



# Cawston School Courier

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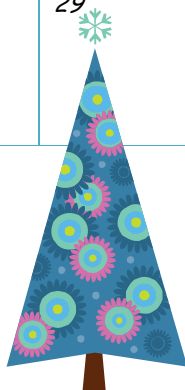
November 29, 2010

## December Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Meal Program Envelopes Due</i>	2	3 <i>Choral Festival (Cawston School Choir)</i>	4
5	6	7 <i>PAC Mtg. 7:00</i>	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 <i>Christmas Concert 1:15</i>	16 <i>Christmas Concerts 9:30 a.m. &amp; 7:00 p.m.</i>	17 <i>Last Day before Christmas Holidays</i>	18
19	20 <i>Christmas Vacation</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 <i>Christmas Vacation</i>	28	29	30	31	

**Attached to this Newsletter:**

- December Meal Program Envelope
- StrongStart & CAPC calendar
- Free Skating Ticket with Ice Rink Information



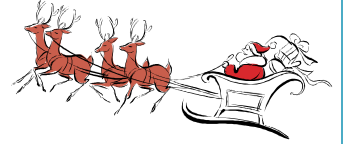
- School reopens **Tuesday, January 4, 2011**
- January newsletter home Wednesday, January 5
- **NO MEAL PROGRAM** Thursday, January 6
- 2011-12 Kindergarten Registration begins January 17.

# Coming in December

## Christmas Concerts

It's December and at Cawston School, that means it's Christmas Concert time!! Our performance this year is called "Jingle All the Way". As in past years, we will repeat our concert three times.

- **Wednesday, December 15 (1:15 p.m.)** and **Thursday, December 16 (9:30 a.m.)**  
There are no tickets required for either of these performances. Everyone is welcome to attend!
- **Thursday, December 16 - evening performance at 7:00**  
You **MUST** have a ticket to get into this performance.



**Tickets will be given to the children on Wednesday, December 8.** Watch for them coming home that day. Every family will be given two tickets; please return your tickets if you will not be using them. If you wish to have extra tickets (which may or may not be available, depending on whether any are returned), please call and leave your name at the office.

We have had excellent cooperation from our families over the past several years with the ticket process. Fire regulations limit the size of the audience at each performance. By repeating the concert three times, we are doing our best to make our Christmas Concert available for anyone who wants to attend.

A special thank you to Mrs. Nunes, our Music teacher, who is coordinating our concert for us and thanks to all the staff for helping the students prepare for the big event. See you there!!

## District Choral Festival

On Friday, December 3, the Cawston School Choir will participate in the District Choral Festival at the South Okanagan Secondary School in Oliver. Our 35 choir members will join approximately 300 other students from choirs and music classes throughout the District. Each group will perform for the others. Thank you to our choir director, Mrs. Nunes, for helping our choir prepare for this festival.



## PAC Meeting

Please join us for our December PAC meeting on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 in the library.

## Report Cards

Report cards were sent home on Thursday, November 25. Please call us at the school if you have any concerns about your child's progress.

## PAC Basket Raffle

Our PAC Basket Raffle is underway! The baskets were on display at the school last week and are now placed in various businesses throughout the community. Tickets are \$1.00 each and the draws for the baskets will be done at our evening Christmas Concert. Tickets are available at the businesses with baskets on display. You can also buy tickets for all the baskets at the school office.

A sunflower thank you to the following businesses for displaying our baskets:

- Christmas Basket - Cawston Store
- Chocolate/Coffee Basket- A - Riverbed Bistro
- Chocolate/Coffee Basket –B- Similkameen Agencies
- Craft Basket - Credit Union
- Gardening Basket - Irly Bird
- Family Basket and Webkin/Birthday Basket – Cawston School



Once again, thank you to the families who donated items for the baskets. They are gigantic and are filled with wonderful things! Don't forget to buy a ticket or two - all of the baskets are worth between \$250 and \$400. It's a great deal for only \$1.00!!

All proceeds from the Basket Raffle will go towards building our second playground. We are already in the process of picking it out - after the Basket Raffle, we are ready to make the big purchase.

### **Similkameen Hamper Fund**

The staff and students of Cawston Primary School are once again supporting the South Similkameen Hamper Fund. This is a non-partisan group of people who want to be sure that all families in our community have a wonderful Christmas.

We will collect non-perishable food items and gift items for the hamper fund. Gift suggestions could include: books, crayons, stickers, playing cards, puzzles, soap, music CDs, family games, socks, mittens, scarves and toques.

All of our classes will be participating. Thank you for helping us show the children that great joy can come from giving and helping others during the Christmas season.



### **Christmas Light Up Celebrations**

The Christmas Light Up will take place on Friday, December 3 in Keremeos, with the Parade beginning at 5:30. This year, Cawston School is participating in a community coloring contest, sponsored by Similkameen Country. Each grade is coloring a special Christmas picture and the winners of the contest will have their pictures displayed at the Victory Hall the evening of December 3 during the Light Up Celebrations with Santa. We hope to be able to display all the students' colored pictures throughout the community during the Christmas Season.



### **December High 5 Focus**

Our High 5 focus for December will be "Cooperate". Mr. Fairbrother's class will do the display for the High 5 bulletin board. Students will be reading their suggestions each morning on the announcements. During December, all classes will discuss and do activities related to our theme of "Cooperate" as part of their Social Responsibility curriculum.

Thank you to Miss Martin's class for their great display on what it means to "Be Polite". Her Grade 2/3 class did an excellent job sharing their "Be Polite" ideas on the morning announcements.

### **Head Lice**

Yes, it is that time of year. We are all spending more time indoors and we all know what that means. We will do a school-wide lice check this week. We ask that you please do regular checks at home for lice and nits as well.

If you do find lice in your child's hair, please call us at the school so we can check all the students in the class to help prevent the lice from spreading. The PAC has purchased lice shampoo which is available in the office for any families to use. Please call us if you need some.

### **One Newsletter per Family**

Beginning in January, we will only be sending home one newsletter to each family (rather than one per child). This will help us save paper and reduce costs, because, as we all know, every penny makes a difference. We will send the newsletter home with the oldest family member in the school. Meal program envelopes for all the children in your family will be attached to the one newsletter.

Please note that our newsletter is also available on the web: [www.cps.sd53.bc.ca](http://www.cps.sd53.bc.ca)

### **Winter Clothing**

Parents – please remind your children to bring a warm jacket, mitts, boots and a toque to school each day. The children play outside at recess and lunch most days and they need warm, outer wear.

### **Public Notice:**

#### **Similkameen Minor Sports Association Annual General Meeting**

*Submitted by Marija Vriendts.*

**December 6 – 6:00  
Cawston Hall - WI Room**

- Elections
- Gear Swap ( Bring Sports Gear for a Swap)

