

Morning families,

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow. This week classes continue to learn, create, craft, sing, play, and celebrate the season.



Working on making this season magical!

This winter season some enter with abundance and peace, where others arrive with stress and worry. When you can please remember to give back.

As a school we are reaching out to many to support families through food programming (lunches and non-perishables), hardship funds (school fees, activities, plus). If anyone needs financial assistance, please reach out to me directly.

The school is working with a variety of community organizations to broaden what we can give. No one works in isolation; it takes us all working together to make a difference. We got you.



Hockey zone: Hockey play was on! Once again, students K-6 took the opportunity to expand our playground. It is wonderful to see the full panoramic view of play.

Outdoor equipment: With new equipment comes extra care / attention and responsibilities. If you can reinforce this at home, we would love your help. For example, when students use equipment at recess / lunch or even afterschool, we need the kids to support by bringing it inside after use.

Back 'sliding hill': Due to snow placement, we are not able to permit sleds. Kids can go down the snow pack on their bottoms with feet facing out. They may go two people at a time. All are to ensure that the people at the bottom are out of the way, before sliding down.

Winter Assembly Preparations:

Several classes are working towards their own class celebrations but to also present in this upcoming week for our Winter assembly. So far, we have the Seedlings sharing a song or two, our Choir club, Heather's students sharing a video, Barb's class has a song, a skit from Krista and Kristin's class and more. Be ready for a big surprise.





Inside as well as out the creative energy flows.
Each class continues to finalize learning for 2022,
but not without also the joy of giving.



Lean in:

Trust agreement in action! Transition from circle to connection and community building in Anna's class this week was swift and productive. Class huddled up to connect to recognize where they need to put in more improvement. Questions such as, how I show someone that I am listening, also including how one culture may show this different than another. Acknowledging the needs of some. Prefacing how as a school community they can best meet the learning needs of others, as well as how to be a good friend and human. I loved it! Lessons for all.



Crib and Coding: We are all learners.

While covering Kirsten's class for a time this week, I got the opportunity to be taught from some engaged Wildflower students. Henry and Neva taught the group crib, while another student worked with a small group to do some coding. Neva was our team leader and was an excellent teacher.

Humility



Village in action: A huge thank you

I had some incredible helpers this week at lunch when the snow build along the front walkway was close to a foot deep. Some exceptional school leaders from Krista's and Kristin's class, assisted in sanding / de-icing, and even completing the last shoveling push for me which was so appreciated (the front entrance sidewalk to school steps is not a small area to shovel). I feel so fortunate to be in a school community that takes care of one another.



Read and Screen:

School book study 'Good Inside' and Movie night were both a success. I loved hearing the staff reflections on multi-age and supportive full family night. Thank you all for coming to support one another and most importantly our kids!



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Family time:

This Friday I was able to get permission to take a discretionary day to travel to Vancouver Island for my In-Laws 60th Wedding Anniversary in Duncan, B.C. It was a long drive, but worth it all to join with family to celebrate this accomplishment of love, patience, and commitment. They ended their celebration with a song that they sang that they learned together while meeting and then courting on an ocean liner from New York to Rotterdam.

Reminders:

The parking lot is not available to pick up or drop off your children / big kids. Also, as this is a very busy lot, we want to remind all to not walk through this space, but rather use the sidewalk to Stanley Street and then around the building as needed. This has been brought forth by our joint health and safety committee to keep all of us safe. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Upcoming week:

Wednesday, December 7th

- 9:15-10 a.m. Winter assembly
- 12:30-1:15 p.m. Staff appreciation luncheon, hosted by PAC
- 1:30-2:20 PAC meeting with Superintendent

Tuesday – Thursday, Celebration of Learning

- Times and dates class dependent.

Save the date:

Wildflower Salmo ski night is on Saturday, January 28 from 5:30 – 9 p.m.

- Sign up to get 15% off lift tickets.
- Rentals will be available but with no discount.
- The kitchen will be open so people can buy dinner/snacks if they would like.

Missing:

Avi is missing her brand new Blundstones (Emily's class). They are brown and are a size two. On the bottom, is Avi's name in black sharpie.



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Sincerely,

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