

Springwood Middle School

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PARENT NEWSLETTER #6

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon., Nov. 23	Purdy's Order Due
Wed., Nov. 25	First Spirit Wear Deadline
Fri., Nov. 27	Professional Development Day (no students in session)
Fri, Dec. 4	Next Newsletter Home
Mon., Dec. 7	PAC meeting @ 7:00 pm in library
Fri., Dec. 11	Report Cards Distributed to Students
Fri., Dec. 18	Last Day of classes prior to Winter Break



INCLEMENT WEATHER WEAR – Due to the recent weather conditions, it is imperative that students bring to school their PE strip, as they may be participating in their PE class outside. It would also be advisable that students bring in a spare change of clothing, since they may go outside during recess and/or lunch periods.

PAC INFORMATION – All parents are invited to the PAC meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 7th, 2009, in the library at Springwood Middle School. Everyone welcome.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – Friday, November 27th, 2009 will be a Professional Development day. Students are not in session.

SMS SPELLING CONTEST – Students will have an opportunity to participate in an extra-curricular spelling experience. Students may study the Level 1 words from a list that may be picked up at the school library now. Then, during the week of November 30 to December 4, a written test will be given by Mrs. Inouye to determine the top spellers who will advance to Level 2. From there we will determine the top two spellers in the school, who will then attempt to qualify for the Canwest Canspell 2010 Spelling Bee at UVIC on March 6, 2010. Prizes are substantial at that level. More study words and ideas can be found at www.canspell.com. Please encourage your child to pick up the list and study, especially if he/she is looking for a little more academic challenge this year. Learning to spell can be fun. Hundreds of students in B.C. take part in this annual activity, and SMS has been fortunate to be able to qualify two students for Victoria during the past two years.



SMS SPIRIT WEAR – Springwood Middle School Spirit Wear is now available to order, sponsored by SMS Leadership. If you would like to receive your order in time for Christmas, please have the completed order forms with payment in to the school no later than **Wednesday, November 25th**. Spirit Wear will be available to order throughout the school year. Please make cheques payable to SMS. Sizing is available.

DIVISION 6-1 & 6-2 FUNDRAISER – WREATHS AND ORNAMENTS – In order to raise funds for their year end camping trip, some of the students in Mrs. Holman and Ms. Olesen's homerooms (Division 6 -1 and 6-2) will be selling fresh fir Christmas wreaths and boxed angel ornaments from November 13th until November 26th. Wreaths cost \$25.00 each and a box of four (4) ornaments cost \$10.00. We are looking for Division 6-1 & 6-2 parent volunteers to help with the wreath assembly and pick up on December 2nd. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you would like to help. Thank you for your support.



MAYAN FAMILIES – Congratulations to the community of Springwood! Through your hard efforts we have managed to raise over \$4,100.00 to help disadvantaged families in Guatemala. Here is where your help will be going:

- Sponsoring 11 students to go to school
- Providing food for 6 families for one month
- Helping to build a house for Marlily
- Providing shoes, clothes and personal hygiene items

Thank you to everyone for your support. To see the students and families you have helped please visit www.mayanfamiliescanada.org.

PURDY'S CHOCOLATE – SMS PAC has extended the Purdy's fundraiser deadline to next Monday, November 23rd.



Please have your student bring in the completed order form with payment on Monday. They can be dropped off at the office.

UPDATED INFORMATION ON H1N1 – Please refer to the VIHA website for additional information and H1N1 vaccination clinics: <http://www.viha.ca/h1n1/public/vaccine.htm>.

SMS RUN CLUB – The new Springwood Middle School Run Club will be on Mondays right after school in most weather conditions. All ages and levels are encouraged to join. Come next Monday and check it out. It will be done as a drop in format, so just come when you can.



PICKING YOUR CHILD UP AFTER SCHOOL - While picking up your child it would be greatly appreciated if you did so at the back of the school and not in the **no stopping zone** in front of the school on Despard Avenue. We have had both driver and RCMP concerns shared with us as to the potential hazard of waiting out front. Thanks much for your attention to this.

RECYCLE FOR EDUCATION – SMS is registered with Staples Business Depot's Recycle for Education program. Please bring in your used computer ink and toner cartridges for recycling. There will be a box at the front of the school to drop them off.



ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES – If your child is ill, please have them take the time to get well before returning to school. Please phone the school in the morning if your child will be late or absent.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION – Our SMS newsletter is published every other Friday. Please visit our website www.sms.sd69.bc.ca to read about upcoming school events and to **subscribe to our newsletter mailing list**. We aspire to go completely electronic in the distribution of our newsletters by the end of December with paper copies available at the office. If we do not already have your e-mail address, please provide it to Ms. Webb at the SMS office and we will add you to our bank of recipients.



COMMUNITY NEWS (THIS SECTION WILL INCLUDE ONLY NON-PROFIT AND VOLUNTEER ADVERTISING)

Check the Community News and Events link (second tab on the left side) of the School District website. www.sd69.bc.ca You can also access this from the same location on our school website at www.sms.sd69.bc.ca. The following items can be accessed for more information on our website.

- MILNER CHRISTMAS MAGIC – MILNER GARDENS AND WOODLANDS
- REMEMBER DECEMBER 6TH
- BETHLEHEM WALK
- PRO-D DAZE CAMP
- NOVEMBER MOVIE NIGHTS AT THE PCCC
- DAD'S NIGHT OUT EVERY TUESDAY
- WINTER ART CLASSES FOR KIDS
- SCHOOL AGE CHILDCARE AT PARKSVILLE ELEMENTARY AND WINCHELSEA ELEMENTARY



RDN RECREATION AND PARKS PROGRAMS – For any of the RDN programs listed below register online and view program details at www.rdn.bc.ca or call 250-248-3252 or 250-752-5014. You can also access these programs at the School District website www.sd69.bc.ca under the Community News and Events link or our school website at www.sms.sd69.bc.ca

- ❖ PRO D-DAZE CAMP
- ❖ JERSEY SKATE
- ❖ BALLET FIT
- ❖ GOIN' ON A SCRAPBOOKIN' ADVENTURE
- ❖ BABYSITTER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
- ❖ GIRLS' NIGHT OUT
- ❖ ADULT CO-ED BASKETBALL
- ❖ DROP-IN SHINNY HOCKEY
- ❖ POLAR EXPRESS
- ❖ LINE AND BALLROOM DANCING IN BOWSER

