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| Newsletter: December 2018 |
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False Bay School

 Prettiest coffee on the class field trip

**Upcoming Events**

## December 13

Andrea Coombes, our speech and language pathologist will be here for the day.

The Island Kids Theatre will be performing A Midsummer Night’s Dream for the kids 1-2pm that day. There will be an evening performance 7:30-8:30.

**December 14: Altered Friday**

## December 19

Christmas Pageant. 2pm Family and parents are welcome, so is baking!

**January 21**

School trip to Ballenas to see The Wizard of Oz. 12:30-1:30.

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| Christmas Break **December 22-January 7**  Have a safe and relaxing holiday! |

250-333-8813

Office Hours: 8:30-1:30 (2:30 on Altered Fridays)

**Notes From Our Vice Principal…**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Last week, on my way home from Lasqueti, I began reflecting on how much I enjoy my job at False Bay School. I look forward to my morning conversations with Mike, as I drink my hot coffee and eat my delicious muffin from Provisions, as we bump and hop along the road to the school. I love the jubilant reception I get from the students when I walk into the school singing, “Mommy’s Home” and the constant pleas from the children for me to listen to them read, to see their new project, or to just talk.

Nothing says welcome, like Kirsty, who always greets me with a big smile and hug, and on days when the ferry is particularly rough, she treats me to a ginger ale. Anna and Kimi are always gracious and happy that I made the trip over, and I feel so fortunate to work with such a loving, caring staff. I love our conversations … all things educational and beyond. I am grateful for my time with Gordon, his knowledge of Lasqueti, and False Bay school and his passionate advocacy for the school is admirable.

But last week, I felt especially blessed to sit with some of the most dedicated, compassionate, loving, hard–working, caring parents that I have ever met. I appreciated their honesty and candor, I acknowledged their concern and worry, and I relished in our ability to work together in a collaborative, authentic, meaningful way.

As the year 2018 begins to fade, I am hopeful and excited about what lies ahead for our False Bay School… we all are a great team. I feel so blessed to have this experience, and False Bay School is gift to me. I hope you have a wonderful holiday and come back relaxed, rejuvenated and ready for an amazing 2019

Sincerely, Lesley LaCouvée

Monday December 17

The Intermediate class will meet at Anna’s place at 9am and have their school day with Christmas lunch at the south-end.

Tuesday December 18

Tian and Lisa will be in to decorate Christmas cookies in the afternoon.

Wednesday December 19

Kids’ Christmas pageant at 2pm. Please bring refreshments for afterwards if you are so inclined.

Thursday December 20

Christmas crafts in the afternoon. Parents are encouraged to come and help out.

Friday December 21: Solstice! Last day of school.

a.m. Jenny V will be in for storytelling.

p.m. an afternoon Christmas Movie!

School resumes on Monday January 7th.

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| In the Community **Lions Club Free-Skate**  \*Every Sunday in Parksville 12:15-1:45. Rentals are included. There is an additional free skate this Saturday: 10-12 to unveil their Winter Wonderland skating.  **Milner Gardens: Christmas Magic**  **\***Dec 7-9/ Dec14-19  Half a kilometer of lit and decorated trails. By donation.  **North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre**  “Magical Nights of Light”  6-8pm, Dec 7,8,14,15,21,22  $5/person, kids 12 and under free. Must pre-purchase tickets at the gift shop. Free shuttle from Craig Street Commons. (248-8534 info)  **Grade 4/5 Ski Pass**  Kids in grade 4 and 5 can receive a free ski pass that allows three skis on nearly every ski hill in Canada. Go to:  [https://www.skicanada.org/grade-4-5-snowpass/]( https://www.skicanada.org/grade-4-5-snowpass/) |