

Being Kind, Accepting and Grateful!

## Wishart Elementary School

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Principal: Mr. Garry Manhas Vice Principal: Ms. Donna Sagodi

Wishart Elementary School has two school goals. Firstly, we want to engage and empower students' in their ability to selfregulate themselves. Secondly, we want to increase student opportunities to experience, explore and learn skills in Fine Arts (Music, Art, Drama and Dance).

## **Heading into November!**

My name is Paula Twamley and I am pleased to once again be supporting your school as the consulting Occupational Therapist. As part of my role, I support children in the classrooms, the gym and the playground. I also attend school meetings and provide in-services and presentations (printing, movement breaks, and self-regulation) in some classes. I have specific students on my caseload but I also provide general support for the school (for example; setting up a sensory circuit). I may be in your child's classroom and if parents have any questions, they can contact me at 250-474-9892 or email me at ptwamley@sd62.bc.ca.



The Scholastic Book Fair will be at Wishart Elementary School November 21 - 23rd. We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the Book Fair; Tuesday, November 21 – 8:15-8:40,

12:20 - 12:50, 2:45 - 4:00 pm, Wednesday, November 22 - 8:15 -8:40, 12:20 -1 2:50, 2:45 - 4:00 pm and Thursday, November 23 -11:45 - 2:45pm. Please contact Michelle Bevan

(mbevan@sd62.bc.ca) or Brittany Miller (bmiller@sd62.bc.ca) if you are able to spare any time.

Wishart Elem. will be holding our Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday, Nov. 10 at 11:00 a.m. to recognize our Veterans, and current members that are serving our country in the Canadian Forces. Due to their efforts and others, we are very fortunate and privileged to live in the best country in the world!! Parents are welcome to join us for the assembly.

This week classes started learning songs for Wishart's 2017 Winter Concert, which will be on December 6, 2017. The theme of the concert is Christmas and Winter Celebrations Around the



World. A newsletter with more information and details about show times and tickets will be sent out in a few weeks.

Handball season has begun for Grade 5 boys and girls, with play starting last week. Students have been enjoying the competition and demonstrating great sportsmanship. Continued good luck to all the players and thanks to Mr. McLatchie and Ms. Hamilton/Ms. Passmore for coaching the athletes. The Jamborees for both boys and girls will be at Royal Bay High School towards the end of Nov; check for dates with the coaches.

## Dates for the Calendar

Lockdown Drill	Nov. 7	
Nov. PAC Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library	Nov. 9	
Remembrance Day Assembly, 11:00 a.m.	Nov. 10	
Remembrance Day Holiday	Nov. 13	
Book Fair	Nov. 21 - 23	
Early Dismissal Day, 11:46 a.m.	Nov. 23	
Professional Learning Day Nov. 24		
Spirit Day (Pajama Day)	Nov. 30	
Xmas Concert	Dec. 6	
Last day of School	Dec. 22	
Xmas Vacation Dec. 22 – Jan. 7		
School Opens	Jan. 8	
Family Day Holiday	Feb. 13	

Among the emergency drills we practice is the Lockdown Drill. This routine is implemented when there is a threat to student safety if someone were to enter the school or if there was an unsafe situation outside (i.e. cougar sighting, or police emergency). These drills can be anxious for students

so parents are asked to talk with their children about it. Parents are reminded to dialogue with their child's teacher if there are any concerns. Because we held parent/teacher conferences in early Oct., there will be no formal time to meet with teachers after the report cards come home. Teachers will contact parents (phone call, email, or meet in person) if they have reason for concern. There is an early dismissal day, Thursday, Nov. 23, and teacher's will use that afternoon and be available to meet with parents. However, after report cards come, and parents are wishing to meet with their child's teacher they can still do so by contacting their child's teacher directly.

The Annual Wishart Craft & Gift Fair is coming up. It will

he open from 10.00 - 2.00 p.m. on Sat Nov. 18th. Admission is by donation. Please come and support the local vendors. If you can help, even for a short while, please contact Kaitlyn C.

It will be great community event, and hope to see you there.

