

Don Christian Elementary School

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Newsletter #6

December 18, 2018

Message from the Principal...

Thank you again everyone for your generosity with the donations for the Cloverdale Christmas Hamper Program. All food and items have been delivered and help make a difference for many families. Finally, the January calendar is attached; we offer hip hop lessons to everyone (back by popular demand from students and parents) and we will organize a multi-cultural luncheon to celebrate the growing diversity in our school.

We also say thank you to all for your support towards our school in many ways, great and small. The most recent example is last week's Staff Appreciation Luncheon! We sincerely appreciate our parent community.

Whatever tradition you hold, whatever belief you celebrate, on behalf of our school staff, I wish you all the best of the holiday season. Enjoy the time with family and friends. Safe journeys! See you January 7, 2019.

Mr. J. Morrison

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for Don Christian Elementary opens January 14, 2019. Required: birth certificate if born in Canada or landed immigrant papers or citizenship card; proof of address; parent ID; immunization records. Kindergarten registration info for Programs of Choice schools is attached to this newsletter. Online registration begins January 28, 2019.

Winter Concerts, December 20

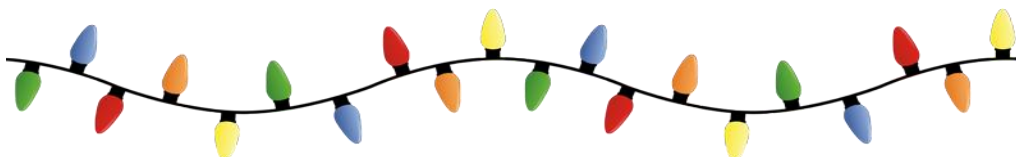
There are two performances, both on Thursday, December 20. The first is at 1:00 p.m. and then an evening performance at 6:30 p.m. Each family at the school had the opportunity to purchase two tickets for each performance. This means each family could buy a total of four tickets, for two dollars each. Tickets remain available on a first come, first serve basis. Profits from the ticket sales help cover the cost of rental chairs. Doors open a half hour prior to each performance: 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. For the evening concert students need to be at the school by 6:15 p.m.



After school programs In January, 2019

In January we will have two after-school programs:

- On Thursdays we continue to offer the "Schools Out" program, run by Alexandria Neighbourhood House. Children engage in healthy activities to foster connections with peers.
- On Wednesdays, effective January 23, we will have a *Go Girls, Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds*, program for Grade 6 & 7 girls. The program will accept 10 students; if more than 10 applicants, then names will be drawn. Info went home with interested students last week.





KINDERGARTEN LOTTERY 2019 PROGRAMS OF CHOICE

OPEN HOUSE

INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

ALL Information meetings are program based and are open to all interested parents regardless of which school you would choose. In the case of multiple open houses, please choose the location/date most convenient for you in January 2019.

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE

FRENCH IMMERSION

LARONDE: 1880 Laronde Dr. 604-536-1626
MARTHA CURRIE: 5811 – 184 St. 604-576-8551
PEACE ARCH: 15877 Roper Ave. 604-536-8711
RIVERDALE: 14835 – 108A Ave. 604-588-5978
SIMON CUNNINGHAM: 9380 – 140 St. 604-588-4435
WOODWARD HILL: 6082 – 142 St. 604-594-2336

PARENT MEETINGS:

PEACE ARCH **RIVERDALE**
 Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30 pm Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00 pm

INTENSIVE FINE ARTS

DAVID BRANKIN: 9160 – 128 St. 604-585-9547
WHITE ROCK: 1273 Fir St. 604-531-5731

PARENT MEETINGS:

WHITE ROCK **DAVID BRANKIN**
 Wednesday, January 16 at 6:00 pm Wednesday, January 16 at 5:00 pm

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LATIMER ROAD: 19233 – 60 Ave. 604-576-9184
MOUNTAINVIEW: 15225 – 98 Ave. 604-589-1193
SUNNYSIDE: 2828 – 159 St. 604-531-4826

PARENT MEETINGS:

DISTRICT EDUCATION CENTRE Room 2020
 Thursday, January 10 at 6:30 pm (No children please)

TRADITIONAL

CLOVERDALE: 17857 – 56 Ave. 604-576-8295
MCLEOD ROAD: 6325 – 142 St. 604-595-1060
SURREY TRADITIONAL: 13875 – 113 Ave. 604-588-1248

PARENT MEETINGS:

DISTRICT EDUCATION CENTRE Room 2020
 Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30 pm (No children please)

REGISTRATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

- Four “Programs of Choice” are available for kindergarten registration. Parents can apply for up to three choice programs.
- There are no special fees and you do not need to live near the school to apply.
- Please see the Frequently Asked Questions page at: www.surreyschools.ca/choice

HOW DO I APPLY?

- The application will be online Monday, January 28th, 2019 at 8 am Parents will have three weeks to apply, edit and/or change their application until February 18th, 2019.

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?

Parents must register their child at their local catchment school prior to applying for a Kindergarten Program of Choice.

- **January 14:** Regular Kindergarten registration at your local school
- **January 28:** Online application opens
- **February 13:** Deadline to register at catchment school in order to apply online for Programs of Choice
- **February 18:** Online application closes
- **February 25 to March 15:** Random lottery draw takes place

RESULTS/WAITLIST

During the weeks of February 25 - March 15:

- An email will be sent to all applicants announcing the lottery results. The email will indicate whether your child has received a space in one of your selected choices and outline the next steps to accept or decline. Applicants not offered a space are automatically placed on a waitlist.

NEED MORE INFO?

- Contact a Choice School
- Visit our website at www.surreyschools.ca/choice
- Call 604-596-7733 – Ask for Kindergarten Registration for Programs of Choice



January 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Winter Break	31 Winter Break	1 Winter Break	2 Winter Break	3 Winer Break	4 Winter Break	5 Winter Break
6 Winter Break	7 School re-opens after Winter Break	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Hot Lunch - Freshii & Opa Kindergarten Registration	15	16	17	18 Snack Day - Popcorn 	19
20	21 PAC Meeting 7:00 pm	22	23 Diversity Celebration Multicultural Lunch	24 Pajama / Stuffedie Day  	25 Ski Trip #1 	26
27	28 Hip Hop	29 Hip Hop	30 Hip Hop	31 Hip Hop	Feb. 1 Hip Hop	

