



# SUMMIT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Monthly Newsletter

DECEMBER 2025



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we move into this festive season, I want to share a few highlights from the past month.

Our Remembrance Day Ceremony was especially meaningful. Students shared thoughtful songs and reflections, and our hallways and gym were filled with beautiful artwork. Thank you to Ms. O'Donovan for sharing her father's story, to our Indigenous Education Worker for offering the Cree Honour Song, and to Lieutenant Mike Young, who spoke with our intermediate students about his peacekeeping service.

We were also grateful to welcome the Lions Club, who provided free vision screening for our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students. This important service supports families by helping identify students who may benefit from follow-up care.

As one of our school goals is to strengthen students' sense of belonging and connectedness, we held an assembly linking the Grandfather Teaching of Wisdom from Beaver to our SCORCHER expectations. Students continue to work hard at demonstrating these values in the classroom and on the playground, and we are proud of their efforts. [November Slideshow to review.](#)

Looking ahead, we are excited for Green Christmas on December 11 and our Christmas Concerts on Thursday, December 18, with both afternoon and evening performances. Learning Updates will be available to view on December 12. Please see below for instructions on accessing the online portal.

Thank you for your ongoing support.  
See you on Tuesday!  
Warm regards, Jennifer Boyle & Jeanine Wourms

### Important Events

- Dec 1 Non-Instructional Day
- Dec 4 Grade 7 Digital Safety
- Dec 10 Green Christmas Set up
- Dec 11 Green Christmas 8:30-2:30
- Dec 15 Merry Sweater Monday
- Dec 15 Berwick Seniors Visit Gr 1/2
- Dec 16 Twinkle Tuesday
- Dec 17 Tacky Christmas Takeover
- Dec 18 Christmas Concert 1:15 & 6:30
- Dec 18 Concert Best Thursday
- Dec 19 Frosty PJ Friday





# Remembrance Day

We were very fortunate to welcome veteran Lieutenant Mike Young from Kamloops to Summit Elementary on November 8. Lieutenant Young spoke with our students about his experiences as a Peacekeeper in Egypt and shared his family's long history of service to Canada. Our intermediate students asked thoughtful, respectful questions and had the opportunity to get to know Mr. Young on a personal level. We are grateful to have had Lieutenant Young visit Summit again this year and appreciate the meaningful learning he brings to our school community.





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# Volleyball

A huge thanks to our wonderful teacher sponsor Ms. Yakura and our amazing coach Andrea Baillie. The team had a great season of volleyball and played extremely well. Congratulations!





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# November Fun!





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# Green Christmas - December 11th

The Green Christmas Sale will occur on December 11th. Classes will each have scheduled time to visit the Green Christmas sale.

Once again, we are asking for donations from our amazing Summit families, staff, and extended community to make the Green Christmas possible. The Green Christmas sale allows students to shop through various donated items to find something special for their loved ones. Items are between \$1-\$5 dollars or pay what you can.

Donations are welcomed and appreciated in order to make this event even more successful than last year. Gently used donation ideas: puzzles games, kitchen/bath items, toys, books, activities, Christmas ornaments/decor, etc. No CLOTHING please. Items that would make kind gifts for students to select for Dads, Moms, and siblings.

We also really need all things wrapping...wrapping paper, bags, bows, tape, gift tags etc.

Thank you for your support in helping make the season a bit more magical for all.





# Winter Concert

We are excited to announce that our Winter Concert, **Christmas Through the Ages!**, will be held on Thursday, December 18th at 1:30 pm and 6:30pm.

Due to limited space in our gym, we ask that you attend only one of our two concerts, the afternoon or our evening event.

We will have tickets for the evening event due to our gym capacity. Doors will open at 1:15 & 6:10. Students will remain in their classrooms during the performance and can be picked up following the concert.

Mr. Bowden's class will greet you as you enter the building. They have been working diligently on their business plans and will have items and for sale.





**Come Read with Me**



## **WANTED: Volunteer School Coordinator and Volunteers**

Come Read with Me Volunteer Tutoring Program  
(formerly ONE TO ONE)

**Let's revive this reading program at Summit! Do you have 90 minutes to read with three students weekly**

For details, please contact Cami at  
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Jennifer Boyle at [jboyle@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:jboyle@sd73.bc.ca)



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# Information for Parents

## INDOOR SHOES

Please help us keep our school clean. A friendly reminder that your child needs indoor running shoes for our classrooms and gym.



## BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We have a few spots available in our Morning Breakfast Club, starting at 8:10 a.m. This program provides a healthy and friendly start to the day. Families who may need extra support are encouraged to join. Students need to be here at by 8:10 to have time for breakfast. For more information or to sign up, please call the school office. We're here to help!

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

Kindly drop off students after 8:15 and pick up at 2:35 as we do not have afterschool supervision or morning supervision until 8:15. If you are going to be late, call the school so we can have your child wait for you at the office.





# December Learning Update

**PLEASE PRACTICE SIGNING IN TO THE MY EDUCATION BC SITE TO ACCESS YOUR CHILD'S REPORT CARD.**

## Accessing Your Child's Learning Updates Online

School District #73 is transitioning to an online system for accessing your child's progress reports. The learning updates (report cards) will be available for viewing and downloading on the Parent Portal in MyEdBC starting December 12th.

This change supports our commitment to reducing our carbon footprint. If you cannot access the portal or download the update, a paper copy can be requested at the school office during the week of December 15th.

Below, you'll find instructions for accessing the Parent Portal in MyEdBC. For new families, this may be your first time setting up an account.

### About MyEdBC Parent Portal

MyEducation BC is the system used province-wide to manage student information. Through the Parent Portal, you can:

- View your child's Learning Updates (report cards).
- Monitor attendance and student demographics.
- Access student portfolios.
- Track progress toward graduation from Kindergarten through Grade 12.

We encourage all families to familiarize themselves with this system to ensure timely access to their child's educational information.

## The benefits of the MyEd BC Family Portal include:

- Parents can easily access their child's learning update
- Increase the security and privacy of student information. With the Family Portal, report cards are stored and accessed on a secure web server
- Parents can view up-to-date attendance information.
- Parents can view demographic information and contact the school should updates/changes be required



# Signing in to the MyEd Portal

## PLEASE PRACTICE SIGNING-IN

Welcome to the Kamloops/Thompson MyEducation BC PARENT PORTAL which will allow access to see grades, attendance and other information on your child(ren). Each parent or guardian or household will have their own separate account.

To Access the MyEducation BC System

1. Visit <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>
2. Make sure popups are enabled for your browser.
3. Your user name (LOGIN ID) will be: (the email address you gave to the school)
4. Your temporary password will be: (the same one you set up - should you not remember your password, click on the "I forgot my password" link and follow the instructions) (NOTE: Both user name and password are case sensitive. New Password requirements: Must be at least 8 characters, including a capital letter, a symbol and a number.)
5. Enter your user name (LOGIN ID) and password then click "Log On" to access the system. You may be prompted to change your password, and fill out some information so that in the future you can click "I forgot my password" to receive a new password if you haven't already.

Once inside the MyEducation BC system you can navigate around to view information for your student(s).

For a detailed explanation on how to login and navigate through the portal please click on this information page ([Click here MyED73 Parent/Student Portal Information](#)), or watch this video ([click here](#))

I ENCOURAGE YOU TO PRACTICE SIGNING-IN so that when learning updates are posted you are ready to go. If you experience any difficulties, please first try resetting your password. If that doesn't work, please contact the school.



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*From our PAC*

# GREEN CHRISTMAS

DONATIONS NEEDED



PLEASE DONATE ALL OF  
YOUR LIGHTLY USED TOYS,  
JEWELRY, AND ITEMS

PLEASE DONATE BY DEC 7<sup>TH</sup>

THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE!



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE PAC!

### What is "Green Christmas"?

It is a way for our children to experience the joy of gift giving and thinking of others no matter their financial situation, by "shopping" for gently pre-used items instead of costly new items.

### When will this happen?

During school hours on **December\*\*** 11th \*\*the kids will have the opportunity to shop for gifts to gift their loved ones at Christmas. This is a student only event.

### Where do YOU come in?

We need treasures!!! We need Volunteers!!! We are asking for donations of used but perfectly re-giftable items for this event.\*\* If you would like to help out as a gift wrapper, setup or support during the event please contact us! We really appreciate your added support!

Volunteers sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/pP5B581MZh1vhuHm7>

PAC FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/xnwuhUbAH9scSmHF/>



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# CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK

MON  
15

## MERRY SWEATER MONDAY

Break out your best (or worst) Christmas sweater! - ugly, sparkly, silly, or snazzy.. anything goes!

TUES  
16

## TWINKLE TUESDAY

Shine bright with lights, glitter, sparkle, sequins, or anything that twinkles like a christmas tree!



WED  
17

## TACKY CHRISTMAS TAKEOVER

Go all out with the tackiest holiday gear you can find - crazy socks, wild hats, kooky headbands, festive suits.. the more over-the-top, the better!

THURS  
18

## CONCERT BEST THURSDAY

Dress to impress in your festive finest for our big holiday concert!

FRI  
19

## FROSTY PJ FRIDAY

Get in your comfiest pajamas for the final day before the break!





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### SETTLEMENT WORKER IN SCHOOLS ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2025

#### Reminders

##### Dressing for the weather:

- **Layering clothing:** Use t-shirts, sweaters, and jackets so children can add or remove layers as the temperature changes.
- **Weather - appropriate outerwear:** Ensure children have jackets, toques, gloves, and boots for cold or wet weather.
- **Comfortable and safe footwear:** Choose shoes that keep feet warm, dry, and provide good traction on slippery surface.

##### Lunchbox Ideas:

[School lunchbox recipes](#)



##### Canadian Dental Plan and Healthy Kids Program:

The Canadian Dental Plan helps eligible individuals access affordable dental care, while the Healthy Kids Program provides dental and vision coverage for children who qualify.

For more info: [toby@kcris.ca](mailto:toby@kcris.ca)

#### The deep sea fish that sings

Check out the following video to learn more about the deep sea fish.

[The Nature of Things \(This fish does life Different\)](#)



#### Science experiments to try at home

[45 Easy Science Experiments for Kids](#)



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# Sledding Expectations



## SNOWY WEATHER

Cooler weather is definitely upon us and with that brings snow and below freezing temperatures. Please remember to send your child with a winter coat, hat, mittens, boots, and a toque. Students are expected to be outside for recess and lunch breaks. Doors open at 8:25 each morning and students need to wait outside in the morning until the bell goes and teachers let children into the school. Please let us know if your child needs winter gear.



- We are hopeful for some snow, so we can sled
- Students must be properly dressed (snow pants, mits, jacket, gloves)
- Students can bring their own sleds
  - No HARD plastics (GTs, etc)
  - Must be labelled CLEARLY
  - Determine outdoor location for storage
  - School not responsible for lost/broken sleds
- Sledding before school is not permitted
- Students must sled in designated areas only
- Sledding will be stopped when conditions are unsafe
- Students will listen to all supervisors (who have authority)
- All sliders go down one at a time, move off, use the stairs to come up
- Students slide with feet or knees first, eyes looking forward

