

# c̓usq̓unel̓a News

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"Walk Together as One, Learn Together as One"

Newsletter #4 - December



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*A big congratulations to our volleyball teams for their incredible success this season, and heartfelt thanks to our dedicated coaches for volunteering their time! Our boys team placed fourth in the district and for the second year in a row our girls team won the Championship!*

*The energy in the gym during our students vs. staff wrap-up game was fantastic and truly showcased our amazing school spirit. December is always buzzing with excitement as students prepare for Student-Led Conferences showcasing all their hard work from term one. Students are also getting excited for our upcoming Winter Talent Show and festive Spirit Week!*

*From all of us at c̓usq̓unel̓a Elementary, we wish you a joyful holiday season and a wonderful winter break!*

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PAC:** Please see the PAC Newsletter on page 2.

**Volleyball:** Congratulations to all of our volleyball teams on a fantastic season! The rec girls, coed rec, competitive boys, and competitive girls demonstrated great effort, teamwork, and growth. We are proud to share that the competitive boys finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the district and the competitive girls were crowned district champions as they earned 1<sup>st</sup> place for the second year in a row!

**Mitten Drive:** To help keep our community warm, please consider donating a new pair of mittens during the month of December. Donations can be dropped off at the Hive until December 18<sup>th</sup>, all donations will be delivered to the Maple Ridge Hamper Society.

**Conferences:** Student-led conferences start on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am and continue all-day December 12<sup>th</sup>. Come celebrate the growth and achievements of your student!

**Lost and Found:** Lost and found will be out on tables in the hallway by the gym during conference week. Please come and retrieve your lost items before end of day on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Anything remaining will be donated.

**Basketball:** Basketball season is just around the corner with sign up in December and the season starting in January.

## Upcoming Events

- Dec 1-8 PAC Hamper Collection
- Dec 2 PAC Treat Day –  
Kernels Popcorn
- Dec 3 Entrepreneur Fair
- Dec 9 PAC Meeting 7:30pm  
Via Zoom
- Dec 6-16 Hot Lunch Ordering Open  
Mucho Burrito/Subway
- Dec 11 Early Dismissal 11:30am
- Dec 12 Conferences  
No school for students
- Dec 15 PAC Hot Lunch  
White Spot & Subway  
Candy Cane Colour  
Spirit Day
- Dec 16 Festive Hat Spirit Day
- Dec 17 Wacky Winter Sock  
Spirit Day
- Dec 18 PJ Spirit Day
- Dec 19 Festive Sweater Spirit Day
- Dec 20 – Jan 4 Winter Break
- Jan 5 First day back from break  
PAC Hot Lunch  
Mucho Burrito & Subway
- Jan 6 Gathering 10:45am
- Jan 12 Grade 6 Vaccinations
- Jan 13 PAC Meeting 7:30pm  
In person



# *Cusquanela Elementary PAC*

## **DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

### **November Review**

- Thanks for your support of our Fall fundraisers! We're waiting for the final cheques to come in, but altogether, we raised just over \$3500!
- If you or your family members ordered FundScrip gift cards or Growing Smiles plants, those will be ready for pick up December 1<sup>st</sup> at the front of the school.
- Students enjoyed a treat day (TCBY) and hot lunch (Mary Brown's/Dominos) this month.

### **Upcoming PAC Events**

**PAC Meeting (on Zoom)**  
Tuesday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> @7:30pm

**Treat Day (Kernels Popcorn)**  
Tuesday, Dec 2nd

**Hot Lunch (White Spot/Subway)**  
Monday, Dec 15th

**Christmas Hamper Collection**  
Dec 1-8  
\*More info to follow!

### **2025/26 Executive Team**

Chair - Kaitlin Delmonico  
Vice Chair - Leanne Soll  
Treasurer - Tracy Yang  
Secretary - Corina Keates  
DPAC Rep - Andre Roberge  
Sunshine Coordinator - Puja Gandhi  
Fundraising - Nicky MacDougall  
Emergency Prep - Chris Rayner  
Communications - Jessica Storteboom  
Hot Lunch Coordinator - Arly Beck  
Member at Large - Brenda Stefanini

### **For More Information**

**Email:**  
[cusqunelapac@gmail.com](mailto:cusqunelapac@gmail.com)

**PAC Facebook Group:**  
[Cusquanela - cusquanela - Elementary Parent PAC Page](#)

**Volunteer Facebook Page**  
[C'usquanela Volunteers](#)

## SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS...

**Arrival and Departure:** Please ensure your child is going in their pod door in the morning and leaving through pod doors in the afternoon. Students must check in at the office after 8:40 am. ***Parents should never be in the building or going to classrooms without first checking in at the office, this includes the portables.***

**Parking Lot:** Please remember that our parking lot is **one-way with designated lanes for parking, kiss and go drop off/pick-up, and thru traffic**. It typically takes 10-15 minutes for the congestion to dissipate in the morning and afternoon. If we all remain patient and kind this will go much faster. Please see the attached map if you are unsure of the parking lot guidelines.

**Litter-less Lunches:** To help teach the students how to better take care of the environment C  sq  nel   has a litter-less lunch policy. As part of this process students are asked to pack out whatever they don't eat from their lunch each day including wrappers from packaged goods. Please note: There are no utensils, and no microwaves in the school for student use. Please send items that need to be hot in a thermos and send utensils.

**Bikes and Scooters:** Students have been asked to walk, not ride, scooters and bikes on school property and we request they get locked up on the bike racks found around the school. E-bikes and e-scooters are not allowed on school property. Please note, the school is not liable for any lost or stolen bikes or scooters.

**After School Arrangements:** To minimize phone calls to the office and class disruption, please ensure that your children are aware of lunch and/or after school arrangements when they arrive to school in the morning. Notes in your child's planner or emails to the teacher are great communication options as well. All teacher emails can be located under the staff tab on the school website. We are pleased to be of assistance when unexpected problems arise, however, we do appreciate your efforts to keep those occurrences minimal. Thank you for understanding.

**  sq  nel   Tuesday:** Wear your   sq  nel   Spirit Wear, shirts with kind messages, Terry Fox or orange shirts on Tuesdays to help your class win a visit from Spark, our resident eagle.

**PAC:**   sq  nel   PAC meets on the second Tuesday of each month, with a few exceptions, please come to a meeting, let your voice be heard and help do good things for our students! The PAC also has a Facebook group that is updated frequently, you will need to ask to join and fill out questions prior to approval, this ensures the safety of our staff and students. Email: [cusqunelapac@gmail.com](mailto:cusqunelapac@gmail.com)  
Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2769354153092188>

**Parent complaints:** If a parent is concerned about a decision made by a teacher, the parent first has an obligation to raise the concern with the teacher directly. If the concern is not resolved, the parent may request a meeting with the teacher and the principal to discuss the issue. If after this meeting, the parent is still dissatisfied with the decision made or action taken, a meeting with the principal and the assistant superintendent may be requested to resolve the matter. This information can be found in your child's planner as well as on the SD42 website: <https://www.sd42.ca/appeal-process/>

**Lost and Found:** The lost and found boxes are located by the gym doors. Please feel free to come look through the bins to find your child's missing items. Please be sure to label your child's clothing items, especially coats, to help enable these items return to your family!

**Medical Alerts:** Just a reminder that if you have a child with health-related issues that may need medical intervention while at school, this includes any short-term medication, proper paperwork is required to be updated *each year*. Please drop by the office to complete the necessary forms.

**Parent Portal:** It is easy to "unsubscribe" from portal communications, if you stop receiving regular messages please check your status.

**Dress for the Weather:** It is important your child is sent to school dressed appropriately. As well, an extra set of clothes kept at the school will enable your child to change should they get wet or muddy while playing during recess or lunch. We send the students out during these breaks no matter the weather. Please encourage them to dress for the weather.