of how inclusive, kind and collaborative we are!

As the pace quickens this holiday season, I hope you are able to give and receive the best gift of all – **time**. *Time is the most precious gift of all.* I hope that you are able to find time to make memories with the people that bring you happiness and joy!



### **Indigenous Education Success Grant**

Last month, staff, students, and families were invited to give their voice in our application for our annual Indigenous Education Success Grant. This grant is meant to be used to enhance one or more of the following areas at our school:

-Sense of belonging

-Academic Achievement

-To increase respect and understanding of language, culture, governance, and history of Sto:lo people

**The focus of our application was around language in the following areas:**

- The name of our school (can we make a dual name school with both English and Halq'e'mey'lem)?

- Learning place names and the story behind the names
- Building up our classroom libraries with more Indigenous authors and stories
- Creating outdoor learning opportunities that weave language, culture and history together

### News from the library...



- Reminder to have all books returned so books can be signed out over the Christmas holidays
- Reading link challenge will be starting soon for grades 4 and 5 students
- You can find the information here:  
[https://www.fvrl.bc.ca/reading\\_link\\_challenge.php](https://www.fvrl.bc.ca/reading_link_challenge.php)



Please email Melissa Giles at [clcsacultuslake@gmail.com](mailto:clcsacultuslake@gmail.com) for updates on programs being offered.  
Also check out Instagram: [@clcsacultuslake](https://www.instagram.com/clcsacultuslake)



Thank you to our PAC for their planning and organization of weekly hot lunches, upcoming whole school skating, as well as getting the pancake breakfast ready for our students on the last day of school!

**Our Holiday Store will be open on Dec 15<sup>th</sup> for students to purchase gifts for their family. Donations for the store will be accepted until December 14<sup>th</sup>. See attached flyer.**

You can reach the PAC at: [Cultus-PAC@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:Cultus-PAC@sd33.bc.ca)

# STAFF

We welcome **Mrs. Heideman** as the newest member of our EA team.



## **Canned Food Drive**

**Starting December 4<sup>th</sup>**, our school will be asking families to donate items to the Salvation Army Canned Food Drive. **Last day for collection will be Dec 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Our school has been asked to collect the following items:**

**Canned veggies**

**Cereal**

**Dry Soup Mix (Lipton chicken noodle soup, Mr. Noodles, Knorr Soup)**



Fri. Dec. 1	Deck the Halls – Spirit Day - <b>Wear Your Christmas Spirit!</b>
Sat. Dec. 2	Christmas Craft Market
Sun. Dec 3	International Day of People with Disabilities
Mon. Dec. 4	Canned Food Drive starts
Wed. Dec. 6	CLCSA Board Meeting
Thurs. Dec. 7	Hanukkah
Fri. Dec. 8	Choir performance at the Cultus Lake Church (6 and 8 pm)
Sun. Dec. 10	Human Rights Day
Fri. Dec. 15	Holiday Gift Store (one day only)
Tues. Dec. 19	Last day for Salvation Army Food Bank donations
Tues. Dec. 19	Skating at Twin Rinks (PAC sponsored)
Wed. Dec. 20	Report Cards go home
Thurs. Dec. 21	Winter Concert at 11:45 and 6:00 (students at school by 5:30) <i>* see more info below</i>
Fri. Dec. 22	Pancake Breakfast for students
Tues. Dec. 26	Kwanzaa
Dec. 22 – Jan. 7	Winter Holidays

### **Winter Concert Information**

The CLCS Winter Concert is always a sell-out - standing room only in many instances. Unfortunately, however, we do need to abide by the capacity that our gym is allowed to hold. This year, we will have two shows: Matinee (starting at 11:45) and evening (starting at 6:00). **We will be giving each family 2 tickets to the matinee performance and 2 tickets to the evening performance.** That way, we hope there will be more of a balance of attendees at each performance. You must have your ticket to get into the performance. Tickets will be sent home

If you require additional tickets, please contact Leann [leann\\_wiebe@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:leann_wiebe@sd33.bc.ca)

### **Doors**

Matinee – doors will open at 11:30

Evening – doors will open at 5:30 (this is when students are expected to arrive)

### **Parking**

Parking is free at Main Beach Parking Lot B



*Happy Holidays from the staff at Cultus  
Lake Community School*