







## Important Dates

Dec 2-17	Capilano Giving Tree Donation Collection for North Shore Family Services (Details Attached)
Dec 13	Term 1 Written Learning Updates Published by End of Day
Dec 17	Primary Winter Concert. Doors open at 6pm, and concert starts at 6:30. More information below.
Dec 20	Last Day of Classes Before Winter Break Begins (regular 3pm dismissal)
Dec 20	Capilano Cereal Social & Pajama Day.
Dec 23-Jan 3	  Winter Vacation  
Jan 6	School Reopens after Winter Vacation

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## MyEducation Access

Prior to Term 1 Written Learning Updates being published at the end of the day Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, please visit the North Vancouver School District website [MyEducation BC Portal Tips and Resources](#) for information, instructions and a video on how to access your student(s) Term 1 Written Learning Updates. Also, attached below you will find links to informational documents on How to use the Parent Portal, How to Reset your Passwords, and Tips and Troubleshooting for the MyEd system.

[MyEducation BC — How to use the parent portal](#)

[MyEducation BC — How to reset your password](#)

[Tips and troubleshooting](#)

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## Attendance

**Attendance – Leaving Early for Winter Break?** A reminder to families who might be leaving for winter break slightly earlier due to planned vacations to please let the classroom teacher AND Capilano Office know of your child's absence by using one of the following methods:

- 1.) Using the [SafeArrival](#) system
- 2.) Calling (604) 903-3370, press '2' at any time to reach the absent line **\*leaving a message is the preferred method when calling, as the office is extra busy in the mornings during attendance.**

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Please provide the first and last name of your student, grade, and division, if known. **It is important to let both the office (using 2 methods above) and the classroom teacher know (by email) of any absences, late arrivals, or early departures.** Our school website (staff top tab) is updated with all of the current divisions and classroom teacher emails.

We ask that ALL visitors and parents come to the OFFICE to check-in regarding your visit to the school. For students' safety all other doors are locked before, during and after school.

**STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE** – If your student is late, please have them come to the office and sign in.

**STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY** – If you need to pick your child up early, please come to the office to sign your student out, and the office will call the classroom so the student can come down.

\*Students must be picked up by individuals on their safe pick-up list (you provided this information on the Student Information Verification Form in the September Package), and cannot leave the school grounds by themselves between the hours of 8:45am – 3pm.

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## Primary Winter Concert Information

We are getting excited about the upcoming Primary Winter Concert, on Tuesday, December 17th and are pleased to share more detailed information with you. Families of students from Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, and Grade 3 are invited to watch their children perform in our school gym that evening. We are asking for students to arrive at the school to gather in their classrooms at 6:00. The concert will start at 6:30 and will be approximately 45 minutes long. We ask that all families stay until the end and they can collect their students from their classrooms when the concert is over at approximately 7:15. We will also have a dress rehearsal for the students during the day that day.

Gym doors will be open for 6:00 for seating. We ask that parents line up outside the school, at the main entrance doors. Capilano is a large community and seating will be limited. We ask that families try to keep their invitees to **2 per household**, as we want to ensure that all families are able to watch their children and we need to abide by health and safety regulations within the gym. Siblings will have the opportunity to watch the performance during the dress rehearsal at the school that day.

### Special Instructions:

**Kindergarten Students** - Please dress your child in snowflake theme if you are able. That could be as simple as wearing the snowflake art the class made the week before, a white t-shirt, all white, or a fully sequined snowflake bodysuit.

**Grade One Students** - Please dress your child in fancy hot cocoa theme if you are able. That could be as simple as wearing dark or brown pants/top and white top or hat (think whipped cream or marshmallow) or getting creative with a spoon for a hairpin and ribbon "sprinkles" in their hair.

**Grade Two Students** - Please dress your child in a "going for a family walk in the snow" theme, with as much green or candy cane striped colours as possible and **\*optional\*** light gloves/scarves/toques/sweaters that they won't overheat in. Festive accessories such as reindeer antlers or "ugly" Christmas sweaters welcome.

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**Grade 3 Students** - Please dress your child in a “sled racing” theme, with as much red or candy cane striped colours as possible and \***optional**\* light gloves/toques/sweaters that they won’t overheat in. Ski goggles and light scarves would fit here, as well.

## Capilano Giving Tree

## Support Our Christmas Giving Tree!

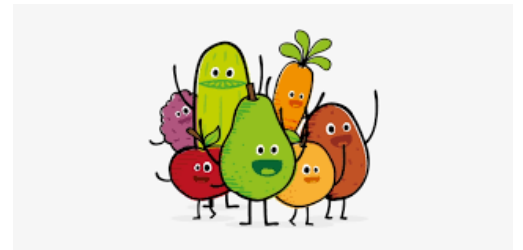
Join us in spreading holiday cheer by participating in Capilano Elementary's first annual **Christmas Giving Tree**. Select an ornament from the tree with a gift wish, then purchase a grocery gift card, give a monetary gift, or use the QR code on the ornament to make a donation to North Shore Family services. Please return the gift card or monetary donation to the office by December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



Your generosity will make a difference in our community this holiday season. Thank you for helping make the holidays brighter for those in need! For more information please see the attached flyer.

## Extra Snacks and Water

We have noticed many children coming by the office to ask for extra snacks, as they are still hungry after eating their lunches. We kindly request that families add extra snack items in lunch kits. **Please remember to pack a water bottle and utensils too!**



## Dressing for the Weather



Please make sure your child/children are dressed appropriately for outside play. Students will be outside at lunch and recess **rain, shine or snow**. It is helpful for them to have an extra set of clothes and shoes at the school.

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## Weekly Reminders – December 13, 2024

Here are some important PAC reminders for the next few weeks:

Join us in the gym on December 20 for the Holiday Cereal Social to celebrate the last school day of 2024! Be sure to secure a spot at one of three sittings by purchasing a ticket on munchalunch!

Important Dates:

- **December 16:** LAST SESSION – BrainSTEM After School Program
- **December 16:** Registration opens for Winter Term After School Programs on PAC website
- **December 17:** Winter Concert for Primary Students 6:00 – 7:15 pm
- **December 18:** Winter Term Hot Lunch Ordering opens on Munchalunch.
- **December 18:** Deadline for donating to the Capilano Elementary Giving Tree
- **December 20:** Capilano Cereal Social! Pajama Day! Fresh Air Friday! Winter Break Starts!

For any further information or inquiries, reach out to our dedicated team or visit Capilano PAC's website, or follow us on Facebook.





Dear Capilano Families,

In the spirit of giving during the holiday season, our school is raising money for the North Shore Family Services Christmas Bureau by purchasing grocery gift cards in the amount of \$25 each. Please stop by our Giving Tree in the atrium, select an ornament, purchase the gift card listed, and drop it off in the office by December 18th. We are also accepting cash donations as well, or you can donate directly using this QR Code:



Happy Holidays,

The Capilano Staff