

Valleycliffe
Elementary
School

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Critical Thinking

Critical thinking involves making judgements based on reasoning; students consider options; analyze these using specific criteria; and draw conclusions and make judgements.

Happy Holiday!

December 21, 2018

Dear Families,

Hard to believe we are already near the end of December. It was a busy term with students participating in many school wide activities contributing to the community; Terry Fox, Orange Shirt day, special assemblies, student leadership (in and out of school), and Christmas Community Care to name a few. We continue to encourage everyone to apply their critical thinking skills every day; sun up to sun down. Consider your options and explain your choices.

Did you know: we are growing community that keeps on growing, we finished last year in June with 203 students and now we will be at 220 students by January 2019. In addition some of you might have already heard Mrs. Hackett will be leaving us in the New Year, she has accepted a position at Brackendale Elementary starting on January 14th 2019. We wish her a restful holiday to return to us at Valleycliffe for our first week back in January to then slip into her new position. I will keep everyone posted about who will replace her at Valleycliffe, no doubt big shoes to fill. We will miss her however we will still see her in the community. She is excited with the new adventure ahead. Congratulations!

We wish everyone a safe, fun filled holiday with lots of laughter and surrounded by love.

Lynne Bouchard

Principal

Dates to Remember

- Dec 24 - Jan 4 - Winter Break - not in session
- Jan 7 - 11 - Gymnastics Week
- Wed, Jan 9 - Popcorn Day - \$1
- Wed, Jan 9 - PAC Meeting
- Jan 22 - 25 - Kindergarten Registration for September
- Fri, Jan 25 - Hot Lunch
- Wed, Jan 30 - XC Skiing - Div 1 and 2 at Whistler Olympic Park
- Thu, Jan 31 - Science in the Circus performance 1:15pm - guests welcome
- Fri, Feb 1 - Pro D Day - not in session



Student Registration for 2019-2020

Kindergarten registration for next school year runs from Tuesday, January 22nd - Friday, January 25th, 2019 from 8:30 - 3:30 daily at the school office. Complete details including registration forms are available on the School District website at <https://sd48seatosky.org/parents-3/student-registration/>.

Children born in 2014, turning 5 years old in the calendar year 2019 are eligible for Kindergarten in September 2019. Please bring the completed registration forms, your child's birth certificate and care card and proof of your residential address when you come to register your child. You must register your child at your catchment area school even if you would like your child to attend a different school.

Details about registering for Kindergarten French Immersion or Cultural Journeys Program of Choice are available through the District website above.

We are excited to welcome your child to Valleycliffe in September!



Reminders:

There is so much going on this time of year - we hope this list is helpful.

- ✓ **Dress for the weather - we go outside at recess and lunch every day**
- ✓ Pay school supplies \$ and complete any missing forms (FOIPPA, Verification or Walking Permission)
- ✓ Check the Lost and Found at school - we have a huge collection of lovely hoodies and jackets that have been left behind over the past few weeks - if you are missing something, it's probably here! Please label your child's clothes - we return anything that has a name in it regularly.



PAC-tivities

PAC Meeting

The next Valleycliffe Elementary Parents Advisory Council meeting will be held **Wednesday, January 9th, 2010 at 6:00pm**. Child minding and pizza will be provided and there will be a social gathering at Match after. Please join us, it's a great way to get to know your school! Minutes of past meetings can be found on the school website under the PAC tab. (<http://sd48valleycliffe.org>)

Painless Donations While You Grocery Shop

Shop at **Nester's Market**? We get 10% of card sales. Buy your cards in the office (cash, cheque or credit card) or online with hot lunch orders!

Shop at **Save-on-Foods**? We get 6% of card sales. Buy your cards in store at the register... ask to purchase before you checkout and you can use them right away! Be sure to let them know what school you're supporting.

Shop at **Independent**? We get a \$20 card for every \$5000 we have in receipts. Save those receipts! Drop off in office or send to school with your child.

Lovable Labels Order your handy household, clothing and food storage labels through this ongoing fundraiser - <http://valleycliffe.lovablelabels.ca/>