



# SEAVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message

It's December! It is with great excitement that we welcome in December. Although there are only 12 school days this month, these days are full of exciting activities: the Christmas Concert, Read-in/Pajama Day, Christmas Craft Night and Carol Singing. Many of these activities are discussed in greater depth in this Newsletter.

It is also with great fondness that we say goodbye to November. November's Remembrance Day and Christmas Shoebox Campaign reminded us of how thankful we should be for where we live and how we as individuals and as a school can help make the world a better place. At our Remembrance Day Assembly we spoke about the past, the present, and the future. Mrs. Georgina Rosewall from the Lantzville Legion lit a candle for the future; a future that our students can help shape. Video from our Remembrance Day Assembly can be seen on our website.

We also had a special assembly to launch our Christmas Shoebox initiative which saw students and families creating a shoebox of Christmas Cheer that will be sent to some less fortunate children in Haiti.

I continue to be extremely proud of our students and families support of global citizenship activities. These activities are often the difference that makes a difference.

Season's Greetings to everyone!

Sincerely,  
*Patrick Young*

## Seaview "Storm Alerts"

Congratulations to the following students who received a Seaview Storm Alert in recognition of their respect for self, others and/or the environment, and had their name drawn during one of this month's Monday Assemblies. These students also earned a point for their house teams.



Intermediate Students: SooHo L of Solar Storm; Emily F, Mikaela R & Miles C of Avalanche, Alex B-D & Octavia J of Fire Storm.

Primary Students: Jack S of Solar Storm, Kayley M, Devon D, of Avalanche, & Olivia L & Emma M of Tsunami and Wesley V of Fire Storm.

## House Points Update



As of the writing of this newsletter, the House Team Point Standings are: Avalanche (30), Fire Storm (20), Solar Storm (26), and Tsunami (24).

Keep up the great House spirit!

## Seaview Principal(s)

As many of you know, Mrs. Noble took a one year leave as Principal of Seaview Elementary last December to experience teaching in Australia with her husband. During this time she has been following our school events by reading the monthly newsletters, visiting our website and communicating with staff regularly through email.

With Mrs. Nobles' return from Australia quickly approaching, our school board looked at the needs of our district and asked Mrs. Noble to become the new principal of Cinnabar Valley Elementary School. As such, Mr. Young will be continuing on as Seaview's principal until at least June of this school year.

Mrs. Noble would like to thank all the students, parents, and staff for so many

fond memories. She really enjoyed her time working with the Seaview School Community and wishes everyone all the best in the future.

Please join us in wishing Mrs. Noble all the best at her new school.

### Christmas Shoeboxes

Thanks to all the families who put together shoeboxes filled with toys and supplies that will be sent to Haiti to spread Christmas cheer. Seaview families created 55 boxes this year. Thanks for caring!

### November

Yes, we are sad to say Movember has come to a close. Mr. Young would personally like to thank all those who supported the fine looking facial hair being sported by our male staff and



other males in the community as they raised awareness for men's health concerns. A special recognition for Kennedy N who looked rather stylish during her announcements at our recent Monday Morning Assembly.

### Christmas Hampers

Our Lantzville Fire Department's Christmas Hamper Challenge is off and running. As is a tradition at Seaview, classes are bringing canned and dried goods on a food drive for the less fortunate. Students can bring in the food each day between December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>.

The class that brings in the most food gets a pizza lunch and the Fire Department donates a book to our school library on behalf of that class.

### Christmas Concert (Extravaganza)

We are excitedly getting ready for our school's Christmas Extravaganza. It is this Wednesday, December 7, from 1:00 PM to 2:15 PM. All parents are invited to attend this activity.

A reminder that students are asked to wear red, white and green shirts, and a Santa Hat.

### School Wide Read-In



On Thursday, December 7th, students and staff participate in a School Wide Read In. From 9:00 - 9:30, everyone will pick-up a good book

and read. Students are invited to relax in their pajamas, snuggle up with their favorite stuffed character and drink some hot chocolate. Thank you to the SeaPAC for providing and serving the hot chocolate.

Students who would like hot chocolate are asked to bring their own mug; please label mugs with your name on the bottom.

### Library News - Dragon Scales

Mrs. McKee would like to congratulate this month's winners of the Book Dragon lotto. The primary winners are Nick L from Div. 7 & Olivia L. from Div. 5 and the intermediate winners are Aidan H. from Div. 4 & Steen R from Div. 3. These students won a Chapters gift card and points for their house teams.

### Seaview Sports

In recent weeks our Volleyball teams have taken to the gym floor. We have a team representing each of our age groups: Pee Wee Boys and Girls, and Bantam Boys and Girls.

Please check our school's website for a listing of game days.

### Report Cards

Please remember to sign and return your child's report card envelope as soon as possible.

### Caring & Sharing Column (by Mrs. Quinlan and Mrs. Martin)

#### Caring and Sharing- December

Christmas is coming, which puts the pressure on parents to give children all the newest gadgets, whether we can afford them or not. However, it is also a perfect opportunity to teach children that happiness does not come from material items. Remember, when your children are grown up, they will forget most of the gifts they were given, but they will remember and reminisce over every minute you spent together doing special things.

That's why we decided to list some fun, free ideas for families in this column.

On another note, for some families this may be a difficult year. A loss due to death or separation during the year will be keenly felt at Christmas, as will such things as a job loss. Families dealing with these things may need a little help to make it through the holidays this year. If seeking help is hard to do, remember that another year the tables may be turned, and then you may be fortunate enough to be able to volunteer to help other families. That's why we also list some places that families can give or get some extra help for Christmas.



### Some Fun Holiday Things to do for Free (or Nearly Free):

- Take a walk or drive to see Christmas lights (check out Ladysmith).
- Help your children write a letter to Santa. "Santa" will write back if you address the letter to "North Pole, Canada, HOH OHO".
- Go to a Christmas craft fair for ideas. Then you and the children can make crafts or decorations to give as gifts. This also gives children a taste of the joy of giving.
- Have children choose a toy to donate to Santa's Anonymous or a local charity, or if money is tight this year, volunteer some time together for a local charity.
- Don't forget the animals: children can help to gather blankets and quilts to give to the SPCA to keep the animals warm.
- Beban and Nanaimo Aquatic Centre both have "twoonie swim times". Check out their schedules for the holidays.
- Arenas also have cheaper family skate times. Frank Crane Arena is having "Winter Wonderland" skates for a Looney on December 26-30, as well as "glow skates".
- Check online for other fun things (bowling? rock climbing?). Call and find out if they have any specially priced holiday sessions.
- Some stores (Home Hardware, Michaels, others?) have free classes where kids and parents can make crafts or presents for the cost of materials.
- Go carol singing. Check out <https://sites.google.com/site/carollingna>

[naimo/carolling-nanaimo](http://naimo/carolling-nanaimo) for more information about this.

### Some Places to Offer or Get Help for Christmas This Year:

- Hamperville Nanaimo (<http://hampervillenanaimo.org/>): Provides Christmas hampers through the Salvation Army and Loaves and Fishes.
- Volunteer Nanaimo 250-758-7121. Call to see where they can use help. Also, if you need something specific, they may be able to direct you where you can find it.
- Haven Society provides services to women, children, youth and families who have experienced violence. <http://www.havensociety.com/> 250-756-2452.
- Hospice Society. <http://www.nanaimohospice.com/> Some of their December events are: Celebrate A Life Trees, Gathering to Remember, Canadian Country Christmas Concert, and Coping with the Holidays.

This is only a short list of ideas for the holidays. Please do not hesitate to call either of us if you are looking for a specific resource not listed here. We wish the very best for a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,  
*Jo Quinlan and Sheri Martin*

For this month's draw, tell us about a free, fun family holiday event you have done or wish to do.

### Central Island Youth Soccer Academy

Central Island Youth Soccer proudly presents their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Soccer Camp. The camp will run December 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> from noon to 3pm at Nanaimo's New Turf field (beside Merle Logan). This is a developmental camp for boys and girls from ages U9-U15. For more information about the camp and to print off the registration form, please visit their website at [www.ciysa.ca](http://www.ciysa.ca).

### Late Orders

Our PAC has been working hard on many fundraisers to benefit all the students of Seaview. With a small core group of volunteers, these parents have been counting, ordering, and distributing all the hot lunches, hot dogs and T-shirt orders. Most of the orders are time sensitive. Please be aware that they will no longer be able to accept orders after the due date/time. The PAC will continue to give

ample time to have the order forms and payment returned. Thanks for your support!

**Attendance**

A reminder in regards to the importance of school attendance: Students who are frequently absent or late typically experience frustration and reduced academic success due to gaps in their learning. Please help ensure your child is setup for the greatest success by assisting them in arriving at school on time each day.

**Newsletters & Notices**

Please let Angela know if you would prefer to receive newsletters and notices electronically. We hear from many families that they are not receiving paper copies so we are trying our best to ensure valuable information gets to every home. You can email Angela at [aforster@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:aforster@sd68.bc.ca) As well, each of our newsletters may be found on our school's website.

**Kindergarten Registration 2012!**

Children who will be 5 years of age before January 1, 2013 may enter school in September 2012. If your child was born in 2007 you are encouraged to register them as soon as you can. Registration is at the Seaview School office daily from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. Please bring your child's Birth Certificate and Care Card with you. Please pass this information to other parents with kindergarten-aged children.

Note: To obtain assured space in your neighbourhood (catchment-area) school registration must be received by June 15, 2012. For new out of catchment students, the application process will continue until March 31<sup>th</sup>, 2012. For more information on student registration for September 2012, visit the school district website at: <http://www.sd68.bc.ca/News/StudentRegistration.asp>

**Fall Weather & School Closures**



We have noticed a significant change in the weather as of late. Please ensure your child comes to school with clothing that helps protect them from the cold and wetness.

In the event of a school closure due to snow or power outages etc, announcements will be on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM and WAVE 102.3 FM) by 7 AM on the day of the closure. Please do not call the school. Tune into the radio station where announcements will be made on a regular basis. It will also be posted on the school district website at [www.sd68.bc.ca](http://www.sd68.bc.ca)

**Sledding**

When snow is on the ground, we are still one of the few schools that still allows sledding during recess. I ask that everyone remember this is a privilege that requires great attention to safety. Students must take turns and listen to the supervisors at all times. Sledding will only be allowed when the ground is completely covered with snow.

We also ask that only crazy carpet and the foam style sleds be used; we want to avoid the more rigid sleds that can lead to serious impact.

**Important Dates**

Please check our website for a calendar of events, as some events are subject to change depending on the teachers' job action. Please note that we try to list all sporting team games on the calendar.

To see more details about some of the Calendar events, click on the event and it will tell you if it's a home or away game, performance details, or fieldtrip information.

<b>Christmas Concert</b>	<b>1:00-2:15</b>	<b>Dec.7</b>
<b>Hot Lunch Little Caesars</b>		<b>Dec.9</b>
<b>Christmas Craft Night</b>		<b>Dec 14</b>
<b>Spirit Day-Santa Hat</b>		<b>Dec 16</b>
<b>Christmas Break</b>		<b>Dec.17</b>
<b>School Reopens</b>		<b>Jan 3</b>
<b>PAC Meeting</b>		<b>Jan 11</b>
<b>Hot Dog Day</b>		<b>Jan 26</b>
<b>Pro-D Day school closed</b>		<b>Feb 20</b>
<b>Curriculum Day school closed</b>		<b>Feb 21</b>
<b>School closed for Spring Break</b>		<b>Mar 19</b>
<b>School reopens</b>		<b>Mar 26</b>
<b>School Track Meet</b>		<b>May 9</b>

Cut out an put in draw box in office

<b>Caring &amp; Sharing</b>	
Name: _____	Div: _____

## LIBRARY NEWS

Looking for a book for a book to give to a child this Christmas? Here is a list of books compiled by SD 68 Teacher-Librarians, along with a brief plot summary and targeted age group to help you.

Title:	Author:	Sentence and grade level:
The Gingerbread Baby Gingerbread Friends	Jan Brett	Beautiful story and illustrations. For grades K-3.
A Porcupine in a Pine Tree – A Canadian 12 days of Christmas	Helaine Becker	A Canadian spin on a classic. All ages.
Inventions of Hugo Cabret	Brian Selznick	<i>“an illustrated novel in which neither text nor pictures can tell the story alone”</i> . For intermediate students.
Moon and Stars	Robin Muller	Wonderful story, beautiful illustrations.
The Worst Case Scenario Handbook	Joshua Piven	Good choice for those looking for a book with short and funny chapters.
The Book of Awesome (3 titles in the series)	Neil Pasricha	A very popular series for grade 7 and above.
Unwind	Neil Shusterman	For older readers; this book will be popular with readers who liked the Hunger Games
La Nouvelle Maîtresse (In French, with audio disk)	Dominique Demers	For ages 10-12, this story depicts classroom life with humour and originality.
Caramba	Marie-Louise Gay	This story affirms courage and uniqueness. Primary students.
Heir Chronicles Series and Seven Realms Series	Cinda Williams Chima	For grades 6 and 7 and secondary. Exciting fantasy series for readers who enjoyed the Percy Jackson series.
Knuffle Bunny (3 titles) Pigeon Books (4 titles) Elephant and Piggie (for beginning readers)	Mo Willems	Very funny and popular with primary students. Make great read alouds.
Traction Man	Mini Grey	A lovely picture book about the power of imagination. A boy and his action figure survive perilous adventures. The story and illustrations are great fun. Ages 5 -8.
Winter is the Warmest Season	Lauren Stringer	A lovely picture book.
Horrible History Series (Non-fiction)	Terry Deary	<i>“History with the nasty bits left in!”</i> For intermediate students.
The Rangers Apprentice Series	John Flanagan	Popular with boys 11 and up, a fantasy series about Will, a 15-year old boy who is chosen to become a Rangers’ apprentice and must help protect the fate of the kingdom.
Stick Man	Julia Donaldson Axel Scheffler	A witty, rhyming Christmas title great for primary children. Follow the adventures of Stick Man in a dangerous world as he tries to make it back to the family tree in time for the holidays.

The staff of Seaview Elementary School would like to  
wish you all a safe and joyous holiday.  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Donna McKee

Shan Ughell

Mike Biggs

McCallen

Walt Poth

Jeff Schultz

Thank you  
Merry Christmas  
Mrs. Raduece

Sue Schubert

S.L. Martin

Cheers!  
Lindsay Miller

Karen  
Pierce

Merry Christmas!  
Mr. Jony

Happy Ho! Ho! Ho!  
Pam

Merry Christmas!  
Steve Thomas

Merry  
Christmas  
Ms. McBride

Erin

Happy Holidays  
Angie Foster

