



# DAVID THOMPSON ELEMENTARY

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## Winter Concert

The students and staff at David Thompson have been practicing some wonderful festive songs for parents / caregivers to enjoy at our Winter Holiday Concert.

We must comply with our gym occupancy limit – therefore, we are having two afternoon performances.

Please attend on the designated day corresponding with your child's LAST NAME:

•Dec 10<sup>th</sup> – A - L

•Dec 11<sup>th</sup> – M - Z

Doors will open at 1:15pm and the performance will begin at 1:30pm.

Both dates will be the same performance.



- ◆ Dec 1<sup>st</sup> - Inservice Day - No School
- ◆ Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> - White Spot Lunch Hot Lunch Day
- ◆ Dec 9<sup>th</sup> - Edo Japan Lunch Day
- ◆ Dec 10<sup>th</sup> - Winter Concert - 1:15pm - Families with the last names **A-L** attend
- ◆ Dec 11<sup>th</sup> - Winter Concert - 1:15pm - Families with the last names **M-Z** attend
- ◆ Dec 12<sup>th</sup> - Term 1 Report Cards Published
- ◆ Dec 16<sup>th</sup> - Tubing @ Harper - Intermediate Students only - **NO HOT LUNCH TODAY!**
- ◆ Dec 17<sup>th</sup> - **REVISED** - Hot Dog Lunch Day
- ◆ Dec 19<sup>th</sup> - School Wide PJ Day
- ◆ Dec 19<sup>th</sup> - Last Day Before Winter Break

**WINTER BREAK DEC 22<sup>nd</sup> - JAN 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**SCHOOL RESUMES MONDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>!**

## HOT LUNCH date change!

HOT DOG LUNCH  
DAY HAS BEEN  
MOVED TO:

DEC 17<sup>th</sup>



## Winter Wonderland Weather

Dress for the Season – as the weather turns cold and becomes more extreme, students need to come to school dressed warmly and prepared for the elements. Please send your child(ren) to school with appropriate winter clothing such as: warm hats, mitts, jacket and boots. Please also remember students need a pair of inside shoes. Primary students should have an extra change of clothes too.



## PAC NEWS



★ Next **PAC Meeting**: There will not be a PAC meeting in December. The next PAC meeting will be on **Wednesday, Jan 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30pm** in the library. Please join us! Everyone is welcome 😊

## Hot Lunch Ordering February – June 2026

Our hot lunch website will re-open on **January 5<sup>th</sup>** for the FINAL ordering opportunity for hot lunches for the remainder of the school year (February–June). Once again, there will NOT be any extras available to purchase at the office. You'll be able to check out the new menu and place your orders once the site is live on Jan 5th. We'll send out an email in January to remind families it is time to order 😊

## Pizza days are moving to Fridays!

🍕 Each month will have ONE pizza hot lunch on a Friday, and we're calling them "Fun Lunch Fridays" for the Feb–June period. All of the other hot lunch days will remain on a Tuesday each week. These are the pizza dates: **Feb 27, Mar 13, Apr 24, May 29, Jun 19.**

DEC 19<sup>th</sup>  
= PJ DAY



The most magical winter experience in Kamloops at  
**PRIVATO**  
VINEYARD & WINERY

- \* Hay rides
- \* Hot chocolate
- \* Cozy fires
- \* Santa photos
- \* and more...

Between Nov 23rd - Dec 21st every family pass purchased \$5 goes to our school!

Use code:  
DavidPrivato2025

## Volunteer Criminal Record Checks Needed

As per SD#73 Admin Procedures #260 and #490, parent / caregiver volunteers who are helping in classrooms or on fieldtrips must have a current volunteer criminal records check on file at the school.

### Criminal Records Check Link:

<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/screening/crrpa/org-access>

Access code:

**ZJ7RJWUXV6**

## LOST & FOUND

Please take a moment to stop by and check our Lost & Found trolley – it's located in the front hallway across from the gym. We have quite a collection of items, including jackets, pants, shoes, water bottles, food containers, and more.

If you're attending the Winter Concert, it's the perfect time to take a quick peek and see if anything belongs to your child.

Thank you for helping us reunite these items with their owners!



## SCHOOL CASH UPDATE FROM THE SD#73 ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

We understand there have been some concerns and feedback from parents regarding the district's online transaction fee rates.

After a review of the transaction fee price structure with SchoolCash Online, the District will be reducing its transaction fee rates to a 2.5% charge for online payments.

On December 5th, the District will be working with SchoolCash to update the system's programmed rates for payments made online. This will require all current fees to be deleted and recreated under the new rate structure - online and cash payments cannot be processed during the transition on December 5th. Please also expect limited availability to pay online during the week of December 6th-12th.

Between December 15th to January 31st, 2026, the District will be working to process refunds to families who paid online, reducing their net charge to 2.5%. These refunds will be processed to the card used to make the original payment.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this process.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

This year at David Thompson we had two volleyball teams entered into league play.

All teams represented our school well and we are so proud of them! Way to go players!

Thank you so much to the Volunteer Coaches and the Teacher Sponsors.

Thank you also to all Parents/ Caregivers for driving our student athletes to/from games and practices and for coming out to cheer on the teams!



## VISITORS – PLEASE CHECK-IN AT THE OFFICE

If you are stopping by the school for any reason and for any duration, please remember to check-in at the office. Please do not go directly to your child's classroom. Similar to your doctor's office, the bank or any professional building, you must check-in at the front office. This is to help ensure we know who is in the building at all times and to minimize disruptions during instructional time. We do have a sign-in sheet on the front counter that must be filled out when visiting the school. If the secretary is not at her desk, please wait a moment, she has not gone too far and will be back shortly 😊 thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

### 💰 ❄️ PAC WINTER 50/50 ❄️ 💰

💵 Here is your chance to win some money before the holidays! 🎁

David Thompson Elementary PAC is hosting our winter 50/50! Winner takes home half of the jackpot 🎉!

📅 Draw date will be **DEC 11, 2025**.

💎 Our PAC works hard to raise funds to purchase classroom items, field trips, bus fees, school community events and so much more!

🙏 Thank you for supporting our school and students!

📱 Please share the link or scan the QR code.

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/davidthompsonpac>

Open to BC residents only. Must be +19 to purchase tickets. Please see full list of rules on the website.

DAVID THOMPSON  
ELEMENTARY PAC

# Winter 50/50

**DRAW DATE:  
DEC 11, 2025**

WINNER TAKES HOME  
50% OF THE JACKPOT.

THANK YOU FOR  
SUPPORTING OUR  
STUDENTS AND SCHOOL  
COMMUNITY!

SCAN TO PURCHASE

License # 167031

# PARKING LOT SAFETY

Reminder to all parents/caregivers that the staff parking lot is for staff only. Please avoid using the staff parking lot between 8:10am-8:35am and 2:25pm-2:50pm. Those times are extremely busy not only with staff arrival and departure, but also with students crossing at the cross walk. Please remind your children to use the provided walkways that surround the parking lot and to **avoid walking straight through**. As the winter weather arrives, there tends to be more drop-off and pick-ups taking place in the staff parking lot which could result in injury. We have witnessed a few near misses of adults walking through the parking lot, with children trailing behind them and nearly being hit!

Please use the drop and roll south of the parking lot on Pine Springs Road or park on Pine Springs Road on the north side of the parking lot.

## Accessible Parking Spaces

These four spots are reserved for those vehicles that have the accessible parking placards and legitimately need these closer spots. **THESE FOUR SPOTS ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR KINDERGARTEN DROP OFF/PICK-UP!**

**We appreciate your assistance in helping keep our students safe.**



## Donations Needed! Glove/Mittens and Socks

Students regularly forget or lose their gloves, mittens, and even socks (believe it or not! 😊). To help us out on those chilly days, we're hoping to collect a small supply of these items to keep as "spares" in the office.

If your family has any extras at home that you'd like to part with, we would be so grateful. New or clean/washed donations can be dropped off at the office anytime.

Thank you so much for your support! 🤝🧤🧦



# DECEMBER



<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
<u>01</u>  <u>INSERVICE DAY –</u> <u>NO SCHOOL</u>	<u>02</u>  White Spot Hot Lunch	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>
<u>08</u>	<u>09</u>  Edo Japan Hot Lunch	<u>Winter Concert</u> <u>1:30pm</u> <u>A-L</u>	<u>Winter Concert</u> <u>1:30pm</u> <u>M-Z</u>	<u>12</u>  Term 1 Report Cards Published in MyEd
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>  Tubing @ Harper Intermediate Students  No hot lunch today – hot dog day moved to the <u>17th</u>	<b>DATE CHANGE</b>  HOT DOG Lunch Day	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>  <b>PJ DAY</b>  <u>Last Day of Classes</u> <u>Before Winter Break</u>
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>		

← **WINTER BREAK** →

