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# Baldonnel Broncos

# PAC Updates

Next PAC Meeting is Wed., December 2 at 7 pm

The PAC fall and winter fundraisers brought in an amazing \$4150.00! Thank you to everyone for all of your hard work and dedication.

We would like to thank our PAC for the wonderful hotlunch this month and for sponsoring the following activities/projects:

- \$500 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
- Drama Residency with Mr. Ted Sloan
- Hot chocolate for the upcoming Skating Day on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **BUS TRANSPORTATION:**

Please make sure to send a note for the bus drivers if a change is needed from your child's usual routine. Also, please let the school know. Thank you!



## 140 Shoeboxes!!!

Thank you to Mrs. Liwiski and Mrs. Taylor for coordinating our Operation Christmas Child project. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all those who made this possible – from donations of items to assisting with the packing of the boxes! What a wonderful experience for our entire school community!

(Pictured above - Mrs. Johnson's Grade 3 class.)

#### Staying Connected

PAC Facebook Page Link https://www.facebook.com/baldonnelelementaryschool

> School Website & Calendar of Events http://www.baldonnel.prn.bc.ca/

## Remembrance Day Assembly

A special thank you to Mr. Gray's and Mr. Johnson's classes as well as several members of the Ukulele Club for their contributions to our Remembrance Day Assembly on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. It was wonderful to see so many parents and other family members in attendance.







# Willow Chair Draw

#### The tradition continues!

Tickets for the Willow Chair will go on sale Wed. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be available until Thurs. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at the evening Christmas concert. Proceeds from the draw will go to support Literacy in our school – Classroom Guided Reading Books, Home Reading Books, and Library Resources. **Tickets are \$1.00 and can be purchased at the office or from our Intermediate students.** 

Draw will be made at the Christmas Concert.

## Pre-order a pink shirt for \$7 at the office by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, boys and girls from all across Canada will be wearing pink to help bring awareness to the National Anti-Bullying Campaign, also know as Pink Shirt Day. **Available sizes:** 

Youth (XS,S,M,L,XL) Adult (S,M,L,XL,2XL, 3XL)



## Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you for your support for the book fair that was held at the beginning of November. With the proceeds from this event, we were able to purchase many new books for the library – hopefully these will be in circulation very soon.





**Congratulations** to Kelsi Reid – winner of the \$25 Scholastic family draw and her teacher, Mr. Gray – winner of the \$25 classroom draw.

## **Recognition Assemblies:**



Recipients from the November 9<sup>th</sup> assembly.

Recipients from the November 23<sup>rd</sup> assembly.



# School Sports

#### VOLLEYBALL

Our volleyball season has now finished – a special thank you to Mr. Johnson, Mrs. O'Neil, and Mr. Gray for coaching our 3 teams. A special congratulations to our Girls A Team for finishing first in league play.



Our Mixed A and Girls A teams represented Baldonnel School at the volleyball tournaments – I am proud of the team effort and great sportsmanship shown over the two days of play. Well done! There was no tournament for the Mixed B team but I know they enjoyed their league play and had fun learning the rules and developing skills.

#### **BASKETBALL – COACHES NEEDED!**

Basketball will begin in January and we are in need of coaches to allow all of our Grade 4-6 players to participate. The school staff has been amazing at taking on additional extra-curricular activities this year but please recognize we have a small staff and need parental help to be able to provide all of the activities for our students. Please contact the office if you could help out with coaching basketball in the New Year. Thank you!

# Mr. Ted Sloan visits Baldonnel School

Thanks to the generous donation from PAC – Baldonnel students and teachers were able to spend one week working with the very effervescent and talented Mr. Ted Sloan. During this drama residency, students learned about the 3 Rules of Drama, the importance of warm-ups, the four parts of every play, the four questions an actor always asks themselves before going on stage, how to use a script, and then spent the last day telling their own story.





Above: Ted Sloan works with Mrs. Miller's Kindergarten class.

Left: Opening exercises with "the ball" in Mr. Johnson's Grade 4 class.

#### House Team Leader Board!

Hoola Hooping Hooligans1337 pointsThe Diaper Wipers806 pointsThe Lightning Dirt Bikers740 points

## **Important Dates:**

### Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Paul Silveria – Square Dancing Workshop PAC Meeting – 7 pm Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades 3-6 – Field House/Skating Afternoon Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> Morning Assembly – 9 am (Firefighter Sadie) Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> NPSS Musical (Mary Poppins) Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> PAC Hot Lunch

#### Thursday, December 17th

Christmas Concert - Dress Rehearsal 1:15pm

- Concert 6:30pm

#### Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

Skating in Taylor – 12:45-2:30 pm Last Day of School prior to the holidays

Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> School Re-Opens

# **Reminders/Information/Thank You's**

- Thank you for attending the Parent-Teacher Interviews held on Nov. 25-26-27. If you were not able to attend during this time and would like to meet with your child's teacher, please contact the office and Mrs. McDermott can assist with scheduling a time.
- School Fees are now overdue please make arrangements to pay these as soon as possible
- Sports Fees are \$10 per student per activity to assist with league and tournament fees, refereeing costs, and bus transportation. Please check with Mrs. McDermott if you think you might have outstanding fees.
- Grade 5/6 students need to have the Technology Agreement signed by a parent by December 4<sup>th</sup>. Please make arrangements to do this if you were not able to attend the parent meeting. Insurance payment of \$30 is also due immediately.
- Recycled Book Sale this will occur in the New Year. If you have any gently used books that you would like to donate, please bring these to Ms. Wright in the library.
- Extra help for our Skating Day on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> would be greatly appreciated. This is a great opportunity for dads to come out and share their skate tying expertise!
- A special thank you to everyone who contributes to our school we appreciate our hardworking PAC, our classroom parent volunteers, the parent coaches, and those of your working behind the scenes.
- Thank you to Mrs. Kowalski for joining us to play the piano for the Christmas concert.
- And lastly, we need to acknowledge our Grade 4-5-6 students for taking on leadership roles within the school. Thank you to the lunch time monitors, office helpers, canteen workers, the Library Club helpers, and the assembly set-up crew. Your help is greatly appreciated!