

# ÉCOLE SHERWOOD PARK

December 2018



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## SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

All members of the Sherwood Park School Community, students, staff, and parents are expected to demonstrate **SPARK: Safety, Promoting Inclusion, Always Showing Integrity, Respectful Behaviour, and Kindness and Compassion**

*I would like acknowledge and thank the Coast Salish people whose traditional territory North Vancouver School District resides on. I express our gratitude to the Squamish Nation and Tsleil Waututh Nation and we value the opportunity to learn, live and share educational experiences on this traditional territory.*

*J'aimerais reconnaître et remercier les peuples autochtones de la côte Salish dont leur territoire traditionnel est le siège de la Commission scolaire de Vancouver Nord. Nous exprimons notre gratitude envers les Nations Squamish et Tsleil-Waututh. Nous apprécions l'occasion d'apprendre, de vivre et de partager des expériences éducatives sur ce territoire traditionnel.*

## Winter Break Message

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukah, Ramadan or another holiday throughout the year, the important thing is that we remember to be generous, forgiving, and kind. Remember that even though your holiday celebration may be different than your friend or neighbour, it can be just as wonderful.

Sometimes we have little control over the changes that take place in our lives but what we do control is how we deal with the changes. Attitudes are contagious so make sure yours is worth catching. The holiday season is really about being with family and friends and remembering those who are unable to be with us for a variety of reasons. Remember that you are creating memories for yourself and your children.

As always at this time of year, Mr. Johal and Mrs. Curry reflect on our time at École Sherwood Park Elementary and know how fortunate we are to work with such a fabulous group of students, teachers, and parents. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your patience throughout this very busy first term of school. Thank you for all of the

things, big and small, that each of you do to make our school of which we can all be proud.

Our wish for all of you is that you find the warmth and joy of the season and have some time to just appreciate the little things in life that we sometimes miss in the hustle and bustle of our busy lives.

Be safe and see you in January 2019!

## Staffing Updates

It is common to have new staff join a school due to various reasons such as personal leaves, retirements, and maternity leaves. We are sad to see some of our staff leave and are proud to welcome the following staff to our school:

Staff Leaving:

Mrs. Maria Pupovac, Administrative Assistant

Mme Lynn Gonzalez, Grade 4/5 FI Teacher (Mondays to Thursdays)

Mrs. Kerry Smith, Grade 4/5 FI Teacher (Fridays) –

Mrs. Desiree Wiltshire, Education Assistant

Please help us welcome:

Mrs. Heather Houston, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Johal is working on hiring two new Education Assistants and a FI Grade 4/5 Teacher and we look forward to welcoming new staff members in the new year. Please look for a staffing update in the January newsletter!

### Lost and Found Purge Day

It's that time of year again, Lost & Found Purge day! This year all donations will be going to the B.C. Children's Hospital Foundation. Coats for Kids received a massive donation from our school last year and I am expecting this year to be no different for the next Foundation.

Just to review, if the coats, shorts, shoes and other attire is not claimed by the certain dates that will be mentioned throughout the year, they will be donated to this organization. An article has been written about the organization chosen for this year at <http://www.bcchauxiliary.com/our-businesses/clothing-donation-bin-program/>

The first 'cut off' date before donations are to be made before Winter Break is December 21. Please contact Mrs. Philp at [nphilp@sd44.ca](mailto:nphilp@sd44.ca) or Mrs. Molley [dmolley@sd44.ca](mailto:dmolley@sd44.ca) if you have any questions.

### PAC Pancake Breakfast

Pancake Breakfast is tomorrow! Remember all contributions go to the Sherwood Park Care Fund. Suggested donation is \$5/breakfast. If you know anyone who could use some extra love and support this Christmas (or at any time) please let us know at [SPcarefund@gmail.com](mailto:SPcarefund@gmail.com)

Breakfast will be served in the school gym from 7:00 AM until the first bell. Please have your child take their bag and leave outside their classroom to avoid tripping hazards in the gym.

We're committed to reducing our waste. This year the breakfast features an EXPRESS LINE. Bring your own cutlery, coffee and juice cup and use the express line! REMEMBER YOUR UTENSILS!

Thank you to our incredibly generous donors: STONGS MARKET, JJ BEAN, SAPUTO DAIRY and SCHULZ CONSTRUCTION. And to our merry firefighters from DNV, CNV, West Van, Burnaby and Vancouver.

We love our volunteers! Please consider taking a shift at this fun festive event by signing up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444afae28a3f94-holiday2>

We look forward to seeing you on Friday!

| Important Dates |   |
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| Dec 21          | School Spirit Day: Winter Spirit              |
| Dec 21          | 7am-8:46am: PAC Pancake Breakfast (gym)       |
| Dec 21          | Hot Lunch: Subway                             |
| Dec 24-Jan 4    | Winter Vacation                               |
| Jan 7           | School Opens                                  |
| Jan 14          | Hot Lunch: Sushi                              |
| Jan 18          | Hot Lunch: Subway                             |
| Jan 21          | Hot Lunch: Bluehouse                          |
| Jan 23          | 7pm Enhanced Program Night                    |
| Jan 23          | 7-8pm PAC Meeting #3 (library)                |
| Jan 24          | Grade 7 Orientation Tour – Windsor 9am        |
| Jan 24          | Grade 7 Parent Tour – Windsor 6:30pm-7:00 pm  |
| Jan 24          | Grade 7 Parent Programming Presentation 7-8pm |
| Jan 25          | Hot Lunch: Magic Lunch Box                    |
| Jan 25          | School Spirit Day: PJ and Stuffie Day         |
| Jan 28          | Curriculum Implementation Day (school closed) |

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| Jan 30 | Grade 7 Seycove Student<br>visit                 |
| Jan 30 | Grade 7 Parent<br>Programming Night<br>(Seycove) |

