

THE BEACON

December 2018

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The purpose of The Beacon is to share what our students have been learning over the past month, and to look at the month ahead.

The new sign is now illuminated, and we look forward to spotlighting our school activities.

As a school community we are so proud of our staff and students who performed in The Sound of Music. Many thanks to parents for assisting their children in learning their lines and songs, to our Parents' Plus for providing financial support, and to our incredible music teacher, Mrs. Parr, for directing this musical. A slideshow with more photos

from the performances will be shared once it is finalized!

We forward to our Christmas Concert which will be on December 17th; more information is contained in this newsletter.

The Leader in Me focus for this newsletter is volunteering in our community.

On behalf of our staff, we wish you a holiday filled with precious memories.

As always, please contact our school if you have any questions or suggestions.

- Mrs. Nancy Ball, Principal



Leader in Me

Community Volunteerism by Dr. John and Jane Covey

During the holiday season, many families look for ways to help others in need. If your family's time is limited, consider just one or two projects a year and make them a family tradition (for example, making and donating gift baskets to care facilities for the elderly around the holidays).

Why should your family lend a helping hand?

- It feels good
- It strengthens your community
- It can strengthen your identity as a family

What can children learn from volunteering?

- A sense of responsibility—children learn about commitment, to be on time, do their best, and be proud of the results.
- One person, one family can make a difference—children learn that they and their family can have an impact on someone or something else.
- The benefit of sacrifice—children learn that there are important things besides themselves.
- Cooperation and unity—children learn that working together as a family can unite the family and that two heads are better than one.
- Job skills—children learn about fields that may help them decide on future careers.
- How to fill idle time wisely—children learn to use time to help others.

Ultimately, children learn that we're all responsible for the well-being of our communities. Whatever community service you choose, your community and your family will benefit.

Ukulele Club and Archery Club News

Registration will commence soon for our Archery Club which will begin after the Christmas break. More information on times and dates will be shared by Mrs. Saunders and Ms MacKinnon, who are our new archery instructors.

Ms Legge has begun our Ukulele Club which practices on Mondays after school. We can't wait to hear them perform their first number!

Games Club & Young Authors' Club

To assist our students with learning their math skills and reading/writing skills, Beacon Hill School is proud to establish Games Club and Young Authors' Club for all students.

Games Club will involve dice games and card games that will help students sharpen their mental math skills.

Young Author's Club will give students an opportunity to write poems and fiction/nonfiction stories.

Games Club will be held after school from 3 - 4 pm on Wednesday, Dec 5th, 12th, 19th



Young Authors' Club will be held after school from 3 - 4pm on Thursday, Dec 6th and Dec 13th. These clubs will be drop in and no registration is required.

Christmas Concert - Dec 17th

We are excited to invite you to our annual Christmas Concert to be held on Monday, December 17th.

Our show starts at 6:30pm, so supervision will begin in their respective classrooms at 6pm. Please drop your child off at their classroom and proceed to the gym to enjoy a wonderful evening.

Please note:

All of our students have worked very hard to put on a fantastic show for you. Please refrain from leaving the gymnasium until the concert is complete. Multiple entrances and exits are distracting to the performers and audience. Be assured your child will be supervised at all times, in their classroom, when not on stage. Furthermore, there is a finale that will involve all performers.

At the end of the finale, please allow all students to exit the gym first. **Please remain seated until all students have exited the gymnasium and then head to their classrooms to collect them.** This is done for the safety of all performers, so teachers can ensure they have left with a parents/guardian.

We thank you in advance for helping us keep your children safe.

Entrance to the concert is FREE but we do ask that you bring a donation to the Wood Buffalo Food Bank.

Lastly, a raffle will take place for a chance to sit in VIP seating throughout the concert and tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Proceeds will be donated to the Wood Buffalo Food Bank.

Thank you and we look forward to entertaining you as our kids help everyone celebrate this wonderful time of year!

Movie Time at Landmark Cinema

Kindergarten to Grade 6 students will be off to Landmark Cinema on Thursday, December 20th to watch The Grinch/The Return of Mary Poppins. Busses will leave at 8:30 am with the K-Gr 3 students returning to the school by 11:45 am as their movie, The Grinch, is over at 11:10 am; Gr 4-6 students will return to the school by 12 noon as their movie, The Return of Mary Poppins is over at 11:40 am.

We thank Parents' Plus for sponsoring the movie and treats. Our school will cover the bussing costs.

Turkey Day- December 13th

The 11th Annual Turkey day, a Beacon Hill Public school tradition, will again be celebrated this year on December 13th. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be participating in cooking, decorating, setting-up the tables and serving families. Seniors from the Golden Years Society will also be present to assist on this day. RSVP forms will be sent home today. To help us prepare for this exciting event, please return the RSVP form by Thursday, December 6th so we can ensure we have purchased enough groceries for all the attendees. We will start serving at 11:45 on Turkey Day. We look forward to seeing you there!

Remembrance Day Ceremony



Upcoming Events

Dec. 4- YouthBeat: last session

Dec. 7th - no school for students

Dec. 13 - Turkey Day

Dec. 14 - Sound of Music cast sing at Golden Years Society

Dec. 17- Christmas Concert

Dec. 18 - PJ Day

Dec. 19 - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Dec. 20th- Movie day & last day of school for students/Christmas hat day

Jan. 7th - 1st day of school after break

School Musical - The Sound of Music

So many people to thank for their support of our school musical-

To parents for:

- helping their children learn their lines

- for sewing costumes and making props
- for volunteering at the shows with makeup, ushering, and taking tickets

To Parents' Plus for their financial support.

To teachers for volunteering to:

- create props
- manage backstage, organize costume changes and makeup
- provide time for cast to practice their lines
- participate as the nuns in the musical

To our school secretary for organizing the tickets.

To our school community for coming out to our shows; your generosity raised \$610.00 which will go towards our school music program.

To Lindsay and Ray at Keyano Theatre for supporting us with lights and sound.

And finally, many thanks to our talented music teacher, Mrs. Parr!

Congratulations to our cast of The Sound of Music for two amazing performances!



Beacon Hill School Council

Beacon Hill School Council is a group of parents and school administrators that meet once a month to discuss school issues and act as a liaison for information to other parents.

All parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings. This is a great way to find out what is happening at the school and how best to support your child.

At our November meeting administration and parents went over the accountability pillar which showed that parents and students feel Beacon Hill School is a safe and caring school. Students are being prepared for lifelong learning and citizenship. There is a very high parental involvement at Beacon Hill! Great news for our little school!

School council would like to wish everyone at Beacon Hill School a very Happy Holiday Season!

Please join us at the next School Council meeting on Tuesday January 8th at 6:30pm in the community room.

Parents Plus Advisory Association

November was a busy month for Parents Plus.

We had our Holiday Gift Shop on November 16th for our students to do their Christmas shopping. Thank you to the Composite High students and Beacon Hill parents that came out and volunteered their time. It was much appreciated!

The following day, November 17th, was our annual Christmas Market. It was very well-attended, and a huge success. Thank you to all the parent and staff volunteers who contributed their time (and baked goods!) to help make it so successful. A special shout-out to Eric Marietta for stepping up and being Santa when we couldn't find one, Libby Marietta and Melissa Nicol for being our elves, and to Wendy Macmillan for organizing our Holiday Gift Shop and Christmas Market. We could not put on these types of events without the help and support of all our Beacon Hill families,

At our November meeting, a bi-election was held. Andrea Popejoy was acclaimed as our new board secretary. Welcome aboard, Andrea!

Exciting news for our hot lunch program: we are adding 2 new vendors! Keep an eye on our hot lunch website for the updated ordering options!

Beacon Hill's production of The Sound Of Music, sponsored by Parents Plus, was a roaring success. The students were wonderful in their roles, and a good time was had by all. Good job, Bears! You did us proud!

Our next meeting date is January 17, 2019, at 6:30 pm in the Community Room. We would love to see you there! Every single parent/guardian is a member of Beacon Hill's Parents Plus, and every one of you is welcome at our meetings. We love seeing new faces and hearing new ideas. If you can't make it to our meetings, you can e-mail me at shauleigh@yahoo.ca. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or feedback, let me

know :)

In closing, I would just like to say thank you again for all the volunteering you've all done over the past month. Volunteerism is the backbone of any school, and Beacon Hill is fortunate to have so many involved parents :)

Merry Christmas and see you all in the New Year!!!

Shauna Clarke,

Chairperson, Parents Plus

Calendar of Events

December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 Last day for YouthBeat!	5 WITS guest readers at school. Games Club	6 Young Authors Club	7 No school for students.
10	11	12 Games Club	13 Turkey Day! Young Authors Club	14 Sound of Music cast sing at Golden Years Society!
17 Christmas Concert	18 Pyjama Day	19 Ugly Christmas Sweater Day	20 Movie for K-Gr 6 at Landmark Cinema Last day of school for students.	21 Last day of school for staff