



JUNIPER RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2540 Qu'Appelle Blvd
Kamloops, BC V2E 2E9

Phone: 250-374-2305 Fax: 250-377-2235

<http://juniper-ridge.sd73.bc.ca/>

Principal: Colleen Wood Vice-Principal: Andrea Mangell Secretary: Stacey Kinney

REACH HIGH ~ SERVE WELL ~ LEARN TOGETHER

November 25, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you so much for supporting our Merritt neighbors with all of the donations sent to school on Monday and Tuesday of this week. The floods have been yet another traumatic event for many families within our province. Your generosity, kindness and support is always appreciated. We have so much to be grateful for and our ability to share with those in need is a good thing.

*Thank
you*

Winter concerts are coming soon! The Kindergarten to grade five students will be recording their presentations the week of December 7th to 10th. The primary concert is called "Flakes" and the intermediate concert is called "North Pole Musical". We are thankful for the talents of our grade 7 students who are recording and editing our performances. The links for the concerts will be sent home by December 17th. A special thank you to Mrs. Powrie for organizing our students and school for our Winter Concert!



Sometimes it is Really Tough Parenting an Anxious Child Our School District is hosting a parent workshop (elementary age focus) on Thursday, December 2nd from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, hosted by Mental Health Clinicians Jocelyn Campbell and Jenna Ewert. At times, everyone has anxiety but for some children, anxiety can be overwhelming and an obstacle to enjoying kid activities like going to school, joining after school programs, having fun with friends, and trying new things. In this one-and-a-half-hour session, you will be provided anxiety 101 information and some

tools that can help at home. There will be an opportunity to ask questions as well as help navigating community resources for support. **Parents may register [here](#).**

Please be mindful that there is **no school on Monday, December 6th** as this is a professional development day for staff. Our next school newsletter will be sent out on Thursday, December 16th prior to our Winter Break (Dec 20 - Jan 3).

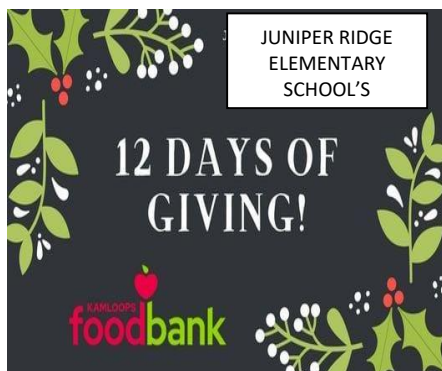
Thank you for continuing to be a kind and generous school family and community.

Warm regards,



Mrs. Wood, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS



December is a month of giving! At JRES, we will be holding our **3rd Annual 12 Days of Giving**. Starting **Monday, November 29th** and running until **Wednesday, December 15th**. Mrs. Waters' Grade 7 class and Mrs. Mulholland's Kindergarten class will be collecting donations for the Food Bank in our 3rd Annual 12 Days of Giving fundraising event. Last year our school and community embraced this initiative with spirit and compassion, and gave generously! Over 5000 lbs of non-perishable food items, and over \$200 in cash, to be exact! Let's do it again Juniper!

For a little friendly competition, the class with the most donations will win a class pizza party donated by Little Caesars Pizza. Each day has a specific, top needed item suggestion, but please feel free to bring items as you can, if you can, and on days that work for you!

Starting Monday, November 30th:

Day 1 - Soups & Stews

Day 3 - Pasta & Pasta Sauce

Day 5 - Peanut Butter and Jam

Day 7 - Christmas Dinner Fixings

Day 9 - Crackers, Cereal & Grains

Day 11 - Special Drinks

Day 2 - Canned Fruit & Vegetables

Day 4 - Health and Hygiene

Day 6 - Canned Meat & Proteins

Day 8 - Basics for Babies

Day 10 - School Lunch Snacks

Day 12 - Coin Drive Day



Mrs. Mangell and the Student Leadership Team has planned a number of fun school spirit events during the month of December. Students are keen and excited to build community and connection at our school. They have worked hard brainstorming a variety of activities. All students and staff are invited to participate in as many activities as they want!

December 3rd - Red and Green Day & Primary Christmas Story at lunch

December 6th: Colouring Contest Begins

December 8th: Christmas Craft at lunch

December 9th Christmas Caroling

December 10th - Christmas Clothing Chaos (Wear your Elf or Santa hat, Christmas sweater, Christmas accessories etc...) and Christmas Story at lunch

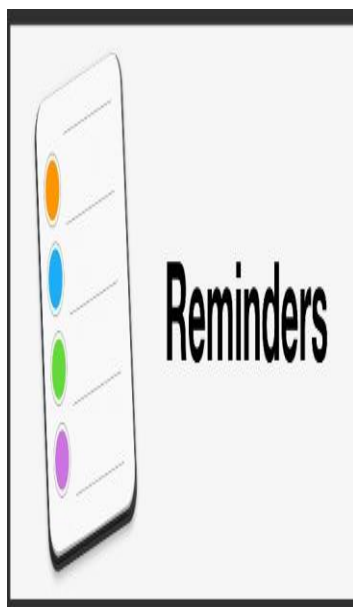
December 13th - Christmas Craft at Lunch and Colouring Contest Ends (8:30 am)

December 16th - Christmas Caroling

December 17 - PJ Day

BASKETBALL SEASON

As we are getting closer to Winter Break, we have started planning for basketball starting in January. We are looking for a Tier 1 Boys Recreational coach (previously known as Tier 2) - grade 6/7. We are also looking for refs to help us out with games. If you would like to coach or ref, please contact Mrs. Grimm (agrimm@sd73.bc.ca)



DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please refrain from having your dog accompany you on school grounds when you are dropping off and/or picking up your children. While those of us who are dog owners, love our pets, not everyone is comfortable around dogs. Additionally, significant allergies are known to our furry friends.

STUDENT MASKS AND WATER BOTTLES

Please continue to send your child to school each day with a mask and a personal water bottle or cup. We all want to be Mother Earth friendly, while at the same time doing our part in keeping our school a safe place to learn and work.



Make sure you find us on Facebook at **Juniper Ridge PAC** for all the latest fundraiser information and school reminders.

Monthly Meeting Details

Topic: Juniper PAC

Time: Dec 13, 2021 06:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/63447864702?pwd=eXBIV3hudGpxak9STkMzYmlONEdaZz09>

Meeting ID: 634 4786 4702

Passcode: 2+Un.2@8

Fundraisers

Growing Smiles Christmas Plants

Thank you to everyone who ordered plants for our Growing Smiles Fundraiser! Pickup will be December 1, 2021 at the school. Please pick up from 2pm - 6pm.

Purdy's Chocolate

Last day to submit paper orders is Nov 26th. Final day for online ordering is Sunday Nov 28th. Pickup will be the week of Dec 13th. More details to follow.

Hot Lunch

* NEW FOR THE 2021/22 SCHOOL YEAR, only paid orders will be processed.

Please do not create an order if you are not prepared to pay. After your order(s) are submitted please ensure you proceed to PAY NOW and complete your order.

* All hot lunch orders must be placed 8 days before the lunch.

* As in the past, should your child be sick or otherwise absent on a day they have ordered lunch, arrangements can be made to pick up the lunch from the school by 11:40. Otherwise, it will be considered a donation.

Hot Lunches will be: Dec 2 - Dominos Dec 9 - Moon Wok Dec 16 - Colombo

Orders can be made on Munch A Lunch

NEW parents need to register here:

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/JuniperRidge>

RETURNING parents can go directly to the login page:

<https://munchalunch.com/login>

Thank you for all your support.