

# Springwood Middle School

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**PARENT NEWSLETTER #5**

**November 6, 2009**

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tues., Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Wed., Nov. 11	Remembrance Day ( <b>no students in session</b> )
Fri., Nov. 20	Next newsletter home
Fri., Nov. 27	Professional Development Day ( <b>no students in session</b> )
Mon., Dec. 7	PAC meeting @ 7:00 pm in library
Fri., Dec. 18	Last Day of classes prior to Winter Break

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

**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](http://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.



**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 13<sup>th</sup> until November 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you would like to help. Thank you for your support.



**REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY** – Everyone is welcome to our Remembrance Day Assembly on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 1:15 in the SMS gym.

**BOTTLE DRIVE FOR MAYAN FAMILIES** - The students of 7-3/7-4 have the honour of spear-heading the inaugural Mayan Families bottle drive on Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 9:00 am till 12:00 noon. Mayan Families Canada is an organization dedicated to helping Mayan Families in rural Guatemala. One child at a time; one family at a time.

Established in 2005, this group has been involved in numerous projects that improve the quality of life of a significant number of families in the Lake Atitlan area of Guatemala.

We would like to raise money for the Mayan Families cause, so please come out and join us at the Parksville bottle depot (behind Springwood's back field). If you have a truck and would like to volunteer your time please contact Mr. Ndiaye/Mr. Davidsen via email/phone so that they can add you to the list. If you do not have the time to do the full drive, you can drop off your bottles at the depot. Every little bit helps! Thank you very much for your support. For more information please contact either Mr. Ndiaye at [ndiaye@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:ndiaye@sd69.bc.ca) or Mr. Davidsen at [bdavidsen@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:bdavidsen@sd69.bc.ca). You can also call SMS at 250-248-2038.



**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](http://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](http://www.sd69.bc.ca) You can also access this from the same location on our school website at [www.sms.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sms.sd69.bc.ca). The following items can be accessed for more information on our website.

- PARKSVILLE SKI AND SPORT SWAP
- 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 E.ELEMENTARY
- RESTORATIVE PRACTICES TRAINING FOR PARENTS
- FREE FAMILY SKATING
- AMAZING KID SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT



**RDN RECREATION AND PARKS PROGRAMS** – For any of the RDN programs listed below register online and view program details at [www.rdn.bc.ca](http://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](http://www.sd69.bc.ca) under the Community News and Events link or our school website at [www.sms.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sms.sd69.bc.ca)

- ❖ TEEN GLOW IN THE DARK SKATE
- ❖ 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
- ❖ HAPPY HOLIDAY SCRAPBOOKING
- ❖ LINE AND BALLROOM DANCING IN BOWSER



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