



Chute Lake Elementary

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Principal's Message:

Special thanks to our Hot Lunch regulars: Kerry Gordon, Heather Dewolf, Amanda Stocks, Peggy Heard, Shannon Gall, Jessica McBain, Jessica Ellingham, Elfrieda Weninger, Michelle Drescher and Patty Glover, and all the rest of the Hot Lunch helpers for your continued efforts to make our Hot Lunch program the envy of the district. You folks are truly making a positive difference at our school.

Thanks to our CLE volleyball coaches, Mr. Larkin (gr. 6 boys), and Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Guidi-Swan (gr. 6 girls) for another fantastic volleyball season.

Congratulations to our primary students on their hard work and wonderful performance at our 8th Christmas concert. Special thank you to Mrs. Hoek and the primary and support teachers for their efforts to make this concert happen. As we have done the past two years, the first two rows of seating were sold and the \$700 raised was used to purchase Save-on gift cards for the Salvation Army food bank drive. So, to all parents who purchased these tickets a big thank you!

2017 promises to be another eventful year full of change and opportunity. Many parents have now experienced learning about their child's daily accomplishments through Fresh Grade. Our work implementing the re-designed provincial curriculum continues as well. We are having a wonderful experience with Learning in Depth from Kindergarten to Grade 6. Our virtual field trip equipment that was purchased through the fundraising efforts of our parents is being utilized to transport our students to all parts of the world in their learning. We look forward to continuing to work with your amazing children and with you to make the coming 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.

Mr. McKay

Coming up in December...

December 1

Primary Christmas Concert

Week of December 5

Deadline for toy/gift donations for hampers

December 9

Young Entrepreneur's Fair

December 15

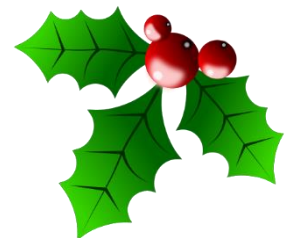
Report Cards go home

December 16

Pancake Breakfast!

December 17-January 2

Winter Break – enjoy!
School is back on Tuesday January 3.



Salvation Army Christmas Hampers

Students in our Me-To-We group recently went on a field trip to the Salvation Army and learned all about how we can help in our local community this Christmas season. They have shared what they have learned with each class for our annual "Salvation Army" Christmas hamper campaign. We are now collecting donations – if you would like to contribute a toy or gift, please see the suggestions in the [Salvation Army Toy Catalogue](#) and drop off at the school in the big present outside the library.



If you would like to donate in another way, you can purchase a Save-On Foods gift certificate on our ["HOT LUNCH" website](#). You can use your family log in and simply select the gift card you wish to purchase. Save-On will give 2-8% of the proceeds from the gift card sales back to the PAC.

The Santa Bus will be at Chute Lake on December 8 starting at 12:00 to pick up our donations!

New Communication / Text Alerts

SD23 has moved to a new communication system that takes information from our MyED BC Student database. As such, please ensure you keep your information up-to-date with the office for both parents/guardians. **If you change phone numbers, email addresses or your home address, please be sure to let us know!**



We would also like to start using text alerts periodically - but this is an opt-in program. So if you wish to add text reminders to your account profile, you'll need to sign up by clicking [HERE](#).

Library News



Wow! Happy December everyone! In November we welcomed visiting author Richard Scrimger to CLE. He spoke to all the grade threes, fours, fives and sixes. What a speaker he was! He entertained and inspired us all. A huge thanks to the PAC for making this possible. Our Scholastic Book Fair that is held in February each year allows us to host authors and hear their presentations. Thanks to the parents who volunteer and help at the book fair each year. As you prepare for Christmas this year don't forget that a book is a present that keeps giving! If you would like a book suggestion for someone in your circle of love please feel free to come see Mrs Parmar in the library. Happy holidays to all and much love.



Lost & Found

We had a few items of clothing claimed when we sorted and spread out our lost and found items, but many items (mostly hoodies, jackets and tops) were left behind. **And the pile has begun again!** Already we have several jackets and hoodies in our bins. We'd like to suggest that whenever possible, you label your child's clothing. Even just a last name written in sharpie on the tag usually means we can figure out to whom it belongs! (Water bottles and lunch kits too). All remaining items were donated along with our Cut Through the Cold Clothing drive.

Cut Through the Cold - Thank-You!

A huge thank you to **all** who contributed to our **Cut through the Cold** warm winter wear collection in November. It was a huge success with an overwhelming amount of winter clothing, accessories and boots collected. Special thanks also to **Mrs. Parmar**, who delivered all our donations to a west side school that has many families that need a little extra help. The staff at the school was truly touched and so very appreciative. Once again, the hard work of our **Me-To-We crew** and the generosity and kindness of the Chute Lake families has helped make a difference in our community!



Recreation Kelowna: After-School Activities at CLE for January-March 2017

Recreation Kelowna offers the following programs in our gym after school on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please go to kelowna.ca/recreation to register.

So U Think You Can Dance FUNdamentals

Instructor: Emily McKay

Location: Chute Lake Elementary, Gymnasium

Join us in this fun and active after school dance class at CLE and learn a variety of dance styles such as Hip Hop, Jazz and Contemporary.

Enjoy the freedom of movement that dance brings and practice self-expression in a safe, positive learning environment.

Age: 6Y-11Y

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Sports for Life FUNdamentals

This exciting after school program for boys and girls will introduce fundamental movement skills that focus on the ABCs of Athleticism: agility, balance, coordination and speed. The FUNdamentals are inclusive multisport activities taught through fun games in a positive learning environment. Each week will bring different opportunities to socialize, learn skills, develop teamwork, play games and have FUN! No classes Feb 24.

Location: Chute Lake Elementary, Gymnasium

Age: 6Y-11Y

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T'is the season for SNOW... Here's what you need to know:

It's going to happen sooner or later!! Here's our plan for when the snowy weather begins:

Winter Clothing: We want all of our students who are playing in the snow to be wearing suitable winter clothing. Please ensure your child(ren) have what they need to play outside.

Crazy carpets and toboggans: 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. **Please note that we can't guarantee the security of sleds so please mark sleds well.**

Rules for Sledding: Sledding will be open at lunch and afternoon recess breaks.

- Intermediate students: The Grade 6s get the big hill on odd numbered days, and the grade 4/5s on even numbered days.
- Primary Students: shared use of the small hill on our school property, by the gym. There's also a smaller hill near the portables.
- 2 people maximum on sleds and no linking sleds together
- Line up at the cones at the top of the hill, and be sure to 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 to prevent head injuries.

If it becomes too icy, we will close the sledding hills.

Big White Ski Program – Early Bird Registration Now Open

The Big White Ski and Board School 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!

All students who register before December 14, 2016, will receive the Early Bird Price! Chute Lake Elementary program dates are: Wednesdays: January 11, 18 and 25, with a second (separate) session running Tuesdays: February 28, March 7 and 14.

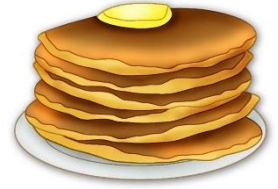
Link: <https://www.bigwhite.com/ski-school-rentals/camps-special-programs/after-school-programs>



Volunteers Needed

Pancakes & PJs

On Friday December 16, we would like to host a "last day of school" PJ and pancake breakfast for all CLE students! We're sure the kids will love it, but we can't do it without the help of our amazing CLE volunteers!



Please click on the Sign-up Genius link below if you can help us with the loan of a griddle, or your time on that morning. Thanks!

If your child needs a gluten-free pancake, please email the school at cle@sd23.bc.ca and we will ensure he/she is on the list to receive a gluten free pancake that morning. Thank you!

Volunteer Link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054aaeaf23a6f85-pancakes>

Hot Lunch Helpers

We need volunteers each Tuesday and Thursday from 11:15-11:45 to deliver Hot Lunch.

If you are able to help out, please sign up using the link below.

The volunteer schedule will be emailed to you and will be posted on the CLE Facebook page. Weekly volunteer reminders will be sent out from the hot lunch website.

If you are not able to cover your volunteer shift or need to make changes, please email Kristie Nyrose kdnyrose@hotmail.com or Jolene jazama@shaw.ca

Thank you for supporting Chute Lake Elementary's Hot Lunch Program!

Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKdhNfG_Mm8ksACeJdKukqWeIVGnFTU01GLHjsLJOCaLdZ9Q/viewform?c=0&w=1



CLE Absentee/Late Call In Line:

250-870-5139

or email cle@sd23.bc.ca

Please notify by 8:45 am

December

2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>Weekly Events:</u></p> <p>Fin's Friends Mon, Wed, Fri at Lunch Recess</p> <p>Gymnastics Wednesdays at Lunch Recess (parent permission required)</p> <p>Earth Rangers Selling Smencils! Come and get your smelly-pencils! Selling on Wednesdays and some Fridays until the break. \$2 each! thanks for helping support the bees!</p> <p>PRIMARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT! 12:30 and 6:30 shows.</p> <p><i>Hot Lunch: Wrap Zone</i></p>						
4	5 Please have all toy/gift donations for our hampers dropped off at school	6 <i>Hot Lunch: Jugo Juice</i>	7 	8 Santa Bus 12:00	9 YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR'S FAIR 8:30-11:00 CLE Gym come and do some Christmas Shopping!	10
11	12	13 <i>Hot Lunch: Cora</i>	14 Mrs. Jaschke's class: The Sentence Play 	15 <i>Christmas Craft Morning</i> Hurren, Peters, Jaschke, Thibert, Rubuliak, Creightney <i>Hot Lunch: sushi</i>	16 Pancake breakfast! Wear your PJs Last Day celebrations	17 Winter Break Begins 
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 	26	<div style="border: 2px dashed green; padding: 10px; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: red;"> Enjoy the Break! </div>				31 School Resumes Tuesday, January 3, 2017