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December 8, 2023

Dear BEST Families,

Please note that next week we will be collecting food for the Salvation Army. Thank you in advance for your assistance. Our final day for collection will be Dec. 15th.

**Our Winter Concert is on Dec. 21st**

- Afternoon Performance 1pm (doors open at 12:15pm)
- Evening Performance 6pm (doors open at 5:30pm, students to enter classes at 5:45pm)
- Baking, raffle and 50/50 tickets will be sold at both shows (cash only)
- VIP Package Draw will take place on Monday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> (winners will receive a phone call)

We are in need of Basketball Coaches for the upcoming season. At this point, we do not have any confirmed coaches and we are required to register teams to the league before the winter holiday. The league runs from January - March. Practice times are flexible, whereas girls game day is Thursday and boys game day is Tuesday. Please email Mrs. Edstrom if you wish to volunteer [kedstrom@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:kedstrom@sd73.bc.ca).

**Monday, Dec. 11th**

- Food drive week
- Volleyball/cross country athletes pizza lunch

**Tuesday, Dec. 12th**

- Raffle basket items due
- Superintendent Nixon visits BEST today

**Wednesday, Dec. 13th**

- Mandarins delivered
- Skating (Ernst/Campbell)

**Friday, Dec. 15th**

- Report cards go home today
- Sweater day
- PAC Cookie Dough Pickup (spare classroom) 11:30-3:30pm

## Ministry of Education and Child Care communication:

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, we are sharing the survey information below to help inform the Province's [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives:

This is a friendly reminder to complete the 2023 School-Aged Child Care Demand Parent Survey by December 14 to help inform the Province's planning for future expansion of school age child care. Thank you to the parents who have already completed this survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

While we know school-aged child care is a vital service families rely on to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent's full work day, we do not yet have regional or provincial data to understand the demand.

By completing this survey, you can help the Province to better understand your community's needs for school-aged child care. The survey will take 10-15 minutes and the results will help inform future [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives.

To complete the survey, please follow this link:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/SchoolAgeParents.asp?SchoolNumber=1562> Please do not share the link with anyone else. If you have any questions, please contact [ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca). If you encounter any technical difficulties, please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) at [support@awinfosys.com](mailto:support@awinfosys.com).

If you have already completed the survey, thank you and please disregard this note. We greatly appreciate your input and thank you in advance for your participation.

Regards,

KIM EDSTROM  
Principal